

Spirit @ SCC
Newsletter

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have entered into the season of caramel apples, sweatshirts, and shorter days. In no time at all we will be preparing our Thanksgiving menus and soon enough, we will even be bracing for s-n-o-w! As one who has been living in southern Indiana for the last several years, I think I am most excited about the possibility for actual snow accumulation!

We still have some time before we welcome the later season of the year. I am encouraged about the work that is before us as a church family. We have entered into our annual stewardship conversation. There are several speakers lined up to speak about the impact that SCC has had on their lives and the impact that other faith communities have had on them, as well. On November 14, we will bless the commitment cards that have been turned in as we continue to partner with God and with one another to live out the mission and vision of SCC.

I imagine that you have by now noticed that the commitment cards look a little bit different than it has in years prior. I wanted to take a few words and more fully explain the changes in the commitment cards.

- 1. There are three lines that include space for you to fill in how you might respond to God by offering your time, talent, and treasure.
 - a. Our time is precious, there is no doubt about that, but, with this commitment card, you are invited to designate a portion of your time to any number of ministry initiatives going at the church.

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Message from Rev. Kyle Continue from previous column

- b. EVERYONE has a talent. Everyone is good at least one thing. When you list that one thing that you are good at, our church will have a resource bank of gifts to draw from. For example, your gift may be that you love to garden. There may be someone connected to the church who wants to start their own garden. The church can connect you both, one to another!
- c. Treasure. We all have been entrusted with resources. The questions becomes how to honor and celebrate those resources in a way that makes God's love real and known in our congregation, our community, and our world? As we look toward next year our prayer is that you might consider giving to the operating fund, or the capital fund, or the perpetual endowment fund. All of these funds help to make sure that we can continue to be the church that God is calling us to be.
- On the back side of the commitment cards is a place to update any family information to make sure that the church's records are the most up to date that they can be.

I am excited for the ways that God is moving in and through the faithful members and friends of SCC. Let us look with joy to the seasons that are before us as we find our capacity to say *Here I am, Lord.*

Shalom, Rev. Kyle

"Here I am, Lord."

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Here I am, Lord: Giving time:		
Here I am, Lord: Giving talent:		
Here I am, Lord: Giving treasur	re:	
Operating Fund \$	Capital Fund \$ week/month/year circle one	Perpetual Endowment Fund \$ week/month/year circle one

Please keep in Prayer

Barbara Golden Frank Nasser Bil Carter Betsy Enerson Rev. Jim Hollis Vicki Watts Don Westrick Teri Planalp Sally Henzie Ann Shutters Jacki Pine Noah Genung

Vicki Watts

Greg Littrell (Deanna Beaver's brother) Becky Patterson (Andrea Baetsle's sister) Linda Pearcy (Allen Pearcy's mother) Diane Brooks (Don Brooks' wife)

Christian Women's Fellowship

Attention All Ladies, The hymns always speak to me. We sing "This is the day of new beginnings. Our God is making all things new". The Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) circles are still strong and it would be great if we could reinstitute CWF. The CWF circles have been an integral part of the operation of the Church for years. The work projects, contributions, congregational care, fellowship, and care of the church is a real void the present life of this ministry. Are there any ladies that would like to revive this ministry? Bless all of you for what you have done, are doing, and will do. ~ Vicki Jarrett, Moderator

Dear Reverends Hunter & Griffin and friends at Speedway Christian Church,

Once again Speedway Christian Church has responded with compassion. Your generous gift joins the gifts of so many others and is able to transform lives at home and around the world. During these incredibly difficult times I want to thank you for

putting your hopes into action. Gratefully, Judi Frost

Stewardship/Finance 2021 Approved Budget: 446,586

2021 YTD Funds Received: \$ 343,650 2021 YTD Expenses: \$ 346,780 2021 YTD Shortage \$

September 2021

Sept. 2021 Funds Received \$ 29,545 Sept. 2021 Expenses...... \$ 40,254 Sept. 2021 Shortage...... \$ 10,709

Crop Walk

Another year, another opportunity to participate in the Crop Hunger Walk. Speedway Christian Church cer-

tainly responded to this call for help. \$5,202.00 was contributed to ease hunger in the world, to build wells for safe drinking water, and to provide resources that empower people to meet their own needs.



We give so others can eat...to eradicate hunger in the world. We are blessed. ~ Carolyn Stewart

Animal Blessing

In honor of God's love for all of God's creatures, we will be having a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 24 at 2:00pm. Animal lovers of all kinds are invited to bring their pets to church where we will have a very short service.

followed by a time in which Rev. Kyle or Rev. Katie will visit with vour animal and offer a blessing for them and their human family. The services are a way of thanking God for the pets that



All Saints Day Sunday, November 7

Although now observed in November, All Saints Day



was originally celebrated on May 3, although the origin cannot be traced with certainty. Pope Boniface IV formally started what would later be know as All Saints Day on May 13, 609

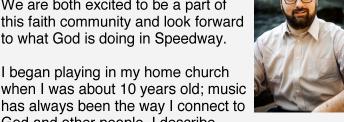
AD when he dedicated the Pantheon in Rome as a church in honor of the Virgin Mary and all martyrs. The current date of November 1 was established by Pope Gregory III during his reign (731-741 AD) when he dedicated a chapel in Rome's St. Peter's Basilica in honor of all saints.

In the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as well as other Protestant denominations, we recognize all those saints in our congregations and families who have gone on to receive their heavenly reward. Recognition is usually made by reading the names of those who have died since the last celebration of All Saints Day and ringing the tower bell. Here at Speedway Christian Church there is the tradition of hanging bells on the altar cross for each member who has died since the prior November 1. Families of those saints are invited to take a bell after the Worship Service to remember their loved ones. We celebrate All Saints Day each year on the Sunday closest to November 1.

