

Spirit @ SCC

Newsletter

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### Looking Ahead ....

Vacation Bible School



VBS July 10-12 6 - 8 pm



Back to School Sunday
 & Backpack Blessing
 Sunday, July 24

World Outreach W.O.W.W. for June



Our World Outreach W.O.W.W. mission for June is the **Speedway Animal Rescue**. Please help support this needed rescue. Items needed:

- New felt blankets
- Large dog collars (must buckle)
- Medium & small dog collars (all kinds)
- ◆ Stainless steel or ceramic food bowls
- 6 foot dog leashes (no retractable leashes)
- Financial support—Make checks payable to Speedway Christian Church

Our furry friends thank you and so do we!



## **Sunday Family Funday**

Family Funday is our new, monthly opportunity to gather with our church family for fellowship, food, and fun. On the last Sunday of every month, we will be meeting after church for lunch at a different restaurant around Speedway. *All are invited and welcome!* Please join us on:

Sunday, June 26, 2022 11:30am—1:30pm Dawson's on Main—Speedway



## Indy 500 Race Parking @ SCC

On Sunday, May 29 the church parking lot was full of Indy 500 race fans. 56 + vehicles were parked, raising \$1,500 for Speedway Christian Church.

Thank you to Susan Pirtle who has continued the family tradition passed down from her Uncle Jack, for coordinating the parking, getting up early and just making sure all ran smoothly. All of us that know Susan know her love of the Indy 500 and her church.

# Scholarships for International Asylum Students Update

It is with a grateful heart to announce that Speedway Christian Church raised \$3,000 for Speedway High School graduating seniors who needed additional financial assistance to make their college dreams come true. Rev. Kyle Hunter and I honored six Speedway High School seniors on Thursday, May 12 at Speedway Honor Night with \$500 scholarship awards. When you visit Speedway Christian Church in the upcoming weeks, be sure to visit the hall of lights so you can see a trifold poster showcasing pictures and thank you notes from each of the scholarship winners. I am truly honored to be a part of this amazing congregation. Thank you all!

~ Mindy Lewis-Hitch

# Please keep in Prayer

Norma Wilson (Lisa Mosier's mother) Becky Patterson (Andrea Baetsle's sister) Caprice Perry (Dakota Sanders' aunt) Chuck Heady (Pam Heady's husband) Beth Hughes (Joe Edmiston's sister)

Jan Hoerger Barbara Golden Vicki Watts Ann Shutters Mary Day-Roberts Ivan Fuller Sally Henzie Betsy Enerson



Our youth & adult leaders attending church camp.

#### **Congratulations** to Paul & Hannah McDonald

on the birth of their daughter, Layla Ann McDonald. Layla was born on May 30, 2022 and is welcomed by big sisters Mae and Lily and big brother Oliver.



#### Our Sympathy and prayers to

The family and friends of **Ralph White**, who passed away on June 5, 2022.

The family and friends of **Phil Baker**, who passed away on June 7, 2022.



Bill & Linda Carter and family upon

the death of Bill's mother, Betty Carter, who passed away on June 9, 2022.

I wish to thank everyone who sent cards, phoned and visited when my mother passed. You will never know how much I appreciated it.

Thank you and God Bless, Bobbi Jones

# Stewardship/Finance May 2022

May 2022 Funds Received \$ 28,022 May 2022 Expenses \$ 41,198 May 2022 \$ (13,176)

## 2022 Year to Date

2022 YTD Funds Received: \$ 187,372 2022 YTD Expenses: \$ 183,025 2022 YTD \$ 4,347

(2022 YTD income greater than YTD expenses)

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am happy to write that thankfully, all of the Hunters have emerged from our Covid isolation and were able to spend some time together (because we needed more

together time) with my youngest brother and his family at Holiday World and Splashing Safari. Thank you for the grace and prayers you extended our way during this time, and thank you for letting us get away for a bit of an early summer vacation.

Throughout the summer and into the first part of August, we are going to explore together some passages from the



Gospels that highlight the extension of God's grace into places and situations where some would claim that grace doesn't belong. Taylor began this exploration by inviting us into the *Love Story* that happened at Jacob's well. From there we will hear again of Jesus healing in places that he shouldn't, helping us to prioritize the sharing of the Good News, remaining present, how not to get caught up in the business of life, the importance of and how to pray, maintaining the right priorities, and making sure that we are ready for the unexpected hour!

Along the way, we will also have an opportunity to bless our backpacks. We will celebrate the return of our Sunday School classes, with some exciting new additions. We will look to finding the rhythm of returning back to school. All of this, while continuing to be the church that God is calling us to be.

The summer might be short, but we have so much to look forward to. We have so much to be thankful for. Do your best to stay cool, reapply that sunscreen and enjoy this time of sunshine!

May God continue to bless you and keep you.

Shalom,

Rev. Kyle



Have you noticed how great the floor in Fellowship Hall looks? The floor was recently stripped and waxed. It looks great! A big thank you to

Opportunity Day Preschool!

The preschool covered all the expense to bring the floor back to a shine! We are continually grateful for the generosity of the preschool to our church.



