

### Lunch and Learn—Upcoming Dates

**July 9, 2018**—Lunch and Learn *will meet* on Monday, July 9 at noon. Please plan to join us in the Bethany Room.



**July 16, 2018**—Lunch and Learn *will not meet* on Monday, July 16, but *will return on Monday, July 23.*

### Scott's Sabbatical

Scott will be returning from his sabbatical the week of July 16, 2018.

### Camper Prayers—Round #2

You are invited to be in prayer each week for our Speedway Christian Church campers. Here are the names for our remaining camper prayers for 8 young people attending our regional church camps in July. Attending **Explorer Camp at Bedford, July 9–14**: Ashton Caplinger and Caden Mynatt. Attending **Middle School Camp at Bedford, July 16–21**: Cale Bennett, Creighton Bennett, Makayla Grimes, Ben Heaviland, Kaden Jackson-Dietzer, and Grace Oeth.

### Tour of Indianapolis Museum of Art

Scott's sabbatical grant has provided several unique opportunities for our congregation. As Scot tours museums in Europe, for example, and studies stories suggested by paintings and sculpture, our church had the opportunity to explore the Indianapolis Museum of Art (Newfields). Twenty of our congregation participated. Divided into two groups, each was led by a well versed docent who shared the history of each piece of art and its unique features. Those who could remain after the tours and explore on their own were invited to do so. What a treat!



Also, in the Sunday, July 1, 2018 Indianapolis Star (p.18A) is a great article by Rev. Dr. Robert Salar, Director of the Center for Pastoral Excellence at CTS. Rev. Salar oversees the Lily Endowment Clergy Renewal Program.  
~ Dorothy Webb

### Vacation Bible School Thanks!

We had a fantastic time with 42 children, 16 youth staff and 21 adult staff for **EMBRACE THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT**, our 2018 Vacation Bible School! Using curriculum that is part of the Caribbean Initiative by our Disciples' Global Ministries, kids learned about the fruits of the spirit and how to apply them in their daily lives while also exploring the lives of children in the Caribbean and hearing read each day a letter from a child in the country of our daily focus.



An offering of \$180.65 was received for **House of Hope in Haiti**, one of the ministries supported by Global Ministries. House of Hope is a place for children who are working to support their families. They help women and girls learn job skills. House of Hope also works to make peace and create strong leaders in their community. Our Outreach Team generously added funds to that offering so we were able to send a check for \$550 to House of Hope!

**BIG THANKS to our youth staff** of Cale and Creighton Bennett, Alexa Faulkner, Ella Hedrick and Ethan Hedrick, Lane Hooper, Hayden Hornocker, Kaden Jackson-Dietzer, Sarah Morris, Grace Oeth, Grace Percy, Karina and Michaela Enerson, Karly Smith, Bella Straub, and Ava Yochum; and to our **adult staff** of Kim Bennett, Debby Bunch, Heather Dietzer, Betsy Enerson, Marge Graham, Gyneth Hedrick, Megan Hoerger, Rich Hoerger, Jessica Hornocker, Kalman King, Randy Kuss, Hannah McDonald, Christy Morris, Tracy Percy, Amanda Pryor, Sabrina Straub, Deb Strock-Kuss, Laura Tice, Amy and Jared Trullinger, and Michi Yochum.

~ Randy Kuss

### New Pictorial Directory

The Worship and Fine Arts Committee has contracted with Life Touch Studios to produce a new pictorial directory for the church. **Photos will be taken July 26, 27, 28 and August 8, 9, & 10.** There is now a link on the SCC website to sign-up online. Beginning in July, you will be able to sign up on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings while here for worship. Questions?



Contact Bobbi Jones 317-223-6505.

## *Please keep in Prayer*

Liz Foster  
Shirley Shoup  
Pauline Vermillion  
Ted Pine  
Don Westrick  
Shirley Westrick  
Brenda Aldridge (Lynn & Teresa Gorrell's cousin)  
Jody Johnson (Dottie Phillips' daughter)  
Dave Carter (Bil Carter's brother)  
Haddie Noblet (Marjorie Miskoweic's great-granddaughter)



*Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Barb Vance*, who passed away on Monday, June 11, 2018. A Celebration of Barb's life was held at Speedway Christian Church on Friday, June 22, 2018.

