



Celebrating New SCC Members

On Sunday, August 7, 2023 we welcomed
Barry & Elizabeth Morton
to Speedway Christian Church.

*Come home
to
Speedway Christian*

I'll Give You A Reason....

Much of the time when someone is asked to do something out of the norm, we ask why? We want a reason or explanation as to why we are being asked. Sometimes, we ask how the task will benefit them, and sometimes they may need to be persuaded. At times when you ask someone, they think "someone else will do it", without even hearing your reasons. Dear SCC family, Speedway Christian Church needs your help. We are looking for individuals to fill the open slots on the 2024 SCC Church Board. Prior experience is not needed. I have been board moderator for the past two years, and had no previous board experience. I definitely did not think I was qualified or really had time to take on the role of board moderator. However, I had been praying, asking God to show me His plans for me. When I was asked to be Moderator, my heart fluttered every time I thought about saying yes. God's spirit was moving me without words. SCC is in need of help for the 2024 board, please read over the below open slots. Please pray about it. Please ask questions before saying "this isn't for me". The board meets 4-6 times a year and Zoom is an option for attendance. Each place on the board is an important part of God's plan for the church to serve our community and our world.

Moderator - Serves as chairperson for the congregation. The Moderator leads the board meetings, attends all official meetings of SCC or Executive Committee, and is a non-voting member of church each committee and chair.

Vice Moderator - Assists the Moderator with board meetings. In Moderator's absence, steps in as needed. Vice Moderator assumes the role of Moderator role after serving as Vice Moderator.

Christian Education - Oversees church school programs, recruits and helps in training church school teachers.

Stewardship and Finance - Reviews and monitors the church budget, encourages giving, creates various ways of tithing (time, talent, money) opportunities for church.

World Outreach - Runs programs inside and outside of church (crop walk, WOWW, etc.), create new ways for SCC to help others near and far.

Personnel - Intermediary between official board and all paid staff. Conducts annual staff reviews of, staff salaries and paid benefits.

Property - Overall supervision of church building and equipment. Routine building maintenance inside and outside.

Youth Rep - Represents the youth voice of the church. Representative is usually a high school junior and regularly attends youth group meetings/activities. 1 year term.

Perpetual Fund Trustee - Helps in making financial decisions for the church and oversees the financial gifts from the congregation and special funds. 4 year term.

Whether you have served in the past, or have never done anything like this before, you are welcome to come and serve God's church. Contact Rev. Kyle, Laura Tice, Christy Morris or Heather Dietzer to give your "YES" or to ask questions. Reasons to step up and serve: 1) Your church needs you now! 2) God is always calling us to be apart of His Church. Ask God, what is Your plan for me? Rev. Kyle: khunter@speedwaychristian.org Laura Tice: ltice@danville.k12.in.us, Christy Morris: christymorris70@gmail.com Heather Dietzer: bumblebee50@gmail.com

Heather Dietzer, Board Moderator

An Unexpected Absence

Greetings church! First, thank you for the prayers and for your grace during my unexpected absence on September third, and thank you to Rev. Katie for taking such good care of worship! I am happy to say that outside of an uncomfortable period of time and a trip to the ER, I feel much better. As a precaution, I did undergo a CT scan that thankfully came back clear, mostly. The scan did show that I am the proud owner of a fatty liver and an enlarged spleen. Unfortunately, my dreams of being a star rugby player are no longer an option (not that I have ever played). It also means that I am strongly encouraged to eat a whole lot more greens and a lot less red meat. If you happen to see me grumble about a salad in my future, that is why.



The reality is change, no matter the type, is hard. In my experience, we seldom change unless it directly affects us, or someone that we love, and even then, it seems near impossible.

We see change all over the Bible. Abram to Abraham, Sarai to Sarah, Jacob to Israel. God's people go from the Garden of to Egypt, to the wilderness. From the wilderness they go to the promised land. Saul becomes Paul. Matthew turns from his tax collecting ways to being a disciple. There's Jonah and Zacchaeus. There is the period of judges and kings, of prophets and anointed ones.

Change is hard! But, here my friends, is the Good News of Jesus Christ. No matter the change, the challenge the wilderness place we might feel as though we are in, we are never alone! And together, we can make it through any season. The other part of this Good News is that change has been a part of God's intent and purposes for the world nearly from the very beginning. Friends, we are in good company.

Sometimes, change can even be a good thing. It opens up possibilities we never thought imaginable. Change can also have a funny way of encouraging us to reflect on what once was. I think, when we are invited to do this reflecting, we can come to a place of true appreciation. And that too, can be a real blessing.

Wont you join me in trying a salad or two, even if you hear an extra amount of grumbling from me? Wont you join me in the serving the church God so loves that God refuses to give up on? There is always a place at the table. That, my friends, will never change.

Thanks be to God.

Shalom,
Rev. Kyle

News and Updates from Reverend Katie

We will be going on an intergenerational mission trip this fall! October 15-19, we will be serving in Paducah, Kentucky, once again helping with tornado relief (from the storms that swept through the state December 2020). We will also be likely helping at their local food pantry, clothing bank, and community garden. Many thanks to our church family for all of your support and prayers.



