

World Communion Sunday

On October 7th, congregations around the globe will celebrate World Communion. World Communion is a time for remembering that around the globe – in different languages, with different traditions and customs, in various forms of liturgy – the Lord’s Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom. At its best,

World Communion serves 2 purposes: it is both a joyous and meaningful partaking of Jesus’ sacred meal and should also be a mind-opening exposure to consider different Christian traditions from around the world.



Because we in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) practice weekly communion, World Communion can pass by with little fanfare. But because we are proud to be a church that cares about Christian unity, this shared ritual in early October becomes even more meaningful.

Jesus instituted the first communion meal. World Communion Sunday is a meaningful way that Christ calls us back together to celebrate the meal “in remembrance of me.”

Join us on Thursday, October 4th and Sunday, October 7th as we celebrate with brothers and sisters around the globe in grateful Thanksgiving of our shared belief in Jesus Christ. ~ Marge Graham, Minister of Music & Worship

Celebrating the Final Journey

On Thursday, November 1 and Sunday, November 4 Speedway Christian Church will be celebrating the lives of our members that have passed away over the past year. As part of those worship services, each of those persons will be named and remembered. This is a time in the church known as “All Saints Day”. Family members of these people have received a special note inviting them to attend our services that week.



Also, beginning in November, the church will offer to church members the opportunity to complete a Memorial/Funeral Planning form. The completed forms will be kept on file in the church office. Blank forms will be available on the welcome table (rear parking lot entrance) and in the church office.
~ Marge Graham

Welcome back Indianapolis Brass Choir!

Speedway Christian Church will host a free concert by the Indianapolis Brass Choir Sunday, October 7 at 4 p.m.

The Indianapolis Brass Choir made up of more than 30 professional musicians and serious amateurs who perform 10 to 12 concerts each year.



The last time the Indianapolis Brass Choir performed here, it was a benefit for our organ fund. This time a free-will offering will be collected to support the school “Backsack” program in Speedway. The backsack program sends food items home for the weekend with students who might not otherwise have enough to eat at home. Currently 84 Speedway students participate in the weekly food distribution. Speedway Christian Church has been an ongoing supporter of the backsack program with volunteers and monetary contributions. All members of the public are invited to attend the concert. Please invite your friends and neighbors!

Cropwalk 2018

The hunger and need never end!

Once again we have the opportunity to participate in the annual Crop Hunger Walk to raise funds to help provide food and clean water for people in parts of the world where these things are not a given, but a necessity that is often hard to come by, or not available in sufficient amounts. This program is particularly meaningful because it provides supplies to help people produce their own food, and wells which will mean a readily available and reliable water supply.

This year’s CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 21, at 1:00 pm, beginning at CTS. The purpose of the walk is both to encourage awareness of the desperate conditions of people throughout the world, and to raise money to help provide the resources they need.

There are several ways in which each of us can participate in this effort: 1) sign up to walk and raise money by asking friends and families to pledge to support us; 2) make a general donation, or give a donation in support of a specific walker; 3) volunteer to help on the day of the walk by registering walkers or giving directions and encouragement along the way.

For more information or to make a donation, please visit the CROP Hunger Walk table in the Hall of Light on October 14 & 21, go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/indianapolisin/Shoemaker>, or contact our church’s coordinators Roy and Becky Shoemaker at 317-297-4291.

Please keep in Prayer

LaVerne Crafton Liz Foster
George Mayo Jean Bush
Charlene Hoyt Jerri Fisher
Carolyn Fuller
Betty Jean Carter (Bill Carter's mother)
Karen Dobson (Gyneth Hedrick's sister)
Haddie Noblet (Marjorie Miskoweic's great-granddaughter)



Sympathy is extended to Bil & Linda Carter, upon the death of Bil's brother David Carter, who passed away on Thursday, September 20, 2018.



CWF Thank you

We thank everyone for supporting our bake sale. We hope all found something to take home and enjoy!



October 2018 Home-Bound Birthdays

Oct 6 Dorothy Dotlich
Oct 22 Frieda Rieke



Thinking Out Loud

In the sermon on Thursday, September 27, and Sunday, September 30, I shared a portion of my journey of faith. I did this with the hope that you would reflect on your own journey. It is good to do this from time to time. It will help us remember the ways in which God travels with us and the ways we have grown and continue to grow in our understanding of God's call on our lives.

Each of our journeys is unique, but there are many ways that our journeys are the same. Hopefully, one of these is that each of us recognizes the importance of love being central to our stories.

In the song "Seasons of Love" from the musical *Rent*, the cast sings of how we can measure the 525,000 minutes of our each year with love. I don't know if all of these minutes can be filled with love. We all fall short of this, but love can still be central to our journeys. As our story continues to unfold, may love be at the heart of our lives.

Here are some of the words of the beautiful song from *Rent*:

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear
Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure, measure a year?

In daylights, in sunsets
In midnights, in cups of coffee
In inches, in miles
In laughter, in strife

In five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure a year in the life?

How about love?
How about love?
How about love?
Measure in love
Seasons of love
Seasons of love



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



Baptism Celebration

We celebrated baptism into new life for Stephen Dietzer on Sunday, September 30, 2018.



