

Spirit @ SCC

Newsletter

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#### **Crop Hunger Walk**

For over fifty years, Church World Services has participated in Crop Hunger Walk to fight world hunger. The October, 2021 Greater Indianapolis Crop Hunger Walk is vitally important as people in the U.S. and around the world continue to struggle with the pandemic and its rippling effects. The UN estimates 130 million could be at risk of starvation, and half a billion people pushed into poverty.

Once again we have the opportunity to participate, raising funds to help provide food and clean water for people in the world where these things are not a given, but a necessity often not available in sufficient amounts. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, our giving makes a huge impact.

There are several ways in which each of us can participate in this effort.

- 1. Walk individually, walk with your family or group to raise funds. Ask friends, neighbors, family or fellow workers to pledge support.
- 2. Make a donation at: https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/ speedway-christian-church
- 3. To donate, visit the Crop Hunger Walk table in the Hall of Light, on Thursday, October 7 and on Sundays, October 3 and October10.

#### WALK . GIVE . CHANGE THE WORLD





#### Words to think about....

"When God pushes you to edge of difficulty. Trust Him fully because two things can happen. Either He'll catch you when you fall or He will teach you to fly."

~ Author Unknown

"God is always seeking you. Every sunset, Every clear blue sky, Each ocean wave. The starry hosts of night. He blankets each new day with the invitation, 'I am here."

~ Louie Giglio

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." ~ Winston S. Churchill

"Take rest; A field that has rested gives a beautiful crop." ~ Ovid

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." ~ Saint Augustine

"When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive—to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love." ~ Marcus Aurelius

"I've read the last page of the bible. It's all going to turn out all right." ~ Billy Graham

"Lower your expectations of earth. This isn't heaven, so don't expect it to be." ~ Max Lucado

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." ~ Corrie Ten Boom

"We have a God who says we are enough.

Just as we are." ~ Michele Cushatt

"We must not confuse the command to love with the disease to please." ~ Lysa TerKeurst

"God is still at work, even when we're not." ~ Kathi Lipp

# Please keep in Prayer

Liz Glover Don Greer
Betsy Enerson Marge Graham
Teri Planalp Don Westrick
Sally Henzie Vicki Watts
Ann Shutters

(Gunner & Leslie Condre's daughter) Krystal Chew ((Rylee Hoerger's Godmother) Steve Bondurant (Julie Mills' brother) Robert Murley

(brother of Wilma Heller & Jim Murley) Greg Littrell (Deanna Beaver's brother) Becky Patterson (Andrea Baetsle's sister) Judy Pearcy (Allen Pearcy's mother)

Our Sympathy
to the families and friends of
Wally Martin, who passed
away on August 26, 2021.



Dear SCC Congregation,

Our family so appreciates Reverend Kyle Hunter for his willingness to provide his services for a celebration of life for my mother, Theresa Lonigan. Thank you for the lovely memory candle gift in her honor. Mom loved her church family who were integral parts of her faith journey. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Yours in Christ, Marcia Lonigan Poe & Family



# Speedway Christian Church Stewardship/Finance Update

 August 2021 Funds Received
 \$ 31,224.25

 August 2021 Expenses
 \$ 36,553.08

 August 2021 - Shortage
 \$ (5,328.63)

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a joy it has been to be in ministry here at Speedway. It is so wonderful to hear all the tiny feet moving through the building. It is equally wonderful to be able to connect with people through Lunch and Learn and the Men's Bible Study. I am looking forward to connecting with people when Sunday school returns in early September. What a joy to continue to be in ministry here.

At the same time, we continue to do what we can to keep the safety and wellbeing of everyone connected to the life and ministry of our church a top priority. There is a strong chance that we might have to implement some additional steps in the coming weeks to insure everyone's continued safety. I promise you, none of these conversations are easy and I had hoped and prayed that we would be in a different place, but, I equally trust that God has us right where we need to be. Please be sure to monitor all of the many ways that we are in communication, should those additional steps become a part of our shared lives again.