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**Thank you** How grateful we are for the outpouring of cards, prayers, visits, flowers, and food as Barb Vance fought cancer. We are so fortunate to have such a loving, caring church family. We are especially thankful to Marge and Randy for their visits and to the entire church staff for helping us prepare a beautiful celebration of Barb's life. Thank you. We are indeed blessed.

Sandy Hostrawser, Jeff Piper and families

## **CWF Yard Sale was Successful!**

Thanks to **ALL** the people that helped with the yard sale. It was a huge success! We made \$782.50! This amount will be applied towards the expense to paint Fellowship Hall last summer. The day of the yard sale was a very hot day to set-up, take down and to work at the sale. We are so grateful for the extra help from Carolyn Stewart's grandson, Lynn Gorrell and Kenny Jones during the take down. Chuck Bennett, Kyle Smith and Garrett Oeth who brought out the tables, and the young men that helped put them back up for us. Marilyn Cork and Maggie Hofmeister who helped sort and set out items. Also, Susan Pirtle who was a great help all afternoon. On Friday, Kenny and Susan kept Bobbi and I cooled and hydrated with frozen drinks. The canopies were a must, we could not have done without them. We are thankful for all of the donations! To all the CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) ladies that braved the heat. We always appreciate your help, no matter what we ask. Thank you again!

~ Teresa Gorrell, CWF

## *Coming down the home stretch.....*

Believe it or not we are less than a month away from our dear senior minister's return to our church. I know that we are excited for Scott's return but I felt it appropriate to comment on how things are going at Speedway Christian Church in Scott's absence.

I don't think anyone can really imagine the twists and turns of an upcoming situation accurately. As the weeks have unfolded, many situations have arisen that have certainly caused me to think, pray and rethink life in the church.

As temporary "runner of things" my work has been challenging, but in very good ways. From funerals and memorial services to baby dedications, hospital and nursing home calls to telephone visits, it has been a busy but wonderful time.

I was recently reading a book that I received as part of a seminar that Scott, Randy and I attended a couple of years ago. The book is entitled *Appreciative Leadership* and has served as a helpful tool, especially these past two months. I want to share a quote from Nelson Mandela's inaugural address in 1994 that certainly speaks to how we sometimes feel about ourselves:

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our Light, not our Darkness, that frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the World. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We were born to manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone. As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others.*

I want to thank ahead of time the sabbatical and personnel committee for trusting me with the responsibility of these three months. It has truly stretched my life in many powerful ways and has been a blessing.

For the next few weeks, please continue to pray for your church staff as we will certainly continue to care and love you and the important work that is being done in this place.

Blessings –  
Marge

Thank you Carolyn Stewart for donating your time to remove the candle wax from all the pew cushions!



With grateful hearts,  
SCC Property Committee

## **E.D.G.E.**

### ***Our awesome creator God!***

A few weeks ago Linda and I were blessed to take a motor coach tour of several of the National Parks of the American West. This experience had been on our "bucket list" for some time. We began by crossing the desert from Phoenix to Sedona then on to the Grand Canyon. From there our group ascended the "grand staircase" to Zion and Bryce Canyons in Utah and finally Yellowstone. Our guides explained the hundreds of millions of years of geologic formations revealed in this amazing landscape of the Colorado Plateau. This plateau is a massive majority of the states of Arizona, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming which was pushed up by tectonic movement, earthquakes and volcanic activity with the subsequent recession of ancient seas and rivers cutting massive canyons from high plains and mountains. To view such majestic creations was to confirm our belief in our awesome creator God. The beauty, scope and grandeur of such places can only be His work. Scripture voices the creative power and majesty of God as we read in Psalm 104:1-13; Isaiah 40:12; Acts 17:24; and Revelation 4:11. Please read these sacred writings which express much the same feelings we shared on this journey. How truly humbling it is to behold the majesty of our God's creation and realize that in all His power and glory He still loves each one of us as His children. Praise be to God!