The E.D.G.E.

Elders Delivering God's Encouragement

As a grandparent, I am sure I am not alone when I speak proudly of my grandchildren---this also includes their parents. When I see all four of them walking down the church aisle to collect the offering, and to serve communion my heart could just burst with pride. But mostly I count it as such a blessing that they see the importance of serving their church in this way.

I know what their schedule has been. I know that Saturday they had 26 bands they were hosting at their own Brownsburg High School and then they had to tear down everything and put tables away AFTER they did the last performance of the day at 9:30 pm that night. (Henry Yochum is included in this group). I'm sure they were grumbling about it this morning as they got ready for church, but they made it.

You never know what kind of an impact these things will have on your children. I was a minister's daughter, married a minister, had a family (uncles and cousins) of ministers, and somehow it never turned me against the church---some people turned against the church, but to me it was a real privilege.

My first job in nursing was a nursing position in a small mission hospital in New Mexico---a dream I had for many years. God calls us in many ways---who knows how it starts -- maybe in a class like Journey in Faith----I knew when I was three years old that I was going to be a nurse---a missionary nurse---don't ever under estimate the power of children's dreams---yes, even little ones. My mother verified this over and over again---I used to take care of everyone in the neighborhood even though younger than they---they would even come to me. Mother said I did a pretty good job.....???

Thank you God for giving us visions whether small or large and allowing us to pursue them with your strength and love.

Pauline Vermillion, Elder

Perpetual Fund, an Endowment Fund

Some people like the concept of an endowment fund, where their gift is combined with other gifts to grow over time.

In the early 1990s, the Official Board set up an endowment fund called the Perpetual Fund. Monies donated specifically to the Perpetual Fund are invested with the Christian Church Foundation.

Once a year, the accumulated earnings are then distributed to four specified groups within the church, namely: Capital Improvement Fund, Department of Membership and Evangelism, Department of World Outreach, and the operational budget.

Over the last approximately 30 years, the Perpetual Fund principal has grown to approximately \$93,000.

Question: Do I have to pass away in order to give money to the Perpetual Fund? No, the Perpetual Fund receives donations of any amount at any time.

For additional information about the Perpetual Fund, contact an officer of the Perpetual Fund: Michi Yochum, Fred Hoerger, or Ann Hammer or call the church office 317-244-7656.

The Nominating Committee is at Work

The Nominating Committee has begun their work of filling leadership positions in the church for 2019. If you receive a phone call from one of the members of the committee, please give prayerful consideration to the request to serve. Know that the committee takes their work seriously. They give thought and prayer to the process, and they see in the persons they contact gifts that the committee feels will help fulfill the mission of the church of ministering to each other and ministering to the world. If you say "Yes," you will find great joy in serving. Your church needs you!

*The storms of life
prove the
strength of our anchor.*



As a Reminder...Your Help Is Needed

If you are the last to leave a gathering, meeting, etc., please remember to make sure:

- **All exterior church doors are secured.**
- All interior lights are turned off.

Stewardship/Finance

2018 Approved Budget: \$497,289

2018 Required to Date (9/30/2018)..... \$ 372,966.75
(to meet approved budget)

2018 Received to Date (9/30/2018) \$ 344,456.37

2018 Year to Date (Shortfall as of 9/30/2018) \$ 28,510.38

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
September 9, 2018	\$ 3,989.00	101
September 16, 2018	\$ 12,232.00	202
September 23, 2018	\$ 3,839.00	175
September 30, 2018	\$ 6,678.20	199

Speedway Christian Church
5110 West 14th Street
Speedway, Indiana 46224

Elders Meeting
Sunday, October 7 @ 9:15 am
Fellowship Hall

All Elders—please plan to attend.

Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
6:30 p.m. - Meet in B1

Help those affected by Hurricane Florence

Hurricane Florence may now be a tropical depression, but it has already destroyed so much - and now is the time to help affected families get back to normal life.

So that's why we're reaching out. Your help is important right now, and without it, affected communities will have a harder time recovering. You can help through cwsglobal.org/florence



Donations can also be made to the church. Mark "Week of Compassion-Hurricane Florence" in the memo section. There are no administrative costs for designated gifts to Week of Compassion.

~ Church World Service & World Outreach

News from **G.I.D.A. Habitat**, Greater Indianapolis Disciples Assoc., is participating in an Interfaith Build **October 17 & October 18**. The anticipated construction will be exterior trim and siding. Sign-up link: indyhabitat.org/interfaith-build-info for other questions call 317-297-0521. Please leave name and number to be reached. ~ Linda Walthall



Lunch and Learn

Please **join us each Monday at noon 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.



Spirit Newsletter Publication Schedule

Publication Date: November 6, 2018

All articles are to be submitted by Thursday (prior to publication date).



Church - Emergency on Call Contact

Friday, October 12 — Sunday, October 14
Scott Cox 502-316-3085

Friday, October 19 — Sunday, October 21
Marge Graham 317-313-5337

Friday, October 26 — Sunday, October 28
Scott Cox 502-316-3085

Friday, November 2 — Sunday, November 4
Marge Graham 317-313-5337