



**Celebrating New SCC Members**

We welcome **Larry & Linda Miles** to Speedway Christian Church!

On January 30, 2022, Larry & Linda transferred their church membership to SCC.

**2022 Lenten Schedule of Events**

**3.2.22 Ash Wednesday**

5:30pm Pancake Dinner  
 6:30pm Worship with the Imposition of Ashes

**3.13.22 Travis Whaley Recital**

3:30pm SCC Sanctuary

**Thursday Night Worship through Lent**

6:30pm

**4.10.22 Palm Sunday**

8:15am Worship  
 10:15am Worship  
 2 to 4pm Easter EGGstravaganza  
*(egg hunt, photo booth, snacks, food trucks, games, and a bounce house!)*  
 2:30pm Egg Hunt

**4.14.22 Maundy Thursday**

6:30 Worship

**4.15.22 Good Friday Worship**

**Speedway / West Side Ministerial Association**  
 7:00pm @ John Knox Presbyterian  
 3000 N. High School Road

**4.17.22 Easter at SCC**

8:15 Worship  
 10:15 Worship



**New Outreach Program Announced**

World Outreach 2022 is proud to announce our new outreach program! **W.O.W.W. stands for World Outreach Works Wonders.** This is going to be a rotating, month long collection for a local non-for profit. Every month will be a new group that we will collect donations of items for. We will start on the 1st of every month and end on the last day of the month. The collection box will be located in the foyer across from the sanctuary doors. We will keep you informed of what group we are working with every month. Please pay attention to the list of needed items that will be included in the update and on the box. Some of these groups have limited storage space so we will be talking with them to see what their current need is.

February we are working with Speedway Cares! This is a locally run coat collection that serves all Speedway Schools, Sparky's closet and other local groups. They also welcome people in need to come to the office and take what they require to be warm. With cold weather coming in we will be actively taking coats to Speedway Cares as they come into the donation box. We will not wait till the end of the month to take our donations. Here is what they are in need of: New winter coats of all sizes, gently used and **CLEAN** winter coats of all sizes (they do not have a washing machine), hats and gloves of all sizes. Urgent need for all sizes of new/used snow boots. Any questions, please contact Megan Hoerger at [mhoerger500@cloud.com](mailto:mhoerger500@cloud.com)



**Sunday Family Funday** is a new, monthly opportunity to gather with our church family for fellowship, food, and fun. On the last Sunday of every month (beginning this month), we will be meeting after church for lunch at a different restaurant around Speedway.

The **first lunch will be Sunday, February 27, 11:00am—2:00pm at McAlister's. Deli, Speedway.** All are invited!

Hope to see you there!



## Please keep in Prayer

Barbara Golden	Don Pirtle
Bil Carter	Betsy Enerson
Vicki Watts	Ann Shutters
Noah Genung	Holly Polites
Mary Day-Roberts	Sally Henzie
Vicki Watts	Ann Shutters
Becky Patterson (Andrea Baetsle's sister)	
JR Colson (Gloria Bohanon's brother-in-law)	
Michelle Steege (Georgia Stackhouse's friend)	
Chuck Heady (Pam Heady's husband)	
Sherry Hendden (Steve Vernon's aunt)	
Sandy Sanders Mandas (Dakota Sanders' grandmother)	
Norma Wilson (Lisa Mosier's mother)	



## Our Sympathy

is extended to the family and friends of:

**Linda Baker** who passed away on  
January 29, 2022.

**Greg Littrell** who passed away on  
January 26, 2022.

**Barbara Tafflinger** who passed away on  
February 9, 2022.



**Thank you** for all your prayers for my friend Cliff Douglas, he is currently in rehab, is making amazing progress and is able to walk now.  
Blessings to all, Georgia Stackhouse

## Stewardship/Finance

### January 2022

January 2022 Funds Received .....	\$ 51,028
January 2022 Expenses .....	\$ 34,245
January 2022	\$ 17,011

*God wants us to do more  
than drift through life,  
he wants us to be an  
influence for him.*

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent is right around the corner and is often a time of repentance and reflection. This Lent, we are going to explore together the ways that we might *cultivate* and *Let Go*. *Cultivate* a verb, means to prepare and use for the raising of crops; to foster the growth of; to improve by labor, care, or study; to refine; to further; to encourage. *Let go*, also a verb, means to relinquish one's grip on someone or something. In the coming Lenten season, let's do a little bit of spiritual gardening. Let's invite God to unearth in us what lies fallow, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. In this coming Lenten season, let's embrace the literal and spiritual practices of cultivating and letting go.



The season of Lent will start this year a bit differently than it has in the past. In the spirit of *Fat Tuesday*, the final day before traditional Lenten fasting takes place, we are working at organizing a pancake dinner that will be held on Wednesday before the Ash Wednesday worship service that will include the imposition of ashes. This worship service has long been observed by Christian communities as a reminder that we are made from dust, and eventually, to dust we will all return. It also marks the beginning of Lent and our new worship series, *Cultivate* and *Let Go*.