~ Jerry Walthall, Elder

### ***Become a Host Mentor***

Become involved in an outreach of Speedway Christian Church. As a Premier Partner with Wayne Township Schools, Speedway Christian Church is building a community connection that benefits children.

Your commitment of only 1 hour a week can "make a difference" in the life of a child. Research shows that students who can read well by the time they are in third grade are more likely to graduate and become successful, productive citizens!



Finally, mentoring is a very personally rewarding experience. To better understand that experience just ask Jeff Hammer, Sandy Hostrawser, Rich Hoerger, Linda Walthall or Kris and Bill Workman about the program. Call 317-988-8675 for HOSTS information. ~ Rich Hoerger, World Outreach

### ***July Sunday School Sabbatical***

Our adult classes generally take a break over the summer and youth classes likewise break for much of the summer. Setting aside time for leaders to get some rest, renewal and recharging is good for everyone, so we will take a "Sunday School Sabbatical" for the full month of July and give all our teachers some renewal time! No Sunday School classes will meet in July. *There will still be childcare for 10:15 worship each Sunday and Worship and Wonder will be offered during the 10:15 service.*

Summer camps and vacations are well underway as we enter deep into summer, and just a few more weeks (yikes!) to go before school kicks back in for everyone. In the meantime, THANKS to the 16 youth who volunteered time helping with Vacation Bible School. You made a big difference! Youth sponsors are working on plans for future events so watch for news coming in the next Youth E-News of a youth cookout, Lake Days in late August, and our Penrod fundraiser September 8.



### ***Backsacks—Weekend Food for Children***

Speedway Christian Church has been a sponsor of backsacks for Speedway Elementary Schools for the past 3 years. Eighty-four Speedway students receive supplemental food to take home on weekends. Home school advisors these students perform when better nourished.



It cost \$200 per student per school year. This comes out to \$20 a month or \$5 a week. Last year, Speedway Christian Church along with SHS Class of '64 covered half the cost of Allison Elementary School's backsacks for one school year.

Please consider as you are able, to support us in this important community outreach. Checks can be made out to Speedway Christian Church with backsacks noted in the memo section.

Thanks Be to God,  
SCC World Outreach

### ***Stewardship/Finance***

#### ***2018 Approved Budget: \$497,289***

2018 Required to Date (7/1/2018).....	\$ 248,644.50
<i>(to meet approved budget)</i>	
2018 Received to Date (7/1/2018) .....	.\$ 221,386.97
2018 Year to Date ( <i>Shortfall as of 7/1/2018</i> ) \$	27,257.53

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
June 10, 2018	\$ 5,639.19	192
June 17, 2018	\$ 12,827.00	179
June 24, 2018	\$ 5,743.10	186
July 1, 2018	\$ 7,062.75	151

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### Lawn Mowing Volunteers Needed...

Please help us keep our church grounds looking beautiful and welcoming. A weekly commitment is not required. Whatever time you can give would be greatly appreciated! **Lawnmower & gas provided by the church.** A volunteer signup sheet can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office, or contact the church office. *Thank you to those that have already volunteered, very much appreciated!* Any questions, please contact the church office.



### Spirit Newsletter Publication Schedule

**Publication Dates:** August 7, 2018  
September 4, 2018

*All articles are to be submitted by Thursday (prior to publication date).* Informational updates and announcements will be sent out as needed between publications.

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### Upcoming Guest Preaching Schedule

Thursday, July 5	Rev. Randy Kuss
Sunday, July 8	Rev. Jason-Paul Channels
Thursday, July 12	Marge Graham
Sunday, July 15	Marge Graham

**Official Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 10, 2018**  
**6:30 p.m. - Meet in B1**

*Please help those in need by  
bringing in food  
items to support  
St. John's Food Pantry*



### Church - Emergency on Call Contact

**Friday, July 6—July 8**  
**Randy Kuss 317-201-7095**

**Friday, July 13— Sunday, July 15**  
**Randy Kuss 317-201-7095**

**Friday, July 20—Sunday, July 22**  
**Marge Graham 317-313-5337**

**Friday, July 27 — Sunday, July 29**  
**Marge Graham 317-313-5337**

**Friday, August 3 — Sunday, August 5**  
**Scott Cox 502-316-3085**