Even in the midst of struggle and challenge, God's light continues to shine through! It is with great joy that I was able to officially enter into covenant with you all as the *fully installed* Senior Minister of Speedway Christian Church. I am thankful that our Regional Minister Rev. Rick Spleth took time to lead in the installation service. I am thankful that the wonderful ministerial staff here at the church had a role in the service. I am thankful that all of the Officers, Elders, Deacons and members of the congregation participated in the services on August 26th and 29th. It was a reminder for me and I hope for you as well, that it takes ALL of us to be the church!

There is much to do, but I have faith that we can continue to be a shinning light here in Speedway, in Indiana, and throughout the world! It is a joy that I can fully report that all of my boxes are unpacked. There are things that are important to me up on the walls in the Pastor's Study. That means it is time to get to work bringing the Realm of God a little bit closer to reality.

May God continue to bless you and keep you as we continue to know, to live, to serve as disciples, inviting all people to grow in the love of God.

Shalom,

Rev. Kyle



Some people are like the angels of life who just happen to be human beings. They are the ones who watch over you with a kind of loving and nurturing style that supports the things you do and the hopes and dreams that give meaning to your life. Your angels are always merciful, seeing you with the best possible light.



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



## The Storehouse Food Pantry

Week of Compassion

Church World Service 

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Alternative Giving
Habitat for Humanity



Crop Walk
 Prayer Calendars

Gleaners Food Bank

Reduce - Repurpose - Recycle





# from Katíe

## Sunday School

Sunday School for all children and youth has resumed at 9:15am. Our children's Sunday School will continue to use the Sparkhouse Whirl curriculum that we have been using this past year, including when we were doing Sunday School virtually. Our youth will be gathering in the youth room for a casual discussion on that week's sermon text. We would love to see you there!

#### **Youth Group**

Youth group gatherings have resumed for everyone in  $6^{th} - 12^{th}$  grades on Sunday at 5:45 pm. We would love to have you!!

### **Activity Calendars**

Katie would love to attend your youth's or kids sports games, performances, or other extracurricular activities! Please email her your schedule and she will let you know if/when she can make it at

<u>kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org</u>. She cannot wait to see your kids and youth doing something they love!

## **Nursery Bible Lessons**

We know that it is never too young to help our little ones begin growing in their faith. We will begin offering short lessons in the nursery during the 8:15 and 10:15 am Sunday worship services. These will be short lessons, such as reading bible stories, asking questions, playing games, or coloring to help introduce faith concepts in age appropriate ways.



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# Speedway Public Library Offers New Service

Greetings from Speedway Public Library! Do you or someone you know have difficulty getting out and about these days? Even if you are *somewhat*, sometimes able to get yourself around to doctor appointments or church, you might still benefit from Speedway's Unbound Library: In-home Library Service!

To qualify you only need to live inside the town of Speedway and have a mobility issue, disability, or long -term convalescence that makes it difficult for you to visit the library. A mobility issue like weakness or the inability to always drive when you want to is enough! You do *not* have to have a doctor approve your eliqibility.

Likewise if you are a family caregiver and your family member lives in Speedway and would benefit from this service, please feel free to contact the library!

During an in-home visit, the librarian and a volunteer will chat with you, bring you materials (either ones you specifically ask for or let us choose for you!), and provide other fun goodies like programs and crafts.

I, the Outreach Librarian, have heard many patrons say they just "don't feel ready" to receive in-home service from the library. I completely understand not wanting to give up your library visits. You are welcome to receive both in-home visits **and** come to the building when you are feeling able. We won't kick you out because you also get in-home visits!

If you find yourself *wishing* you could get to the library more often, then perhaps just as the advice is to "eat before you get hungry", it's time to consider in-home visits before you "need" them.

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# Speedway Public Library (continue from previous column)

Nervous about having people in your home during the pandemic or cautious when you are sick? We can also provide contactless delivery and retrieval of library materials for those who are In-Home patrons!

To register, you can go online to <a href="https://www.speedway.lib.in.us/lnHome">https://www.speedway.lib.in.us/lnHome</a> or just call the Speedway Public Library at 317-243-8959 and ask for me, The Outreach Librarian (Erin)!

#### Lunch & Learn

Please join Kyle each Monday at noon in the Bethany Room as he leads a study of the scripture that will be the focus of the sermons for the upcoming Sunday.



The next Official Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

Have you considered Speedway Christian Church in your will?

