

## Moving Forward Update

Speedway Christian Church is pleased to be moving forward with phasing in more of in-person small group meetings as we maneuver towards a post-Covid future. Social distancing, masks, and hand sanitizing will still be required as we chart our path forward. Worship and Wonder for 4-year-olds through second graders will resume in-person Sunday, April 18. On Sunday, May 2, children's Sunday School will begin to meet in the church again at 9:15am. Thursday evening 6:30pm worship services will resume beginning May 6. The Lunch and Learn group will work together the next time they meet to make a decision of how they would like to meet moving forward. We hope that the knitting group will decide to resume meeting in-person as soon as they feel comfortable. The Wednesday night "Sunday" Schoolers will continue to meet by Zoom and will revisit the idea of meeting in-person at a later date. The best part: the front doors are reopening! Feel free now to enter or exit for worship services at either the parking lot entrance off 15<sup>th</sup> Street or through the front doors from 14<sup>th</sup> Street. As always, keep the church in your prayers as we move forward in filling our church halls with friends and family again!



Others will know what the words  
"God is love"  
mean when they see it in our lives.

Copied from Our Daily Bread Devotional

## In celebration of Earth Day, SCC will be holding a church Yard Work Day on Saturday, April 24. 9:00am-Noon

We hope this will be the first of many volunteer gatherings. We are asking those that are able to pitch -in and help clean up and beautify our church. Following are some of the areas that need attention.

### Outside

- ~ Re-grade disturbed front lawn from Sewer restoration.
- ~ Spread topsoil, fertilizer, seed and mulch.
- ~ General cleanup of the lawn and shrubs etc.
- ~ Edging around the perimeters.

All age groups are welcome. Bring your kids and grandkids for our muscle power. Don't feel left out if this is not your forte; supervisor chairs and fellowship are welcome.



Please bring your tools for yard work. Suggested tools would be heavy duty rakes, shovels, picks, hoes, yard waste bags, wheel barrels, hedge clippers, pruners, and gloves.

~ Vicki Jarrett, Board Moderator



## Week of Compassion Gifts

Thank you for your generous gifts designated to Disciples Mission Fund—Week of Compassion.

To date \$3,810 has been given.



## Please keep in Prayer

Jack Mayhugh      Lola Otto  
Teri Planalp      Shirley Casady  
Don Westrick      Shirley Westrick  
Don Bosma      Martha Bosma  
Sarah Clark (Anita Clark's granddaughter)  
Greg Littrell (Deanna Beaver's brother)  
Jeff Williams (Bil & Linda Carter's grandson)  
Becky Patterson (Andrea Baetsle's sister)  
August Baetsle (Brad Baetsle's brother)



## Our Sympathy

To the friends and family of **Cindy Knoy**, who passed away on **March 18, 2021**.



To the friends and family of **Dottie Phillips** who passed away on **March 24, 2021**.

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**Thank you** to all my church family for the many prayers, encouraging cards and phone calls during the last three months. I am feeling better and looking forward to being in church soon. ~ Ed Hawkins



## Speedway Christian Church Stewardship/Finance Update

March 2021 Funds Received ..... \$ 25,801  
March 2021 Expenses ..... \$ 35,416  
March 2021 ..... Shortage \$ (9,615)

## Interim Iterations

It is hard to listen to the uncivil discourse and watch the violence targeted against Asians, Refugees, Senators, Congressmen, Congresswomen, Grocery Shoppers, and Police. These are indicators of how far we have fallen as a people. Such ugly, deadly violence and judgmental pronouncements are making us mean people. We are witnessing what happens when distrust of one another is bred into the human heart and mind -- all hell breaks loose.

It is my perception that we have tarried for too long a time in a mode of deconstruction. This has resulted in tearing down people and eroding faith in one another. People are becoming expendable. Have we lost the ability to build up people and instill faith in one another? Where has the teaching to love our neighbors as ourselves gone?

I am afraid that Jesus' indictment in the Parable of the Two Sons is ours: "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom [Matthew 21:43]. Just as Jesus' indictment is ours, so is his promise: "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you" [Matthew 21:31]. Jesus teaches that they will go into the kingdom because they witnessed God's power and believed. For those of us who have witnessed God's power of liberation, but remain imprisoned by our old prejudices and stereotypes, judgment day is coming.

