



**Sunday, November 18, 2018**

- ◆ **One Worship Service @ 10:30 am**
- ◆ **Sunday School @ 9:30 am**
- ◆ **All Church Pitch-In Dinner @ Noon in Fellowship Hall**  
*(meat course provided by the church)*



***Crop Walk Thank You***

We want to thank everyone who participated in this year's Crop Hunger Walk from volunteers and walkers to office staff, and especially those who made contributions to this vital effort to provide sustainable sources of food, water, and other supplies for people across the world, and in our own city. We appreciate Art Vermillion's volunteering at the registration table at the beginning of the walk, and a big thank you to Wilma and Holly for helping with administrative details.



We are so grateful for the donations from church members, friends and others, which so far have raised \$1,615.82. It's still not too late to give! Simply put designated checks or cash in the offering plate, or turn into the church office. Thank you again, everyone!  
 Roy and Becky Shoemaker  
 Crop Hunger Walk Coordinators  
 Speedway Christian Church



*Be Thankful*

***Food Pantry Thanksgiving Distribution***

Speedway Christian Church and The Storehouse Food Pantry are providing clients with food items for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Cash donations can be made out to Speedway Christian Church with the notation "Food Pantry" in the memo section. Bread of Life church in Avon is providing a donation to cover the cost of turkeys. Our food ministry served over 180 client families in November of 2017.



~ Rich Hoerger, World Outreach

***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

In 2008, a wonderful ministry was born at our church. That was the year that Sandy Ridenour contacted me about beginning a prayer shawl ministry.

I was aware of the program because my brother had received a prayer shawl from a church that he and his family had attended while living in the Boston area. That shawl had served as a great comfort to him throughout his long battle with cancer. And it seemed for me to be the right time to write this article, as this week marks the one year anniversary of my brother's death.

Sandy, at that time, gave me a book entitled, *Knitting into the Mystery*. I learned from reading it that the shawl knitting ministry was created by two women, Vicky Galo & Janet Bristow while studying at Hartford Seminary. Ten women attended their first knitting circle in January 2000. By the end of January, the group had already begun to give away their first prayer shawls. The rest, as they say, is history.

Both in its inception on the East coast and for us in Speedway America, this ministry has touched folks and truly served as a blessing to so many. I am proud to brag on our local group and their dedication as we are now approaching the distribution of the 500th shawl that WE have completed and given away!

Each prayer shawl that is given by Speedway Christian Church has a charm and a written prayer attached. We have prayed many prayers for those receiving these gifts, and we have blessed each shawl in our worship services.

One of the prayers found in the book *Knitting into the Mystery* is my thankful prayer to those that have contributed to this ministry whether by knitting, buying yarn or praying for those whose lives we touch.

***Prayer for Comfort***

As you wrap yourself in this shawl of comfort...

May the Mother of Mercy

The Father of Faithfulness and

the Spirit of Compassion wrap you in their all-encompassing love this day.

May this shawl be

a shelter for time of overwhelming grief

a shade in times of sorrow too deep for words

a shield from times of unimaginable loss.

May you be comforted by the presence of those who love and support you by faith in the eternal Loving One by the memories of what you hold most dear. Amen.

~ In grateful thanks, Marge Graham

## Please keep in Prayer

Nathan Rossok      Jan Hoerger  
Charlene Hoyt      Sue Calvin  
Eleyse Chandler (wife of Nathan Rossok)



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## Our Sympathy to -

The family and friends of **LaVerne Crafton**. LaVerne passed away on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at the age of 103 years.

Jean Bush and family, upon the death of Jean's son **Mike Ferguson**, who passed away on October 12, 2018.



The family and friends of **Jeff Mackey**, Angela Holton's brother and Gunner and Leslie Condre's nephew, who passed away on Sunday, October 21, 2018.

Denny & Jodi Pelley and family upon the death of Jodi's mother **D. June Kress**, who passed away October 30, 2018. Services will be held on Monday, November 12 at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center, 425 Holt Road, Indianapolis. Visitation 11:00 am—1:00 pm, funeral following.



