

SCC Door Hangers

Door hangers are available to make it easier for you to invite friends and neighbors to experience the joy of Christmas at Speedway Christian Church.

The door hangers are available in the Hall of Light, If you would like to distribute door hangers in your area. There will also be a sign-up sheet, to note the area you plan to distribute.

Mitten and Hat Tree

Bbbrrr our hat and glove tree is cold and bare! New winter hats and gloves are needed to warm our tree! All sizes, colors and styles are needed. The Mitten and hat tree is located at the parking lot entrance. Donations will be collected **through Sunday, December 11**, and will be given to the Women's & Children's Shelter and to the Foster Children Agency. ~ Heather Dietzer, Moderator



Christmas Families

The Christmas Giving "Ornaments" will soon be available in the Hall of Light. The individual ornaments noting Christmas wishes of Speedway children will be hanging on strands of garland. If you would like to help this year, **select a gift you would like to provide, write your name on the tree-shaped portion of the ornament (leave the tree-shaped ornament on the garland), and take the corresponding gift tag with you to attach to the wrapped present you will return.**



All wrapped presents back at the church by Sunday, December 16.

If you would like to participate by giving a monetary donation, please write "Giving Tree" in the memo of a check made payable to "Speedway Christian Church", and we will shop and wrap on your behalf.

Speedway Christian Church Let Our Light Shine UPDATE!

Thanks to your generosity, we met and exceeded our goal to *Let our light shine!* If you are in the neighborhood at night, be sure to drive by and not only enjoy the new lights, but to also take in the beautiful banner that has been added to the playground fence. Special thanks to Mr. Dick Schrock for supplying the banner and to Jeff Hammer for the installation.

Illuminating fourteenth street was such a success, we are already looking at how else we can continue to *let our light shine* on the other sides of building.

An additional bonus to this exterior illumination project is that most of the lights run off of solar power! Friendlier to the environment and equally friendly to the budget!

Foster Children Program

Once again we will be collecting toys for foster children aged 0-16 for the Adult and Child Foster Care organization. If you would like to participate, please drop off a new, unwrapped gift at the church. While there are no restrictions on price or kind of toy, the foster care agency is encouraging donations geared toward teenagers. **W.O.W.W.**



2023 Stewardship Update

Friends in Christ, lots of exciting things are in the works for reimagining how we handle our annual stewardship campaign! So much so, that we are going to push it to the beginning of 2023.

Please do what you can to honor your commitments for the current campaign so that we might end the year as strong as possible. Stay tuned for the wonderful ways that we will be invited to recommit ourselves to the work of the church in 2023.

Tis the Season!

How in the world is it already time for Advent? It seems like we just finished carving pumpkins and that Thanksgiving bird surely just emerged from the oven, or if you are around out house, the grill! And yet, here we are. We are again into the season of waiting and anticipation.



I love this season. I love the decoration, the sounds, the smells. I love that we are taking some time to be intentional about *Reflecting the Sacred*. That after all is what our Advent theme is all about. We are one week into the series and seems to really connected with folks. My continue prayer is that those connections remain, and if even for a moment, this worship series will help us all to connect with that which is truly important during this season.

In the Gospel according to John, we are reminded that the Word became flesh and made a home among us (John 1:1-14(CEB)). This season is a time when the juxtaposition of the sacred and secular feels sometimes blatantly opposed, and often blurred. We have already learned through this series that the word “sacred” points to something dedicated as “holy” and “set apart.” And so for this year, we have entered into a spiritual journey of seeing all things as pregnant with the Holy.

What a powerful shift that can be. Imagine if we really let this idea transform how we live in the world around us. If we see everything as a reflection of the holy, how might it change our response. Maybe we will extend a little more grace to the maxed out server pulling a double shift at the restaurant. Maybe we will extended a little more grace to the employee at the big box store trying to answer oddly specific questions while also restocking the shelves... The point being, when we take the time to see the holy around us, we might be able to more fully interact with the true presence of hope, joy peace and love all around us.

Shalom,
Rev. Kyle



Advent Materials

We have a number of advent materials available for all of our church family this year. All can be found in the Hall of Light. Adult devotional booklets focus on our advent theme, “



For children, we have an Advent Service Calendar to help children remember simple things they can do to spread God’s love into the world. These include making homemade Christmas gifts, picking up trash on the playground at school, and making holiday treats for neighbors.