Throughout this upcoming season, we will have multiple opportunities to engage in the practice of *cultivating* and *letting go*. A devotional will help us to dig deeper into the texts for the week. We will utilize portions of that devotional during the Monday sessions of Lunch and Learn that starts at Noon. If you ever wanted to engage deeply with the texts and themes each Sunday, this is the conversation for you, see you in the Bethany Room!

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## Message from Rev. Kyle

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As February gives way to March and spring inches closer and closer, may you be reminded again and again of God's promise all around you. Take some time and notice the flowers emerging from the ground and the green returning to the trees. I imagine that winter is not yet done with us. However, I am certain that the snow will melt and the temperatures will rise. The daylight will grow and the darkness will lessen. That, my brothers and sisters in Christ, is the absolute best news of all. May the peace of Christ continue to be with you all.

Shalom,

Rev. Kyle

## Lenten Materials

Lent is a season in deep contemplation and prayer, of journeying to the cross, but also looking ahead to Easter. To assist you on your walk of faith during this time, we have materials available for children, youth, adults, and families of every size. **These materials will be available beginning on Sunday, February 27 and throughout the Lenten season.**



## 40 Prayers for 40 Days

Eight years ago, at my church in Blacksburg, VA, the associate pastor preached a sermon about prayer, encouraging us to "pray how we can, not how we can't." In 2015 I took her sermon to heart and started a personal Lent tradition: 40 prayers for 40 days. Each night, I sit with my music sketchbook and write a prayer- sometimes just a few lines, sometimes several pages. I still have every prayer I've written since February 2015, and I continue the tradition today.



Throughout the season of Lent at Speedway I will use these prayers as preludes, offertories, postludes, and pieces for the choir to sing. I don't always have the words I need, but this Lenten tradition has shown me that I always have a way to pray. My hope is that - through the music I play, the songs the choir sings, or the pieces the hand bells ring - we allow ourselves to pray through music.

***I invite everyone to join me for a Lenten recital on Sunday March 13 at 3pm.*** I will share some of my favorite organ and piano pieces on Lenten themes, as well as some of my own improvisations.

## An Opportunity to Help

"In Venezuela, we were living in fear. My mother worked for the government in Venezuela, and she quit her job. Our lives were at risk. I remember when I was in junior high, I was walking to school one day and a man on a motorcycle stopped in front of me. He told me that if my mother leaves the government, something would either happen to me or my mom. I stopped going to school because of that incident. Things continued to worsen. We lived in government housing and people would spray paint our exterior apartment walls with words like "traitors". One day we came home to find our things were black and singed. It turned out someone had broken into our apartment and scorched all of our things. It was time to defect."

These words, written by a senior at Speedway High School, is an example of the plight some of our international students have endured to move to the United States. Approximately a half dozen seniors at Speedway High School are graduating this year as asylum seekers. Unfortunately, the state of Indiana is one of three states in the country that requires these students to pay out-of-state tuition because of their "international status". To give you an idea of how detrimental this is, the annual cost of in-state tuition at Indiana University is \$11,220 as compared to its out-of-state tuition cost of \$37,600.

Therefore, we are raising money to provide micro scholarships to international Speedway High School students. The application process is simple: the student will write a short essay on the hardship (s)he has endured to get to the United States and how (s)he has overcome obstacles. Any student who applies will receive a portion of the donated funds. A little money can have a big impact on students who must "earn as they learn".

Thank you for your consideration! If you have any questions, you can email Mindy Lewis-Hitch at [mlew-is@speedwayschools.net](mailto:mlew-is@speedwayschools.net)

Mindy Lewis-Hitch

## Information Needs Updated?

Does the church office have your -

- ◆ Correct address?
- ◆ Correct telephone #?
- ◆ Correct email address?

***If not, please let the church office know.***

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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.



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.

### **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.



### **Next Official Board Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:30pm**

As a FYI—there is a hard copy of the **Final SCC General Polices and Bylaws** in the church office. These copies are to remain in the office, if you need a copy please let the church office know.

### **What is a Deacons and an Elder of a church?**

The Elders are a group who provide energetic spiritual and church leadership. Elders also provide guidance and wisdom to the spiritual and functional life of the church. One member of the ministry presides at the Communion Table each week to pray with the minister. Currently the members of this ministry also serve as worship leaders during services. Providing pastoral care to those in need is also a task this ministry completes. An Elder serves for 1-3 years for the church.

The Diaconate (or Deacons) assists with the Worship and Fine Arts ministry as requested. On a regular basis, the teams rotate to help worship services run smoothly. They assist in greeting members and guests, taking offerings, ushering those who need assistance, passing communion, and cleaning up the sanctuary after services. We are currently in need of 2 youth Deacons and more adult Deacons. We would like to make a transition to passing the offering plate and could use more help! A Deacon serves for 1-3 years for the church.

Both of these groups are a great way to share your talents and gifts with the church. Do you like to pray with people and visit those who need God's love? Being an Elder is a perfect fit. Do you prefer out of the spot light and are a more hands on servant of the Lord? Being a Deacon would be a great task. If you are already involved in a Ministry or Committee of the church you can still be an Elder or Deacon.

Interested? To join our Elder or Deacon family team or have questions please contact the office!