

Welcome New Members!

On **Sunday, August 13, 2017** we welcomed Robin Stroke and Kit Stroke to Speedway Christian Church. Robin & Kit transferred their memberships from 7th & 8th United Christian Church.



Sunday School Kickoff Sunday September 10

Our full-blown "Kickoff" for a new year of Sunday School for children, youth and adults will be Sunday, September 10! Join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 for the Sunday School Kickoff with music, a story, introduction of teachers and classes, plus presentation of Bibles to a new group of 5th graders. (We have quite a few this year!) Worship & Wonder also enters a new year. Sunday evening youth groups will be back to their regular evening gatherings on September 17. ~ Randy Kuss

Light a Candle for Children Season of Prayer

We will begin observance of Light a Candle for Children on **Sunday, September 10**, keeping our own children in prayer and joining other congregations to pray for all of God's children. You can find daily Light a Candle prayer concerns on our September and October Prayer Calendars. Make time to be involved in the lives of children. Let the candle of their lives inspire you and light your pathway as you work and pray on their behalf.

We will conclude this season of prayer with Children's Sabbath, October 15. ~ Randy Kuss



SCC Admin Meeting
Tuesday, August 29 @ 6:30 p.m.
All Department Chairs—Please plan to attend.

Let the singing and ringing begin!

So excited to begin a wonderful year of special music possibilities at the church:

- ◆ Chancel Choir practices begin **Thursday, September 7 @ 7:15 p.m.**
- ◆ The Kid's Choirs begin practices on **Sunday, September 10** (ages 4 through 5th grade) @ **4:30 p.m.** (note the time change)
- ◆ Joyful Ringers (our adult hand bell choir) practices begin **Thursday, September 28 @ 6:15 p.m.**

If you are interested in finding out about these groups or would like to join us, give Marge Graham a call @ 317-313-5337. We would love to add you to our music ministry!



Rebekah Circle Program—All Invited!

The ladies of Rebekah Circle invite **all** to attend their program on **Wednesday, September 6 @ 1:00 p.m.**, a special program is planned, and will be held in the church sanctuary. The program will be: "School on Wheels, Helping Homeless Children". Donations of school supplies are being requested, a container for donations will be in the Hall of Light.

A list of needed items can be found in the Hall of Light. Any questions please contact Mary Haug @ 317-293-6525.



Thank you to Daren Huber who recently donated to the church library the three volume Panel of Scholars Reports. These volumes were very influential in the 1960's in identifying who we were as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Thanks again, Daren.

Please keep in Prayer

Alan Davis
Linda Percy
Forrest Tafflinger
Pauline Vermillion
Bill Hammel (Melanie Heaviland's father)

Donna Pingleton
Barb Vance



Celebration of Life Service

Our prayers continue for Pauline Vermillion and family upon the death of Pauline's brother, David Milhouse. A celebration of life service will be held on Sunday, August 20, at 5:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 1300 East Adams Street, Franklin, IN. The service will be preceded by visitation at the church, from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. A private burial service was held on Friday, July 21.

Sympathy is extended to Nancy Greer & Kathy Genung and family upon the death of their mother, Doreen Harper, who passed away on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

Services were held on Friday, July 28, 2017.



Thank you!! for all the cards and telephone calls that I received. I never realized how special they were until I started receiving them. The caring and thoughtfulness was overwhelming. Thank you to those who brought food, it was greatly appreciated. I miss working at church and helping out, God willing, I will be back soon. Thank you again and God Bless. ~ Bobbi Jones

Thank you to my church family and Scott for all your love and support at the loss of mother, Dorene Harper.
Yours in Christ, Nancy Greer and Family

September Home-Bound Birthdays

Sept 1 Anna Hoerger
Sept 2 Betty Rains
Sept 5 Burdellis Carter
Sept 9 Jerri Fisher
Sept 22 Kyle Eakin



Thinking Out Loud...

As many of you know, our church, along with me, applied for a Lilly Grant that would fund a three month sabbatical, beginning in mid-April 2018. I am very happy to announce that the grant has been awarded.

A big thanks to the Sabbatical Committee who crafted the grant proposal with me. The members of the committee are Bill Harting (the younger), Sandy Hostrawser, Don Pirtle, Jared Trullinger, Art Vermillion, and Dorothy Webb. A special thanks to the Board for unanimously approving applying for the grant. Thanks to the Personnel Committee for their support of the sabbatical from the time I first approached them about the possibility. Thanks to those who gave feedback to the members of the Sabbatical Committee during the preliminary stages of writing the grant proposal. And thanks to all of you who on numerous occasions asked if I had received word about the grant application. Your enthusiasm has been encouraging. I am grateful to be serving a congregation that sees the value of the ongoing renewal of their ministers.

Lilly has done research that indicates that sabbaticals strengthen congregations and ministers as ministers have the opportunity to step away from the day-to-day work of congregational ministry and be renewed by engaging in activities and spiritual practices. Sabbaticals are for congregations and ministers who are enjoying their ministry together and want to have even more energy and creativity. A sabbatical is seen as preventive medicine by helping alleviate burnout, which is common among ministers. Besides having a minister who returns to the church renewed and refueled, the congregation benefits from the minister's time away as the congregation engages in activities that parallel what the minister is doing while she or he is away.

I love my work at Speedway Christian, and I look forward to serving with you in our ministry in the years ahead. I believe that our experiences during the sabbatical will help prepare for our ministry over the long-haul.

In the months ahead, you will be hearing more about the activities in which you will engage while I am away. And you will hear how my responsibilities will be covered. In the meantime, let's continue to do good ministry together as we share the good news of God's love for all people.

God's blessings,
Scott



The E.D.G. E.

