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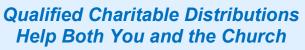
## **Differences in Worship Services**

Have you ever wondered what the difference between our three worship services are? Here is a brief description.

- Thursday 6:30pm: Is a simpler service that includes one music piece, one scripture, and a message. The service ends by sharing communion together in a circle.
- Sunday 8:15am: Includes more opportunities to sing, more prayers, the observance of communion and an invitation to discipleship.
- Sunday 10:15am: Is our fullest service. The music talents of our congregation are on full display. This service includes a children's message, the choir sings, our prayers are lifted up and we are sent out into the world to do God's work.

## Christmas Family Giving

**Thank you** for your generosity and Christmas spirit! Through your help and overwhelming generosity we as a congregation were able to help four Speedway families. We also had a vehicle full of gifts for the Adult & Child Foster Care.



Several individuals in our congregation have taken advantage of the law which allows persons to contribute money to the church from one's required minimum distribution from an IRA, thus reducing the tax owed on the remainder of the distribution. The age at which one must take a required minimum distribution is 72, though one can make qualified charitable distributions at age 70 1/2 up to \$100,000 annually . Please contact your financial advisor to verify the specific details of this requirement.

### 2021 Giving Statements

**2021** Annual Giving Statements will be available to pick up in the Hall of Light beginning Thursday, January 13 through Sunday, January 23, and also during the week in the church office. Please help the church save on postage cost by picking up your statement. Thank you for your continued support of our church.

Speedway Christian Church Vision

Believing that Jesus is the Christ, Speedway Christian Church's mission is to celebrate that God has given us unique gifts to serve our congregation, our community, and the world.

# Please keep in Prayer

Barbara GoldenLinda BakerBil CarterBetsy EnersonVicki WattsAnn ShuttersNoah GenungJacki PineMary Day-RobertsSally HenzieSharon Loux (Rev. Kyle's grandmother)Greg Littrell (Deanna Beaver's brother)Becky Patterson (Andrea Baetsle's sister)Linda Pearcy (Allen Pearcy's mother)Diane Brooks (Don Brooks' wife)



### Our Sympathy

To the family and friends of **Jack Stapp** who passed away on December 17, 2021.



To the family and friends of **Phillis Mikkelsen** who passed away on December 18, 2021.

### Stewardship/Finance

### December 2021

December2021 Funds Received		35,682
December 2021 Expenses	\$	38,,853
December2021 shor	tage \$	3,171

## **Regional News**

Rev. Cheryl Russell joins the Regional Staff of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana as an Associate Regional Minister. Her primary responsibilities will be staffing the Region's Faith Formation Commission and Indiana Women's Council, working with children, youth, and adults to increase their faith and leadership development, especially through our summer camp program.

Rev. Kyle Hunter joins the Regional Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana as chair of the Stewardship Commission Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to 2022!

With each new year, we are invited to take a sort of

inventory of the things that went well, so that we might celebrate them. We are also invited to consider the ways that we might make this coming year better than the last! We can follow the lead of the Magi and continue our journey of faith along a different road.



There are lots of things happening around the church to also celebrate.

We have a new Fred Shed with the opportunity to reimagine how we use our green space. We are working at reimaging the role of our Elders and Deacons. We are continuing to navigate how to be present with our youth and young adults as their faith continues to grow. There continues to be rich and deep conversation during Lunch and Learn and our Men's Bible Study. And with a great degree of success, we were able to be present to a grieving family, providing space to continue the celebration as they gathered around a meal. All of these and so much more, continue to help shape the ways that we follow God's call on our lives.

With all of this, there are so many opportunities to find your place in our shared ministry. How do you continue to answer the call that God has placed on you? Let's have that conversation, together! Rev. Katie and I are always available for conversations like these!

May your New Year be filled with an abundance of opportunities to serve our congregation, our community and the world.

Shalom,

Rev. Kyle

#### 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!

## **Birthday Bags**

Over the past few months our youth have been hard at work packing Birthday Bags. These bags are

for families with young children at the Storehouse Food Pantry who may need help providing their kids with an awesome birthday. We have packed about 100 bags so far from the items that have been donated! Each bag contains a box of cake mix, icing, balloons, candles, vegetable oil, a small gift, and an aluminum pan for baking. While at the food pantry families will receive eggs needed to bake the cake.





Of course, we would love and appreciate donations of any of the items above. However, we currently have a few particular needs: birthday bags large enough to hold a pan, 10  $\Box$  13 aluminum pan, and especially small bottles of vegetable oil.

Thank you for everything you do for our church and for God!

## Monthly Emails for Toddlers

In order to introduce simple biblical concepts to our toddlers, our nursery workers have begun teaching very short lessons on different Bible stories. These lessons also include a newsletter for parents of kids from birth to 5 years old. The lessons include ideas for parents to help their kids grow in their faith in age appropriate ways. If you would like to receive one for your child, please send me an email at *kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org* with their name and birthday. We hope it helps you to connect with your child and to help them connect with God.

2022
Summer Camps
Christian Church in Indiana (Disciples of Christ)

	GENEVA	BEDFORD	
You and Me 1 (3 days)	June 13-15		(age 5+ and an adult
New Beginnings (3 days)	June 13-15	June 27-29	(completed gr. 1-3)
Explorers	June 13-18	June 20-25	(completed gr. 4-5)
You and Me 2 (3 days)	June 20-22		(age 5+ and an adult)
M.A.D (Music Art Drama)	June 20-25		(completed gr. 6-8 & 9-12)
Middle School	June 27-July 2	July 11-16	(completed gr. 6-8)
High School	June 27-July 2	July 4-9	(completed gr. 9-12)
CROSS (Recreation/Sports)	June 27-July 2		(completed gr. 6-8 & 9-12)

Early Bird Fees: 6-day camps: **\$415**; 3-day camps: **\$235** (add \$25 after May 15th registrations) Visit **genevacenter.org** for Geneva camp registration/info. Visit **indianadisciples.org** for Bedford camp registration/info. Scholarships for Disciples campers at Bedford and Geneva camps are available. Visit **indianadisciples.org** to download.



## **Girl Scout Cookies**

Its that time of year again! We have a few Girl Scouts selling cookies this year. You can order by typing in the link below. Not the cookie type? What about ordering a box so that the church can take some to our shut-ins? Check out the new brownie inspired cookie!

Kiriana Dietzer link:

https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/kirana649223

#### Aubrey Hunter link:

https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/aubrey379983

Lily McDonald <u>https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/</u> <u>lily737424</u>

#### Mae McDonald

https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/mae60302



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#### Week of Compassion Special Offering February 20—27, 2022

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and works with partners throughout the world to alleviate suffering.

Thank you for your continual support, Week of Com-

passion will work to continue to strengthen our church's presence all over the world: providing water to the thirsty, food for the hungry, and hope for the weary.



We as a congregation can make a difference in the lives of those experiencing hardship by designating

a special gift to Speedway Christian Church, noting in the memo line of your gift: For Week of Compassion. Again, we will have an opportunity to give February 20th and February 27th. *Thank you* to all those came and helped take down the Christmas decorations this past Saturday, January 8.

Also, *thank you* to all those who continually volunteer at The Storehouse Food Pantry.



#### Lunch & Learn

Please join Rev. Kyle each Monday at noon in the Bethany Room. We will be discussing the scripture for the following week's sermon.



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