Dear Church Family,

It is hard to believe that I began my role at Speedway Christian Church only two months ago! In this short time, v'all have welcomed me and Payton with open arms and made us feel at home. This has been a sea-

son of transition for us, not only in joining a new church but also because we are getting married in November! We are both excited to be a part of this faith community and look forward to what God is doing in Speedway.



when I was about 10 years old; music has always been the way I connect to God and other people. I describe

improvising like praying - one of my pastors in college often encouraged us to "pray how you can, not how you can't." I'm not always the best with words, but I know how to communicate through music. I hope my preludes, musical reflections, and postludes can provide a worshipful and contemplative space in our services.

I'd like to offer an open invitation to anyone who would like to join us on Thursday nights in choir rehearsal, even if you've never participated in choir before. It's my belief that the Chancel Choir be open to anyone who, as Psalm 100 says, wishes to "make a joyful noise to the Lord." It's my hope that we can cultivate a spirit of worship through our musical gifts together as a congregation. I'm looking forward to working with our musicians and using music to enrich our faith community.

Sincerely, Travis

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study group meet on Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Bethany Room.

A Zoom link is also available. Please contact Bob Parke at *rlparkeatt.net* or Art Vermillion at artpaulinev@sbcglobal.net, they will send the zoom link to you prior to starting the group study.

Please join us!





from Katie

In the past few months, Katie has been to quite a few soccer, baseball, football, and volleyball games, cross country meets, and marching band performances. She loves seeing our young people doing something they love, so if you would like to invite her to one of your extracurricular activities, please email her at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.

Our middle school and high school youth be meeting at two different times. Chi Rho (grades 6-8) will meet 5:30-6:30, then we will have dinner with the CYF (grades 9-12), and finally CYF will meet 7-8. If you have any questions, please call the church office or email Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.

Everyone deserves to be celebrated, especially on their birthday. However, if you are food insecure, planning a celebration and baking a cake can be a financial challenge, if not impossible. So, our youth will be assembling "Birthday Bags" to give out to the kids at the Storehouse Food Pantry and we are asking for donations from the church including: cake mix, icing, gift bags, candles, and a small toy appropriate for all ages, like a card game, a small coloring book, or playdoh, etc. If you have any questions, please call the church office or email Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org. Thank you for your service and dedication to all of our kids!

SCC Fall Clean Up Day—November 13

Please join us on

Saturday, November 13th, 9:00am to 12 Noon as we work together to help keep our church looking beautiful and welcoming. Many hands will be needed, please bring your rakes and any other yard tools that you think may be helpful.

Food Pantry Thanksgiving Meal

Our Thanksgiving meal items are being stockpiled in the pantry. At \$30 a family, we are estimating a cost of \$3,900 or higher to provide this annual pantry meal event. Our volunteers look forward to this distribution as they receive a lot of satisfaction knowing others less fortunate than us will have the fixings of a great dinner. To sponsor a meal, indicate 'Thanksgiving Meal' in the memo section of your check and drop off, mail or place in the collection plate.

On Sunday evening November 7, our youth will meet at the pantry and pre-pack those meal boxes. We look forward to this opportunity to involve our youth in this ~ Rich Hoerger special way.

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We could use your help......

On Saturday, October 30, Speedway will be having a Truck or Treat at Speedway High School and we at Speedway Christian Church will have a parking spot! This is an excellent way to tell people about our church and we are very excited. Of course, this means we need candy to vive out. If you would like to donate, please bring either your monetary donation or individually wrapped candy by the church during business hours or on Sunday morning. We also need people to greet people at the event and give out candy. If you would like to help out, please contact the church office at 317-244-7656 or send an email to office@speedwaychristian.org.

Be One of Us, Adult Class Studying Kindness

Sunday mornings between worship services, our adult class, led by Marilyn Shank, is studying kindness. A fun group of new and old friends from their 30s to their 80s are discussing a new book, *In Defense of Kindness* by Bruce Reyes-Chow from Chalice Press.

In the first chapter the author defined kindness and in seven short pages he laid out five types of difficult people we must try to be kind to. Reyes-Chow reminds us we are all individually "created and complex human beings."

Each chapter has excellent open-ended discussion questions on which everyone has opinions.

Join the conversation next Sunday when the class discusses Chapter 4, "Kindness as Competition." Pick up coffee and a doughnut in the Bethany Room and go downstairs to B-1. Learn how we can use kindness to change our lives and those of the people we encounter every day.

Contact Marilyn at <u>mshank@shankpr.com</u> if you would like a copy of the book.

A Night Storytelling with Philip Gulley

Please plan to join us on Saturday, November 13 at 6:00pm, minister and author Phil Gulley will be with us for a night of storytelling.

More information to follow!

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Congratulations Congregation

The Congregation definitely needs to be commended on the outstanding love that has been shown through your stewardship. Rev. Rick Spleth noted that we are in the top 20 of giving for the Disciples Mission Fund in Indiana and the top 5 for increased giving. Besides that, from your giving of love to Degges' Legacy of Stewardship we operated in the black for the month of July. Your steadfast love for SCC shows through all that you do. We have accomplished so much in this very unusual trying time. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" – Isaiah 6:8 It is a honor to be apart of such a dedicated, devoted congregation that continues to respond "Here I am Lord."

As we move through the season of Stewardship setting budgets, slating a new board, completing pledge cards, maintaining the building and continuing on the ministries of SCC I would like to thank you ahead of time for continuing to answer the call, **Here I am Lord**. It is I **Lord** serving you and the SCC family.

Please fill out your pledge cards; if possible re-direct your renovation gifts to the general fund; answer the call to serve on the Board or on any committee.

Yours is Christian Love Vicki