I've been struggling for two years now as I have watched my sister, her husband, and now my brother quietly slip out of my physical life. I was in the hospital myself when my sister died--unable to go to her memorial service. I was able to attend my brother-in-law's memorial service. He died the day after Christmas, 2016. My brother had been fighting prostate cancer for years but had kept it in check for a long time but as you know, cancer's wicked head always reappears when you least expect it.

David fought the fight bravely and Art and I tried to be with him as much as we could---David kept reminding me that I was the last sibling and I needed to take care of myself---we talked about a lot of things that we used to do as kids---we always played together because there was only two years difference between our ages and not many kids around. I always took care of him---one day it was particularly windy and since he was always "scrawny" I held on to him for dear life. Of course it made him angry, but I didn't want him blowing away.

If God were not a part of my life nor a part of David's we could not have had the hope of tomorrow in our hearts that we have. We often had prayer at David's bedside before we left leaving his care where it needed to be, in God's hands. I feel so empty right now even though I know God is there in the midst of my loneliness---I have a most loving and supportive husband and family around me holding me up in this time and a God that is supporting all of us.

Pauline Vermillion, Elder

Sweet Dreams

We are no longer collecting donations for Sweet Dreams. Any donations received have been put into the World Outreach account. The program to provide mattress to those in need is still in place, but the purchase of additional bed sheets and pillows has ceased. The mattresses are a free donation from a bedding provider in Plainfield. Thanks to all for your past support.

~ World Outreach

Thank You!

to everyone who was able to make it to the church picnic that was held

August 6. While the threat of rain kept us away from the park, we appreciate our congregations flexibility at the last minute. The food that you all helped to prepare was delicious and we hope you were able to visit and enjoy yourselves! Thank you!

The Hospitality and Evangelism Committee



School has begun and soon we will crank things up for our youth groups. See below for what lies ahead:

- **CYF Lake Day, Sunday, August 20**
CYF (9th-12th graders) will be hosted at Lake Lemon by the Hartman family. (See Youth E-News for details.)
- **Chi Rho Lake Day, Sunday, August 27**
Chi Rho (6th-8th graders) will be hosted at Lake Lemon by the Heaviland, Cork, and Chaplin families. **Our new 6th graders are invited to this event!** (See Youth E-News for details.)
- **Penrod Fundraiser, Saturday, September 9**
Our biggest fundraiser of the year!
Lots of help needed.
Work shift sign-ups begin at Youth Lake Days.
- **Sunday School Kickoff – Sunday, September 10**
Journey in Faith plus other youth classes begin.
- **Youth Groups Kickoff – September 17**
Sunday evening youth groups startup again on September 17 with Snack Supper at 5:45 p.m. and youth groups following – Chi Rho for 6th-8th grades and CYF for 9th-12th.
- **Parents Nite – September 17**
Parents of 6th-12th graders are invited to our first Sunday evening gathering to join us for a light meal together and get an important preview of the year ahead for your kids!



Stewardship/Finance

2017 Approved Budget: \$497,289

2017 Required to Date (8/13/2017)..... \$ 309,632.77
(to meet approved budget)

2017 Received to Date (8/13/2017) \$ 290,623.78

2017 Year to Date (Shortfall as of 8/13/2017) \$ 19,008.99

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
July 16, 2017	\$ 13,470.05	235
July 23, 2017	\$ 4,110.50	98
July 30, 2017	\$ 6,774.50	201
August 6, 2017	\$ 9,568.60	176
August 13, 2017	\$ 12,653.00	204

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Food Pantry Donations

Some months, on food blessing Sunday, the shopping cart is not very full. Some church members would rather make a donation to our church food pantry account, than try to remember to bring items in.

These donations are appreciated very much. It allows us to make spot buys on needed items and take advantages of sales. This year we have purchased 580 boxes of Hamburger Helper and 288 boxes of instant potatoes with those funds. As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, please keep the food pantry and backpack outreach programs in your thoughts as an alternative giving option.

Thanks to all who share their time and blessings with the food pantry outreach ~ Rich Hoerger, World Outreach

SCC Craft Bazaar

Greetings from the Hospitality and Evangelism Committee. Our committee had planned on having a Craft Bazaar at the beginning of November. However, we have not had an abundance of outreach or interest from our church members. If you are currently making items or have plans to make items for the bazaar please contact Hannah McDonald, Lisa Mosier, Kelly Ward or email membership@speedwaychristian.org as soon as possible to let us know what you are planning.

Items could range from sewing, yarn, or woodworking projects to help with a bake sale aspect of the bazaar. The possibilities are vast.

Our committee feels that if we do not have much interest from our church members it is in our best interest to not have a bazaar this year as opposed to having a small bazaar now and hurting future possible bazaars.

Thank you for your quick response.
Hospitality & Evangelism



Full Official Board Retreat Saturday, September 30, 2017

9:00 a.m. — Noon

All 2017 Board Members -

*Officers, Trustees, Elders, Deacons,
Department Chairs—are asked to attend.*

Church - Emergency on Call Contact

Friday, August 18 — Sunday, August 20
Marge Graham 317-313-5337

Friday, August 25 — Sunday, August 27
Marge Graham 317-313-5337

Friday, Sept 1 — Monday, Sept 4
Scott Cox 502-316-3085

Got questions about Christian Theological Seminary?"

We're invited to Robin Run Village to share in coffee and conversation with Rev. Dr. Bill Kincaid, CTS Interim President, Wednesday, August 16, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room. Enter main lobby, Robin Run Village, 5354 West 62nd Street. Any questions, please contact Robin Run Pastor Patty Jones, 317-293-5500... or... Art Vermillion @ .317-291-9813.

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