When Christ calls us to his side, he calls us to die to self and live for him. When he calls us, he calls us to leave behind the old baggage of hate and sin and to take up faith, hope, and love. When he calls us, he calls us to rid ourselves of all that is ugly and to embrace all that is good.

For millennia, the church has been in the business of nurturing positive change in the human heart. This must be what we are about as we navigate our way around a Christianity that has become more icing than cake. Where has all the substance of our faith gone? We are in danger of contracting spiritual diabetes if we do not feed people healthy religion. If the world ever needed a church that puts its faith into action, it is now. I believe we can put our faith into action at Speedway.

Cherishing civil and open discourse, treating one another with respect and love, embracing diverse thoughts and viewpoints, let those of us who are members and friends of Speedway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) pledge that:

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## Interim Iterations ....continued

- We will do more than belong, we will participate.
- We will do more than believe, we will practice.
- We will do more than care, we will help.
- We will do more than be fair, we will be kind.
- We will do more than forgive, we will forget.
- We will do more than dream, we will work.
- We will do more than teach, we will inspire.
- We will do more than earn, we will enrich.
- We will do more than give, we will serve.
- We will do more than live, we will grow.
- We will do more than be friendly, we will be a friend.

I once heard a story of the aged, dying father who called his seven sons around him. He gave each one a stick and said, "Break it." Each son easily broke the stick given him. The old father then bound seven sticks in a bundle, gave it to his eldest son and said, "Break it." He could not. Then the second was commanded to try. He could not. Nor could any of the rest. "So," said the father, "it is to be of you. Alone you are weak; together, you are strong."

During our Morning Worship Services in April, all the way to Pentecost Sunday on May 23, you will hearing more about our Annual Theme here at Speedway Christian Church: ACTS [Assisting Christ Together]. Select texts from the Acts of the Apostles will guide us through a six-week sermon series aimed at helping our congregation bond together with Christ and one another. Alone we are weak, together we are strong. Assisting Christ Together is our goal.

Together-ly yours,

Ron



**Another Way to Give....**The church is working to find ways to make giving more convenient. We have now added Zelle, a **free** digital service, as an option for submitting your offering. You are able to use Zelle either through your personal bank or through the Zelle app to safely transfer money directly from your bank account to the SCC bank account. There is no fee involved, no postage needed, and it is totally secure and easy to use.

To submit your offering through Zelle, send to the email address [wheller@speedwaychristian.org](mailto:wheller@speedwaychristian.org) when prompted.



from Katie...

## Baptism

On **Sunday, April 18**, at 4:00pm seven of our Journey in Faith youth will be baptized.

**The youth and their families will gather at the church for a private baptism ceremony (due to COVID health concerns).** the youth will be



offering their confession of faith during our 10:15am worship service on Sunday, April 18. The baptism service will also be livestreamed, so we encourage you to be a part virtually of this important event in the lives of our young people!

## Worship & Wonder and Sunday School

- ***Worship and Wonder will begin Sunday, April 18.*** All children ages 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome to join us!
- Our nursery will be open for childcare very soon! Stay tuned for more information!
- ***Children's Sunday School will begin in-person on Sunday, May 2 at 9:15am.*** Sunday school will be a hybrid model, so children can participate both in person and over Zoom (using a link you can find in our weekly update).

***All children attending Sunday School and Worship & Wonder are asked to wear a mask while attending class.***

## Church Camp

Church camp season is upon us! We are so excited, especially because we were not able to go to camp last year! This year's theme will be, **"Creation Speaks!"**

All information regarding camp, including prices, dates, COVID safety protocols, and how to register can be found at our region's website, [www.indianadisciples.org](http://www.indianadisciples.org).



Speedway Christian Church will pay half of your camp fee, however if you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to ask. Everyone who wants to go to camp will be able to go. Contact Katie for more information at [kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org](mailto:kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org). Please also talk to Katie if your camper shows interest in going to camp, but is experiencing some understandable anxiety about attending.



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### ***Lunch & Learn***

Please join Ron or Katie each Monday at noon as they lead a study of the scripture that will be the focus of the sermons for the upcoming Sunday. The study is currently by Zoom. If you have interest in participating, let the church office know.



*Have you considered  
Speedway Christian  
Church in your will?*



***Next Official Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10, 2021***

### ***Disciples of Christ Identity, Mission and Vision Statements***

#### ***Our Identity***

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

#### ***Our Vision***

To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice. – Micah 6:8

#### ***Our Mission***

To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth." – Acts 1:8

