

Thank You for Your Generosity!

I cannot express enough to the entire Speedway Christian Church congregation my gratitude for your generosity and Christmas spirit. Through your efforts and participation in the Christmas Giving Tree project, four Speedway families received an overwhelming amount of gifts to open on Christmas morning. The families were beyond grateful, and they truly had the love of Christ surrounding them as they carried their bags full of joy out the church doors. Thank you!

On a personal note, being new to the SCC staff and experiencing my first Advent season more directly involved with the church (other than just as an Opportunity Preschool teacher), I myself was absolutely overwhelmed by your participation in this worthwhile project and evident love for your community. As more and more beautifully-wrapped and adorned packages came into the church and were added to the collection piles, I never got tired of looking at the colorful and shimmery stacks of generosity each time I walked passed this space. Touching!

I would like to extend a special thank you to Amy DeLisle and Wilma Heller for setting up the tree, piecing together the ornaments, and helping to organize. It was quite a process this first time around! I welcome feedback from you regarding how to improve/streamline this project as we continue it in this manner next year. Please email me at hpolites@speedwaychristian.org, or call me in the church office on T/Th. Thank you once again for your generosity!

~ Holly Polites



Annual Giving Statements

2018 Annual Giving Statements will be available to be picked up in the Hall of Light, beginning Thursday, January 17, and Sunday, January 20, and also during the week in the church office. Please help us save postage cost by picking up your statement. Thank you for your continued support of Speedway Christian Church.

Pasta Donations for Second Helpings

During the month of January, CWF would like to ask your help collecting pasta for Second Helpings. Second Helpings rescues prepared and perishable food from wholesalers, retailers, and restaurants. That food is used to create 3,500 hot, nutritious meals each day to distribute to 70 social service agencies that feed people in need. Pasta is always needed to help in these prepared meals. The bin is located outside the sanctuary near the offices. We hope you will give generously to this food drive. Thank you.

~ Teresa Gorrell, CWF President

SCC World Outreach News

In December 2018, SCC World Outreach donated \$1,000 to Disciples Mission Fund/Week of Compassion. Several SCC members have worked in relief efforts directly supported by this Disciples of Christ agency and have witnessed how effective they are. Consider an individual donation by clicking on the rotating banner of the SCC web site.

In November the ladies of CWF/Christian Women's Fellowship collected food items for the food pantry located at Central Christian Church, Indianapolis. In support of that project, SCC World Outreach made a \$100 donation.

~ Rich Hoerger, World Outreach

Please keep in Prayer

Charlene Hoyt Sue Calvin Sue Moeller
Don Bosma
Betty Edmiston (Joe Edmiston's mother)



Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ann Beabout, who passed away on December 26, 2018.



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Thinking Out Loud...

Thomas Merton (January 31, 1915-December 10, 1968) was a United States Trappist monk, writer, theologian, mystic, poet, social activist, and scholar of comparative religion. As you can see from the above dates, Merton only lived 53 years, but his influence was widespread, and it continues to be primarily through his over 70 books and many other writings. One of my favorite prayers was written by Merton. You will find it below. I think that it is a good prayer with which to begin the new year.

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end,
nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right
road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore, will I trust you always though
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.
God's richest blessings in 2019,
Scott



*Please help those in need by
bringing in food
items to support
Community Food Pantry*



SCC Announcements & Upcoming Meetings

- ◆ **Elders meeting**—**Sunday, January 13 @ 9:15 am**, in Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Deacons meeting** on **Sunday, January 27**, at 9:15 am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Thanks to all who made Advent and Christmas good seasons. Thanks to those who provided leadership in worship, and thanks to those who decorated the church.
- ◆ Thanks to all who purchased Christmas gifts for our Christmas families. You helped to make four Speedway families have a happier Christmas.
- ◆ I have received feedback from some that the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve worship service was too long. I agree with this. I will make sure that this coming year's worship service won't go "overtime."—Scott
- ◆ Work on a new vision and mission statement will begin soon. If you have interest in being on the committee that will be heading up this important project, please let Jerry Walthall, our Moderator, know (317-297-0521; gandwalhall@sbcglobal.net); or let Scott Cox know (317-244-7656; scox@speedwaychristian.org).
- ◆ If you have not returned your **2019 Intention of Giving Card**, please return it to the church (5110 W. 14th Street, 46224), or drop it off at the church office.
Thank you for your commitment to Speedway Christian Church!