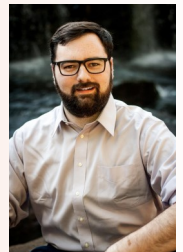
Sparkhouse Publishing, which provides our Sunday School curriculums, will be releasing an advent video every day of the season featuring the same animated characters the kids have gotten to know in their Sunday School videos. The videos will be posted on our church Facebook group, Speedway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and will be on YouTube (search “wearesparkhouse”).

For children and youth, we have a shadow box craft available. They color, cut out, and create the theater and the biblical characters, and tell the story of Jesus’ birth with their families using the script provided, stories they remember, or reading directly from the biblical accounts.



Advent Recital Invitation

I invite everyone to join me on **Sunday, December 18** at 2pm for an Advent recital following the chili cook off. Like last year, I will improvise on some of my favorite Christmas tunes and play several pieces from the repertoire. The season of Advent is also a great time to join the choir if you are only interested in making a short-term commitment. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm - all are welcome to join!



Travis Whaley
Director of Music and Organist

A Look Ahead

December 1

We are scheduled to have NuFlow SOLVE our ongoing sewer issues. They hope to have the work done in a day.

December 4

9:15am **Perpetual Endowment Fund Trustee meeting.**

December 7

5:30-7:30pm **Light the Night on Main Street, Speedway.**

December 8

6:30pm **Thursday worship will be communion only.**

December 18

10:15am Opportunity Day students and their families are invited to come to worship and will join along side our children to sing a couple of Christmas songs.

Chili Cook-Off following 10:15 worship

2:00pm Travis will offer an **Advent recital.**

December 22

6:00pm we will gather for a **Blue Christmas service.**

December 24-Christmas Eve

4:30pm will be our **family service.** Attendees are encouraged to wear their pajamas.

8:00pm will be our **traditional candle light service.**



December 25— Christmas

One worship service @ 10:15am

January 1-New Year's Day

One worship service @ 9:15am

Please keep in Prayer

Betsy Enerson
Barb Golden
Becky Patterson (Andrea Baetsle's sister)

Mary Day-Roberts



Our Sympathy and Prayers

To Ray & Laura Tice and family upon the death of Ray's father John Tice, who passed away on November 1, 2022.

To the family and friends of Bob Collins, who passed away on November 18, 2022.



SCC T-Shirts

Get your Speedway Christian Church t-shirt! We have brand new T-shirts to promote our church. We hope you will purchase one and wear it any time, but especially during performing community service or just attending a community event like the upcoming Trunk or Treat. They are made from the really soft cotton that is SO comfortable to wear.

The shirts are available in children's sizes for \$15 each and adult sizes for \$25 each.

Thanks to JumpStart for providing the seed money to get the shirts produced. The money from T-shirt sales will then be returned to the JumpStart account to fund future projects.

Stewardship/Finance October 2022

October 2022 Funds Received	\$ 28,552
October 2022 Expenses	\$ 33,200
October 2022 <i>Exp. greater than income</i>	\$ (4,648)

2022 Year to Date (January—October)

2022 YTD Funds Received:	\$ 325,773
2022 YTD Expenses:	\$ 348,092
2022 YTD <i>Expenses greater than income</i>	\$ (22,319)

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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 rparkeatt.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!



**Next Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2022
6:30pm**



Lunch & Learn

Please join us each Monday at noon in the Bethany Room, as we discuss the scripture for the following week's Worship sermon.



The Storehouse Thanksgiving of 2022

We started planning for Thanksgiving 2022 in July of this year. It was obvious that food was becoming both more expensive and limited by shortages. We just can't afford to pay for brand name products, so we started to buy grocery store house brands and stockpile them in the back shelves of the pantry.

Our last Wednesday distribution before Thanksgiving, where we pre-packed for 80 and had 107 client families show up, scared us. We upped our Thanksgiving counts from 160 to 200. We also provided 48 Thanksgiving boxes to Speedway High School's Sparky Pantry.

In total we gave out 12,256 items from the shelves, refrigerators, and freezers of our pantry. These distributed items came to over \$16,540.

Our count for the Thanksgiving distribution stands at 200, as we shared our last few extra boxes with Sparky on Thursday.

It is becoming a tradition that the youth of Speedway Christian Church pre-pack our Thanksgiving boxes. They ask us each year if they can participate. The lure of pizza also helps.

The town of Speedway is having a community wide food drive for the holidays and our Speedway Ministerial Association is a great supporter and communicator of our needs to their member churches.

Thank you to the 48 volunteers who shared their day with us in this food ministry.

Thanks Be to God
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