



SCC Congregation calls the Reverend Kyle Hunter

It is official! Members of Speedway Christian Church voted by the required two-thirds margin to call Rev. Kyle Hunter as its new Senior Minister.

Kyle was born and grew up in Lebanon, Indiana. He earned a bachelor's degree at IUPUI, majoring in organizational leadership. He then studied at Christian Theological Seminary, where he earned his MDIV. He was ordained in 2016, and has been senior minister of Bethany Christian Church in Evansville for the past five years. While he was in seminary, he served as minister at Yorktown Christian Church. He is a third-generation member of the Disciples of Christ denomination.



He has been married to his wife, Krista, for 14 years. They have three children: seven-year-old Aubrey, five-year-old Cody, and one-year-old Lucy. Krista is also from Lebanon. They are happy about being called to Speedway Christian Church and that they will be living closer to their families.

Kyle has participated in a variety of class and workshops led by the Disciples of Christ on topics such as anti-racism, recognizing and dealing with child abuse, and best practice for navigating worship both online and in person.

He has led church camp sessions with Rev. Rick Harting (who grew up in Speedway Christian Church), and he has also led mission trips.

We thank the search committee for their dedication to finding the right candidate. The committee received applications from all over the country. Search committee members used responses from the congregation survey last fall to determine what our members were looking for in a new senior minister. Search committee members were particularly impressed by Kyle's listening and communications skills, his spiritual depth, his rapport with people of all ages, and his passion for pastoral care. All of those were priorities for our congregation.

Kyle will start August 1. In the meantime, our congregation will be well-cared for by our interim senior minister, Rev. Ron Degges.

Our church staff and board members are already planning for a smooth leadership transition and a warm welcome for the Hunter family. You'll hear much more about Rev. Kyle Hunter between now and August 1, 2021.

Journey in Faith Baptisms

On Sunday, April 18, we celebrated the baptisms of seven of our young people. We are grateful we were able to have a service so their families could participate in this momentous event as

Eve Bishop, Luke Chastain, Alyssa Enerson, Taylor Fitch, Josephine Hopkins, Lacie Mynatt, and Brody Walton made their commitment to living their lives in Christ. If you know of someone who will be a 6th grader next year and would like to be baptized, please let Katie know at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.



Please keep in Prayer

Mary Houldson
Jack Mayhugh
Teri Planalp
Shirley Westrick
Don Bosma
Lucy Dicus (Chuck & Kim Bennett's niece)
Benjamin Polites (Mike & Holly Polites' son)
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)

Linda Walthall
Mary Day-Roberts
Shirley Casady
Don Westrick
Martha Bosma

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Diana Dickey, who passed away on April 29, 2021.



Dear SCC church Family,

Thank you for all the of prayers, calls, cards, e-mails, texts and out pouring of love regarding the losses of Curt's sister Meredith and Christy's father Robert Willmann. Sincerely, Christy, Curt, Sarah and Nathan Morris



Speedway Christian Church Stewardship/Finance Update

April 2021 Funds Received	\$ 36,755.11
April 2021 Expenses	\$ 28,497.70
April 2021	\$ 8,257.41

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 when prompted.

Interim Iterations

I wanted to particularly address my remarks in this month's column to all of you who, like me, are in that category of individuals labeled 'senior citizens'.

Did you know that Michelangelo painted the ceiling in the Sistine Chapel lying on his back on a scaffold when almost 90? Paderewski at 79 played the piano with gusto? At 88 John Wesley preached every day? Tenyson, when 83, wrote: 'Crossing the Bar'? Booth Tarkington wrote 16 novels after 60, some of them when he was almost totally blind? Benjamin Franklin went to France in the service of his country when 78, and wrote his autobiography when over 80?

Imagine what God has in store for you as you are either running away from old age, staring old age in the eyes, or in the very midst of its grip. Surely there are some accomplishments waiting to be done. Maybe there is some unfinished business that needs finishing. Whatever your particular case may be, here are three gems to guide you in your senior years:

- The one who dwells in the past grows old before his time.
- The one who lives in the future remains young forever.

We justify our existence not by adding years to our lives, but by adding life to our years.

As Browning has written:

"Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made:
Our times are in [God's] hand
Who saith, 'A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half;
Trust God; see all nor be afraid!'"

Browning's words have always been some of my favorite. However, my confidence in them was shaken when I learned that he was only 28 years old when he wrote them. Then again, I thought, maybe some 28 year-old have an expansive view of that 'other half'.

Such literary and poetic gems stand on my bookshelf in one of my favorite reference works, Familiar Quotations by John Bartlett. This is an excellent work that I have lifted up to our pastors across the country to add some substance to sermons, Bible studies, and presentations.

As this congregation moves into its future, I encourage you to give some consideration not only to those living in the first half of their lives, but to those living in the second half of their lives. A transforming congregation knows how to reach out to both!

Second half-ly yours,

Ron

Thank you from the Leaders of the Senior Minister Search Committee. We express our gratitude for the overwhelming commitment we have felt for the work of the Senior Minister Search committee in the past months. Thank you to the other members of the Committee: Tom Smith, Sandy Hostrawser, Heather Dietzer, Christy Morris, and Allen Percy, as well as Vicki Jarrett, ex officio. Your dedication and hard work made all the difference in the outcome! Thank you to Rev. Ron, Rev. Katie, and the office staff for their help and support. Thank you to Rick Spleth, Regional Minister, for his wise counsel and encouragement. Thank you to the whole congregation for your positive words, and for supporting us in many ways through this process. It has been a privilege to us to have led this process and to have helped find the next leader of our congregation. We pray for a bright future for our church!

Roy and Becky Shoemaker
Search Committee Co-Chairs



Thank you to all those who came out and helped clean and spruce up the church grounds on April 24. Also, a big thank you to those who just stop by the church to weed, move mulch, etc.

We are thankful for **ALL** your hard work, your time, and your love for Speedway Christian Church!



Looking Ahead

Thursday, May 27, 2021

Regular Worship Service @ 6:30pm

Sunday, May 30, 2021

- ◆ No worship services will be held in-person@ SCC
Due to the Indy 500 race, worship will be pre-recorded.

2021 Vacation Bible School

- ◆ **Monday—July 12, Tuesday—July 13, Wednesday—July 14**
(more information to follow)



from Katie....

Youth Sunday

Our youth have created and prepared a wonderful Youth Sunday worship service for **Sunday, May 23**. On this day we will also be celebrating our graduates as they prepare to launch into this new chapter of their lives. Come worship with us and support our youth.

Worship & Wonder and Sunday School

- **Worship and Wonder has resumed!**
All children ages 4 – 2nd grade are welcome to join us!
- Our nursery and toddler room is open and childcare is available during worship services and Sunday School.
- **Children's Sunday School is now in-person 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).

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.

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. Please talk to Katie if your camper shows interest in going to camp but is experiencing some understandable anxiety about attending.



Church Camp

Speedway Christian Church
5110 West 14th Street
Speedway, Indiana 46224

Lunch & Learn

Please join Ron or Katie each Monday at noon in the Bethany Room as they lead a study of the scripture that will be the focus of the sermons for the upcoming Sunday.



***Next Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2021***

***Thank you for your
continued support to
The Storehouse
Food Pantry!***



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



When someone says,
"I'll send up a prayer for you,"
That's reason to smile.
Something special happens
when people share their hearts
and

their loving spirits
and

step out on a limb to share a prayer.
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Your prayers make a difference!

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