

Welcome New SCC Member!

On **Sunday, February 4, 2018** we welcomed **Meredith Bartlett** to Speedway Christian Church by transfer of membership.

The Abrahamic Faiths A Lenten Faith Forum March 11, 18, 25

Join us for a Lenten Faith Forum on **The Abrahamic Faiths: Judaism, Christianity, Islam** in Fellowship Hall, Sunday mornings, March 11, 18, 25. Guest speakers will join us March 11 and 18, sharing the basics of Judaism and of Islam. March 25 we will reflect together on our common history and practices, our differences, and the distinctive voice our Christian faith brings to the world. Watch for more details in the March newsletter. ~ Randy Kuss



Our Observance of Lent Begins.....

Please join your church family for a special worship service on **Ash Wednesday, February 14 @ 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. This is a special time of prayer and contemplation inviting all of us to draw closer to the cross and the events of Easter. Ashes will be distributed at the end of the service.



Lenten Pancake Breakfast February 18

You are invited to the annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by our youth groups, Sunday, February 18, the first Sunday of Lent. Serving will take place **8:00–11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**. A free will offering will be taken. Drop by for pancakes and sausage as you also support our youth groups. Proceeds help fund youth trips, summer camps and more.



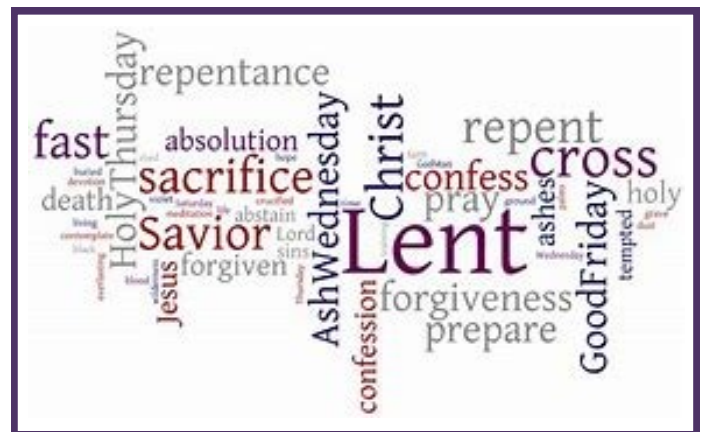
CUF Bake Sale—February 11

The ladies of Christian Women's Fellowship (CUF) will have a bake sale on Sunday, February 11 between worship services. What a great way to purchase a homemade treat for your valentine! All proceeds will help defray the expense incurred to paint fellowship hall. Be sure to mark your calendars for February 11, we hope you will find some goodies to take home with you.



Week of Compassion

Beginning **Thursday, February 15** and continuing **through Sunday, February 25**, Week of Compassion will be emphasized in worship. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Please prayerfully consider a financial contribution to this vital ministry.



Lunch and Learn

Please join Scott on Mondays at noon for Lunch and Learn. Each Monday, Scott leads a discussion of the scripture readings for the upcoming Thursday and Sunday worship services. The sessions are being held in the Bethany room. Bring a sack lunch and an open mind and heart as together we will seek to know what God has to say to us through scripture.



Please keep in Prayer

Dorothy Webb Margaret Layne
Barb Vance Fred Hoerger
Mims Pirtle Charlene Hoyt
Jim Hollis Joyce Harting
Bill Ferrell (Georgia Stackhouse's grandson)
Jane Hollis (Jim Hollis' mother)



Our Sympathy is extended

To the family of **Elizabeth Houser**, who passed away on January 22, 2018. Services were held on January 26, 2018.

To the family of **Bettie Landwerlen**, who passed away on January 26, 2017. Services were held on Wednesday, January 31, 2018.



To the family and friends of **HildaRuth Hippensteale**, who passed away on January 30, 2018. The family is planning a memorial service to be held at a later date.

To the family of Hank & Jane Nickles, upon the death of Hank's father **Larry Nickles** who passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Arrangements are currently pending.

Thank you

I want to thank all my church friends and family for the beautiful cards, notes and calls during my recent health concerns. Also want to thank Scott for his visits. This church is so warm and caring to all. Hope to back soon.

Blessings, Mims

Our sincerest thanks to all for your cards, calls, kind words, love and support during the time of our loss of Carolyn Bennett Hammer Maines.

The Realey family and The Hammer families

March 2018 Home-Bound Birthdays

March 4 Susan Ethridge
March 26 Verdell Baker



Thinking Out Loud...

The sermon on Sunday, February 4 was based on Mark 1:29-39. I specifically focused on the portions of the story that indicated that in the midst of reaching out to people with all kinds of needs Jesus withdrew to pray and connect with God. This is one of the primary ways that Jesus was sustained in his life and ministry.