The Summer Day by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean the
one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and
down who
is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her
face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
With your one wild and precious life?

Thank you to Susan Pirtle, all the entrants, attendees and the youth and adult leaders who assisted with the Chili Cook-Off which raised \$367 for youth ministry. Chili vote results: 1st Dave & Jan Oeth; 2nd Mike Hitch; 3rd Darren Yochum – all were within \$1 votes of each other!



Unfortunately, the planned youth ski trip was canceled due to warm weather.

*January Snack Supper and Youth Groups: January 6, 13
and 27 regular meeting time
5:45 -7:30 pm.*

On **Sunday, February 3**, Chi Rho and CYF will collect canned goods and donations during the 8:15 am and 10:15 am services for the "Souper Bowl of Caring". *(There will be no evening groups on February 3).*

The E.D.G.E. Elders Delivering God's Encouragement

A new year is upon us. Like many people, I always enter a new year full of hope, excitement, and anticipation of what is to come. I enjoy reflecting back on the past year; the memories made, the laughter, the tears, the big and little moments that defined 365 days. I don't set resolutions, not really, but I do make plans and the past couple of years I have chosen a word to focus on for the upcoming year. This year I chose three words, one of them being INTENTION. Intention, to me, represents a commitment to planning ahead, being present, and being accountable for my actions. I love this word and the power it represents. I want to live the next 365 days intentionally, being the best possible version of myself. I want to be clear about where my treasure lies and only make commitments that fill that treasure box, I want to really show up when I do make commitments, to be fully present and engaged, and I want to own my triumphs and my failures, to embrace the journey, learn, and grow every day.

I have big plans for 2019, nothing tangible really, but lots of mental growth and a continued commitment to growing and living my faith. I want to be a Proverbs 31 woman, striving to embody wisdom in action, I want to "forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead" (Philippians 3:13). I want to be an example to my children "in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12). I know I will fail at times (probably many times) in my efforts to walk the talk and be more Disciple-like in my day to day interactions but I also truly believe Proverbs 16:3; "commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plan will succeed."

Happy New Year! We've got this, 2019.
Melanie Heaviland, Elder

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

Next Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
6:30 p.m. - Meet in B1



Missing Egg Plate...

I have misplaced my deviled egg plate that was there for one of the recent funeral dinners. If anyone has it, they can call me at 317-742-7738. Thanks so much.

~ Linda Stiff

Church - Emergency on Call Contact

Friday, January 11—Sunday, January 13
Scott Cox 502-316-3085

Friday, January 18—Monday, January 21
Marge Graham 317-313-5337

Friday, January 25 — Sunday, January 27
Scott Cox 502-316-3085

Friday, February 1 — Sunday, February 3
Marge Graham 317-313-5337

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.



Helping Others

Thank you to all who donate your blessings to the community food pantry. In 2018, we served 2,144 families which benefited 8,767 individual family members. This is 222 more families served than in 2017.



~ World Outreach

2019 Church Calendar

Please make sure the church office is notified of the dates and times for your event, meeting, etc. This will ensure that the office has an updated church calendar for the year.

We need to hear from all groups (old and new) confirming dates and times.

Please contact Holly at hpolites@speedwaychristian.org or Wilma at wheller@speedwaychristian.org or call the church office at 317-244-7656.

Spirit Newsletter Publication Schedule

Publication Date: February 12, 2019

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

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