## November 2018 Home-Bound Birthdays

Nov 20      Bob Collins  
Nov 23      Nancy Seals



## Central Christian Church Food Pantry Drive

For many years now, during the month of November, the Christian Women's Fellowship have collected non-perishable food items for the Central Christian Church food pantry. Central Christian Church is located downtown at 701 N. Delaware St. They began in 1833 as the city's first Christian church congregation. Their pantry serves an average of 90 households each month. Food is such a basic need and one that is scarce to too many. So, we ask your help this month to help those less fortunate in another part of the city. The bin is located in the hallway just off of the parking lot entrance. Central Christian Church is always so appreciative. We thank you for your help. ~ Teresa Gorrell, CWF President

## Thinking Out Loud...

Occasionally I am asked for recommendations of books that might help us in our faith journey. I am always adding more to my list as I discover new treasures, but I mention just a few that are on my list now.

If you have heard me preach on a number of occasions, it may not surprise you that I also recommend Frederick Buechner's books (His last name is pronounced Beekner). I would begin with one of his autobiographies, *Telling Secrets*. Buechner has written two other autobiographies that deal with his earlier years. *Telling Secrets* deals a part of his adult years.

You might also want to pick up a copy of Buechner's *Peculiar Treasures: A Biblical Who's Who*. This book has brief thoughts on a number of people we encounter in the Bible. The reflections are insightful and often humorous.

Next, I suggest that you read Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*. This wonderful book helps us see God in the ordinary moments and events of our lives.

I believe that you will enjoy a devotional book that Joyce Rupp edited and to which she also contributed. It is titled *Fragments of Your Ancient Name*. It has brief reflections or prayers for each day of the year. These reflections and prayers are from a variety of religious traditions including Christianity.

If you consider yourself to be at the stage of midlife, I recommend *A Renewed Spirituality: Finding Fresh Paths at Midlife* by Lynne M. Babb. The book focuses on the challenges and joys of this stage of life. This book is spiritually rich.

If you are looking for a book that makes the Jesus of the first century come alive in the 21st century, you ought to read Marcus Borg's *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time: The Historical Jesus & the Heart of Contemporary Faith*.

In some ways Marcus Borg's book *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously but not Literally* does the same thing as *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, only this time Marcus Borg addresses the Bible as a whole. He bridges the gap between "then" (the various time periods in which each portion of the Bible was written) and "now" (the 21st century). This book is a little longer than the other books I suggest, but it is well worth the read. A good thing about the book is that it lends itself to being read at various sittings. You can read part of it and come back to it later without losing the continuity.

These are some of my suggestions. I hope that you will find this helpful. Reading is one of the ways that we grow in our relationship with God and each other. I encourage you to carve out time to read and reflect. I believe it will help you in your journey.

Scott



## The E.D.G.E.

### Elders Delivering God's Encouragement

**The Tapestry of Our Lives** - The beautiful colors in bright orange and yellow daylilies from summer have faded. We no longer see the raspberry colored geraniums in the flower pots on the porch. The sweet fragrance of the honeysuckle vine is only a memory now. Mother Nature ushers in the vivid colors of Fall! The leaves in several shades of red, orange and golden yellow catch our attention on a late afternoon walk. The pumpkins, gourds and Indian corn add another layer of color as we prepare for Winter.

A tapestry of many colors can relate to the events in our family life. Bright and happy times such as when our young people graduate from high school and college where they had many new experiences. They make plans for the future, soon enough they get married and have children of their own. Somewhere along the way we might experience darker times of disappointment and despair. Will things get better? Will the friend or family member recover from surgery or illness? Will we be able to cover unexpected expenses?

All of these experiences good and bad are woven into our lives for a reason. A time to reflect on the tapestry in our own lives that only God can weave. To keep our focus on God as he is the one who adds color to our lives according to his Master Plan. You might not understand why we go through difficult experiences. In time, we can realize that these times have helped to draw us closer to God and strengthens our own faith.

Thank you God for providing a variety of experiences that add color in our lives. Help us to realize that these experiences reveal your handiwork in our lives.

