



Weekly Connection Newsletter

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Office hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-1pm

Prayer Gatherings

Each Wednesday in person at the church office and on zoom @ 1:00 pm. Zoom meeting ID: 461 338 2306
Password: 6b0j8y. The zoom link is -
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4613382306?pwd=NU5Ra25uWmJ4bDJ0bFpXYmEzRUZ4QT09>

Iglesia Cristiana Pastor: Rony Guerra
Contact: iglesiacrastianasouderton@gmail.com

This Sunday

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Worship @ 10:30am

Guest Speaker: Kris G.

*Capital Campaign update & meal
after Worship*

Iglesia Cristiana Worship 1:00pm

Join the livestream for either Worship
service at their scheduled time:

www.soudertonbic.org/stream

www.youtube.com/@soudertonbic

Thank you for your faithful giving! at the
offering box, by mail, or at our website.

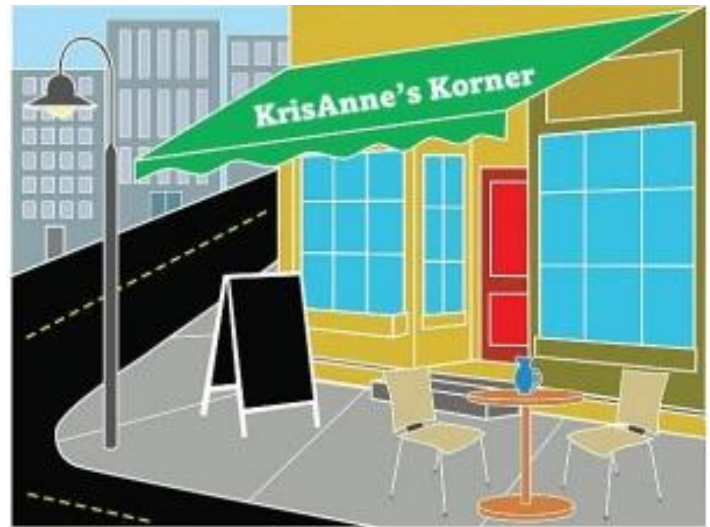
Pastor KrisAnne's Korner

On Sunday we will gather once again after worship, to eat delicious food and enjoy one another's company. Following the meal, church board will share some important updates about possible improvements to our building and the initial process around funding those projects. Though it's been quite a few months since we had the listening sessions with architect Mike Raphael, perhaps you remember some of the items we listed as needing attention: kitchen/fellowship hall, the lift, the bathrooms, sanctuary flooring.

I'm not going to get into particulars in this article. Rather, I want to talk about scripture and theology. Building projects should not be a separate conversation from our faith. Finances, for sure, should not be a separate conversation from our faith. Jesus is so clear in the Gospels about the dangers of trying to serve two masters - God and money. He tells us that it can't be done. I had a theology professor in seminary who used to say, "Show me your church budget and I'll show you what you actually believe and value. What you do with your money reveals your theology more than words ever could." That has always stuck with me.

As Anabaptists we often use the word stewardship when it comes to resources, which implies a couple of important things. First, that we aren't the ultimate owners of what we have - buildings, money, land, etc. We simply steward these things on behalf of the true owner of everything on this earth, who is God. This means decisions aren't ours alone. It's not just about what I want, what I need, what I like. I am a stand-in for the real owner, the ultimate decision-maker, the one with true authority. So as I consider my resources, I should do so with humility and with my Lord in mind. What does He desire? What is He asking of me as I hold these resources and use them?

Secondly, stewardship calls for both wisdom and faith. I've been thinking a lot about these two words since we started talking about capital projects. I'll say more about this on Sunday at the start of our meeting. For now, let me say this: we need both. Leaping without looking doesn't please God. The Bible has a lot to say about fools and foolishness, none of it complimentary. However, the Bible is also full of



prophets and apostles who considered their situation and chose the courageous path, which some people did consider foolish, but which was actually evidence of their faith: Gideon with his tiny army. David with his small stones and little sling. Mary and her unplanned pregnancy outside of marriage. My prayer is that we as a congregation hold both deep wisdom and courageous faith together as we consider next steps. Both are faithful and both are necessary in order for us to be good stewards of what God has given us for the sake of the Kingdom. See you Sunday, church. You are loved!

Communion October 4th

Prayer Requests:

Send any prayer requests to:
Pastor KrisAnne at 215-254-8348 or
KrisAnne.Swartley@soudertonbic.org,
or your deacon.

Fall Happenings:

Sunday School Classes

**Resume September 13th
for ALL ages**

Two Adult classes to choose from –

- “*The 5 Postures of a Global Christian*” in the Youth Room
- A study of the Prophets in Room 1 with Dan Z.
- Youth class for Jr & Sr High students will be led by Mike Folkerts
- Children’s class continues

Small Groups Startup

A *choice* of Small Group topics
AND evenings for you:

Monthly:

1) 1st Saturday of the month Oct-May
led by Pastor KrisAnne & Jon
Swartley @ their home. Book study:
What Grows in Weary Lands by T.
Warren

2) Sunday evenings: A study on
Romans led by Richard and Laurel
Alleger, Sep-May in their home

Starting THIS Week:

3) Wed evenings: “I didn’t say that,
Love, God” led by Kristin & Lewis
Munoz at SBIC

7-8pm Sep 16th -Nov 18th

Sign up at the back table in the Sanctuary!

The ESL Pantry needs shelf stable items:

**Rice, beans, soups, cereal,
baby formula**



**Registration for Fall Classes is
Sept 21 from 6:30-8:00pm**

Classes begin Oct 5!

Sunday School @ 9:30am

**THIS Sunday
Worship @ 10:30am with
Guest Speaker Kris G.**

**Capital Campaign update
meeting with meal following
Worship. Please bring a
dessert to share.**

Announcements

MOMENTUM

High School Youth Kenbrook Retreat

November 13-15

All High School Youth are invited
to the Annual Youth Retreat.

Scholarships are available

Contact Nathaniel Nissley at

nnissley@kenbrook.org with questions.

September

RamPacks Fundraiser

Enjoy dinner, support RamPacks

This September
The Washington House
is supporting RamPacks!



Washington House



Donate \$5 today when dining at the restaurant & the Washington House will **reward your kindness** with a \$10 gift certificate!

The Washington House is also matching customer donations.

Thank you Washington House!  RamPacks

Calendar:

- **Sat:** Youth Group Fire & Fun night at Swartley's 6:30-8:30pm
- **Sun:** All Sunday School classes resume at 9:30am, Guest Speaker Kris G. at 10:30am, Capital Campaign update & meal in Fellowship Hall after Worship. Meal will be provided, please bring a dessert to share
- **Mon** ESL Volunteer training @ 5pm
- **Tue:** Iglesia Cristiana Worship @ 6:30pm, Church Board mtg @ 7pm
- **Wed:** Ladies Precept Bible Study resumes @ 9:15-11:30am, Prayer in person and online @ 1:00pm, Munoz weekly small group starts at SBIC at 7-8pm.

Upcoming Events:

- **Sep 21:** ESL Fall Class Registration at 7pm
- **Sep 23:** Munoz Weekly Small Group @ 7-8pm
- **Oct 3:** Swartley small group @ 6:30-8:30pm
- **Oct 4:** Communion
- **Oct 5:** ESL classes begin WEEKLY at 7-8:30pm