# Clothes For People Ministry

Hundreds of people in our community who need clothes have been helped by Speedway Christian Church's Clothes for People ministry. Clothes for People started about 18 months ago by pure luck. I saw an online notice saying free clothes were available if you can get here in 20 minutes. I did and got bags full of new promotional clothes.

The source was Fine Promotions on Zionsville Road. They had new clothing items they needed to move, and we were able to get them for free! The first distributions from our church went to Central Christian Church for its downtown outreach to people who are homeless. A second contribution went to Afghan refugees at Camp Atterbury, with the help of Trafalgar Christian Church. Fine Promotions has donated clothes several times.

A second company, Tactive, contributed a half boxtruck load of clothes, when a large company cancelled a major sales meeting because of the pandemic. We have shared the Tactive donations to these local groups:

- Speedway Schools' "Sparky's Closet" clothes pantry program.
- The Central Christian Church homeless ministry.
- Stopover House, a safe place serving homeless voung people.
- The Storehouse Food Pantry
- Shortridge High School dance program. Many clothing items were created for another dance program, so this was a perfect fit.
- Speedway Cares the volunteer program to help people in Speedway
- Wayne Township Schools' social services department will pick up a large amount of clothing soon.

We are also coordinating giving clothing to HVAF, Inc. (Helping Veterans and their Families) downtown.

We hope to expand the program by encouraging more companies such as Fine Promotions and Tactive to contribute their overstock inventory.

My hope is that we are fulfilling Mathew 25, 36 -40:

"I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, [a] you did it to me."

~ David Shank

Vacation Bible School is happening soon! All those ages 3 - 5th grade are welcome to join us the evenings of July 10-12. As kids explore God's infinite love, they'll practice down-to-earth ways to love each other. At Blast Off Vacation Bible School, kids learn one Bible Point, which is reinforced through Bible adventures, a key Bible verse, songs, and hands-on activities. Volunteers are needed for



everything from leading craft time to decorating the church to assisting in registration. Please let Rev. Katie know if you are feeling the call to serve.

IT'S SUMMER TIME! That means pool days! Maybe some



sleeping in! For sure some vacation! What about missing church? It's so easy to forget to give offering and tithing to church when you aren't here on Sunday! Keep reading for some tips on not forgetting to give offering when you can't be here below: Don't forget,

It has always been God's plan to finance His work through the tithes and offerings of His people.

GIVE Cheerfully: "Each of you should think carefully and then decided how much you can give. Then you will not be sad to give that money. Nobody has made you give it. God loves someone who is happy to give help to other people." 2 Corinthians 9:7

GIVE Regularly: "On the first day of every week (SUNDAY), each of you should put some of your money in a safe place. Think about how much God has given you. Then decide how much you can give each week." 1 Corinthians 16:2

If you give online, a quick and easy way to never skip your offerings is to make it AUTOMATIC on your giving site. The step is very easy and usually always offered when you give the initial offering online.

If you give in person, pre fill out your offering envelopes for the month and drop it off to the church at the beginning of the month. Highlight the day you want the offering to be submitted and the office will deposit your offering for you. Make the offering part of your packing list! The office is open Monday-Thursday and the staff would love to see you off before your trip.

Give it to a friend before you leave to put into the plate on Sunday!

May through July is a tough financial time for the church with all of our families busy schedules. Please remember to be CHEERFUL and REGULAR in your tithing over the **summer.** This helps the church keep sharing God's word through our programs and missions. Remembering to give helps pay our AWESOME Church staff and pays our utilities. Please take a few minutes now and set up your summer tithing choice. Thank you for helping the church to keep going!

~ Heather Dietzer, SCC Board Moderator

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## The Storehouse Food Pantry Update

The Storehouse food pantry is starting to see clients coming to the pantry more often due to current economic conditions. Twenty-four first-time clients came to our most recent Saturday distribution on June 11.

We served 527 individuals from 125 families.

At the end of Saturday's distribution, our pantry shelves were as empty as I have ever seen them.

Donations are at an all-time low, and some items we stock are becoming hard to buy. Aldi has been out of macaroni and cheese for more than eight weeks at all locations. Just before this popular staple ran out, the price of maca-

roni and cheese increased from 43 cents to more than 65 cents a box. Instant mashed potatoes have been missing

from Aldi shelves for three weeks. Aldi peanut butter increased from \$1.15 a jar to \$1.65. We have been forced to reduce some of our fruit offerings from two cans to one. This situation is not unique to The Storehouse. Everyone is experiencing shortages and rising prices during their personal grocery shopping.

I would normally start stocking up in June on canned goods and instant mashed potatoes for our Thanksgiving distribution, but that is not an option right now.

Supporting the food pantry is often associated with holidays and cold weather, but I encourage you to give year round, especially now. The food we distributed Saturday was a blessing to more than 500 people.

Thanks Be to God, Rich Hoerger Next Official Board Meeting Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:30pm

No July board meeting.

#### 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 Worship sermon.



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



Prayer is the best armor against all trials.