Georgia Stackhouse, Elder



## Look for a time and talent survey

Please look for an invitation to participate in a time and talent survey coming to Speedway Christian Church members and friends. It will arrive:

By email

In the electronic version of Spirit

A link on the church website

Paper copies available in the hall of lights

We'd like to know how church members and friends might be interested in volunteering their time and talents and what programs and missions are most important to them. It just takes a few minutes to fill out the survey. And there is absolutely no obligation. When you check a box, it means you are interested. It doesn't make you a committee chair or a Sunday school teacher! But someone may be in touch with you if your interests match up with a church opportunity.

Thanks for participating!

~ Marilyn Shank

Chi Rho and CYF kicked off on September 16 and participation has been strong. Thanks to those who have provided yummy snack suppers for the youth and sponsors: Rich & Jan Hoerger, David & Marilyn Shank, Bobbie Jones, Jeff Hammer, Susie Golden-Bishop & family, Associate Pastor team, Enerson & Salima families, McColgin's, Shoemakers and Christy Morris. And a special thanks to Alice McColgin for coordinating the schedules. There are several dates open in February - May, please contact Alice if you'd like to sign up.



On **November 11 and 18**, normal evening groups @ 5:45 pm. No evening groups on Sunday, **November 25**.

Looking ahead, the youth groups will host the Chili Cook-off on **December 9**. A sign up sheet and details to follow. Please contact sponsors with any questions.

**Do you need a baby fix?** Assistance is needed during the 10:15 service in the Crib & Toddler room on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. If willing to help please contact Michi Yochum email [michiyoalum@gmail.com](mailto:michiyoalum@gmail.com).

## News from The Storehouse Food Pantry

On October 12th volunteers from Speedway Christian Church assisted 3 mentally disabled persons from Noble Services who participated in a service project at the food pantry. These individuals helped pre-pack food for the Saturday distribution. We will repeat this service project November 9th with the possibility of 5 persons attending. If you are interested in helping, contact [worldoutreach@speedwaychristian.org](mailto:worldoutreach@speedwaychristian.org).



Thanks Be to God, World Outreach

## Spirit Newsletter Publication Schedule

**Publication Date: December 11, 2018**

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

## Stewardship/Finance

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

2018 Required to Date (11/4/2018).....	\$ 420,783.00
<i>(to meet approved budget)</i>	
2018 Received to Date (11/4/2018).....	\$ 390,297.68
2018 Year to Date (Shortfall as of 11/4/2018)	\$ 30,485.32

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
October 7, 2018	\$ 7,225.00	179
October 14, 2018	\$ 10,610.11	158
October 21, 2018	\$ 11,737.10	171
October 28, 2018	\$ 7,351.10	176
November 4, 2018	\$ 8,918.00	265

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

**Official Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**  
**6:30 p.m. - Meet in B1**

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

If you would like to order a poinsettia(s), please complete the below order form, return the completed form along with your check (payable to Speedway Christian Church) by Monday, November 19 - noon. Any questions, please contact the church office. *Extra order forms available in the Hall of Light.*

### **Order Form for Christmas Poinsettias**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of poinsettias

@ \$12.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total



**In Honor or In Memory (circle if applicable)**

of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Return the completed order form with payment to the church office by Monday, November 19, 2018 - noon.**

### **Upcoming Events at Speedway Christian Church**

- ◆ **Thursday, November 29**  
**1st Thursday of Advent**
- ◆ **Saturday, December 1**  
**9:00 – 11:00 am Hanging of the Greens**
- ◆ **Sunday, December 2**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**
- ◆ **Sunday, December 9**  
**4:00 pm All Church Advent Program, followed by Chili Cook-off.** *The chili cook-off is a youth ministry fundraiser.*

### **Hanging of the Greens**

Please join us on **Saturday, December 1 @ 9:00 am** to help decorate our church for the season of Advent and Christmas. We will be hanging wreaths, setting up and decorating trees, etc. **Help is especially needed in setting up the platform and manger in the sanctuary.** Please come help us get ready for our journey through Advent and Christmas. All are welcome!



### **Church - Emergency on Call Contact**

**Friday, November 9 — Sunday, November 11**  
**Scott Cox 502-316-3085**

**Friday, November 16 — Sunday, November 18**  
**Marge Graham 317-313-5337**

**Thursday, November 22 — Sunday, November 25**  
**Scott Cox 502-316-3085**

**Friday, November 30 — Sunday, December 2**  
**Marge Graham 317-313-5337**