Lent begins on February 14, which is Ash Wednesday. One of the things that is central to our journey through Lent is a time of prayer, reflection, and looking inward as we consider our relationship with God and with each other. Lent is also a good time to refuel as we open our hearts and minds to the presence of God. As I noted in the sermon on February 4, unless we take care of ourselves, then we have nothing to offer others. That's why Parker Palmer says that self-care is never a selfish act.

Society often sends the message that unless we are always doing something and producing something, then we are of little value. That's why the message of the Christian faith is counter-cultural. We say that to pray and listen for the voice of God in our lives is as significant as anything that we do.

To connect with God helps give us the direction that we need in order have our priorities in order. This might include not producing as society says that we ought to be producing. For followers of Jesus the goal of life is not to reach the top of the ladder or to accumulate wealth. The goal is to reflect the love of God revealed in Jesus. We gain strength for this sometimes difficult goal by spending time with God. If we don't have time for this, then we need to take a serious look at ourselves.

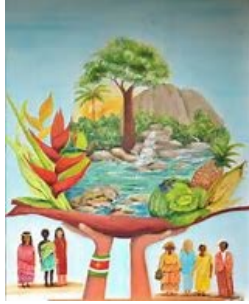
As I noted in the sermon, the fact of that matter is that we have limits. Jesus is the example of this. He didn't heal everyone, and he didn't tend to everyone's needs. Jesus had limits, and so do we. Prayer is an acknowledgement of these limits. If Jesus didn't need God to make it through his days, then he wouldn't have needed to withdraw from the crowds in order to pray.

Lent is a season on the church calendar when we remind ourselves of our need for God because we are limited. When we gather for worship on Ash Wednesday, we will give the ultimate acknowledgment of our limits when we have ashes placed on our head and hear the words, "You are dust, and to dust you will return." But we can embrace this limit because we know what will come at the end of the journey on April 1, Easter Sunday.

Blessing on your journey through Lent,
Scott

2018 World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer services spotlight a different country every year. This year the women of Suriname (Africa) prepared the program material. The service for the Northwest area will be held at Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, 5136 Michigan Rd. 46228 on Friday, March 2, @ 12 noon. The theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good" based on Genesis 1. We hope to join many others in prayer on this world-wide observed day of prayer. ~ Teresa Gorrell, CWF



Big thanks to sponsors who accompanied 20 youth on the Ski Trip – Susie Golden-Bishop, Mindy Lewis-Hitch, Bob Oeth, David Salima, Mike Simonson, Greg Thompson, and Michi Yochum. We continue into a busy season with Souper Bowl of Caring this past Sunday, which raised over \$600 to feed the hungry, and Pancake Breakfast coming up February 18. Thanks to the Bryant, Thompson, Cork, Burrell, Heaviland, and Dietzer families for Snack Suppers last month!



Looking Ahead:

- **February 11 & 25** – Chi Rho & CYF @ 5:45 p.m.
Life of Jesus
- **February 18** – Pancake Breakfast
- **March 2-4** – Spring Youth Assembly

Thank you to all that donated to the January pasta drive for Second Helpings. Second Helpings feeds an enormous number of people in our community every day. You can be sure all your donations will be put to good use.

~ Teresa Gorrell, CWF



*Kind words
can be short and easy,
but their echoes are truly endless.
~ Mother Teresa*

*Always pray to have
Eyes that see the best in people
a Heart that forgives the worst
a Mind that forgets the worst
and a Soul that
Never loses faith in God.*

Stewardship/Finance

2018 Approved Budget: \$497,289

2018 Required to Date (2/4/2018).....	\$ 47,816.25	
<i>(to meet approved budget)</i>		
2018 Received to Date (2/4/2018)	\$ 39,265.60	
2018 Year to Date (Shortfall as of 2/4/2018)	\$ 8,550.65	
	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
January 14, 2018	\$ 5,419.00	
January 21, 2018	\$ 10,987.00	182
January 28, 2018	\$ 5,524.60	203
February 4, 2018	\$ 5,748.00	180



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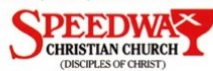
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 April 3, 2018
 May 1, 2018
 June 5, 2018

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2017 Year End Giving Statements

Please review your 2017 giving statement. Any questions or concerns, contact Jennifer or Wilma in the church office at 317-244-7656. **February 16, 2018 is the cutoff date to make any changes to 2017.** After February 16—no changes will be made to 2017 records.

Church - Emergency on Call Contact

Friday, February 9 - Sunday, February 11
Scott Cox 502-316-3085

Friday, February 16 — Monday, February 19
Marge Graham 317-313-5337

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Randy Kuss 317-201-7095

Friday, March 2 — Sunday, March 4
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