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Youth Group Update: We have decided to lengthen our youth group meeting times by 15 minutes for each group. Here are the new times!

5:30–6:45pm – Chi-Rho (6-8 grades)

6:30-7:15pm – Dinner together

7:15-8:30pm – CYF (9-12 grades)

One of the highlights of youth group is our dinners together. We would be so very grateful if you could help provide one of our meals. We are also in need of more sponsors for youth group. Rev Katie plans the activities and discussions, so we are just looking for people who can help out during our meetings and perhaps participate in our discussions. If you are available to serve our youth in providing meals or as a sponsor, the week-to-week sign ups are available on our website at www.speedwaychristian.org. Christy Morris and Angie Dinwiddie have graciously volunteered to help with these efforts, so please see Christy about meals, Angie about helping out, and/or Rev. Katie with questions about either of these service opportunities.

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If you have college kids this year (or you are one of those college kids), please send Katie your address at school at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org. You have the prayers of your church family as you all make this big transition.

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Next Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
6:30pm

Thank you

For the last two years I've been blessed to serve at SCC as your Music Director and Organist. I never would have imagined finding this loving community and such wonderful colleagues at the height of the COVID pandemic, but I am so thankful God called me to Speedway when he did. I was not expecting my time at Speedway to end any time soon, but I was extended an opportunity by the music library at Indiana University last week that I could not refuse.



I began working in church at 14 years old, first as the music intern at my home congregation, then the organist, and then as an associate music director all through college. I followed this with three music director positions throughout graduate school, culminating with Speedway Christian Church. That's more than half my life. This will be the first time since I was a child that I won't be involved in music ministry. Thursday nights will feel especially empty without being in fellowship with the handbells and chancel choir. I know it will be an adjustment, but I am excited for this new opportunity, even as I face what life looks like without playing piano and organ every week.

My pastor in college always encouraged us to "pray how you can, not how you can't." Thank you for allowing me to share my prayers with y'all during preludes, postludes, choir anthems, and musical reflections over the past few years. It has been a joy and an honor to serve this congregation.

~ Travis Whaley

Please keep in Prayer

Joan Brown
Ken Weiss
Marilyn Cork
Betsy Enerson
Becky Parke

(Bob & Gayle Parke's daughter-in-law)

Tara Lees & Family

(friends of the Oldfather family)



Our Sympathy and Prayers to are extended to Keith & Reta Kaiser and family upon the passing of Keith's brother-in-law, *Charles Thompson*, who passed away on August 19, 2023.

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Edmiston & Dietzer families, upon the passing of John Dale Edmiston. Dearly loved son of Joe & Karen Edmiston and Beloved brother of Heather & Stephen Dietzer.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the beautiful cards that I received for my 98th birthday. I am blessed by so many caring friendships.



Fondly, Martha Bosma



You're invited...

to help kids at the Storehouse Food Pantry celebrate their birthday with a Birthday Bag!

Please bring in one or more of the following items:

Boxed cake mix (any flavor)

Icing (16 oz, any flavor)

Candles

Balloons

A small, gender-neutral gift

September WOWW Giving

Stewardship/Finance

August 2023

August 2023 Funds Received	\$	20,370
August 2023 Expenses	\$	30,637
August 2023 <i>Income less than expenses</i>	\$	(10,267)

2023 Year to Date (January—August)

2023 YTD Funds Received:	\$	276,212
2023 YTD Expenses:	\$	273,493
2023 YTD <i>Income greater than expenses</i>	\$	2,719

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The weeding and clean up of the church's flower beds is an endless job. Thank you to **Amy Ostrander** for taking time out of her busy schedule to tackle this enormous job!

After two days of pulling weeds and cleaning up, the area looks amazing! Thank you Amy for your dedication and love for Speedway Christian Church.

Collection Center Retirement

For several years Speedway Christian Church has had a collection center located outside the church office.

The cabinet was made by Bill Mummert, who was a long time member. The cabinet had separate areas for different items to be either recycled or collected. Batteries, soup labels, pop tabs and toiletries have all been collected. Unfortunately many of the programs no longer exist or are now done virtually. The church has decided to find a better home for this unique collection center. With Kathy Mummert's' blessing, the collection center will be donated to Fisher Elementary School, to be used in functional academics classes, for students that need a higher level of support. These classes are taught at Fisher Elementary by Tammi Gregory and Raychel Mummert (Kathy's daughter-in-law). The collection center will be an amazing tool to help students with sorting tasks.



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Tammi shared the following, "We are so thankful to the church for continuing to support us!" God has a plan for everything.

The church will continue to recycle batteries. The new location will be located underneath the coat rack inside the rear parking lot doors.

Opportunity Day Preschool students will continue to collect pop tabs for Riley Hospital, and will gladly accept yours too.

Heather Dietzer, Board Moderator

Helping our staff handle grief

Part of a minister's role is to comfort people in times of grief, which is not limited to the death of a loved one. Grief can be about your own health, job loss, divorce or other life changes. Then compound that with a pandemic where members of our congregation grieved all types of loss. Our ministers have provided comfort and reassurance for a wide variety of serious illnesses and tragic deaths.

In November 2022, Bob and Alice McColgin, Rev. Kyle Hunter, Rev. Katie Griffin and Heather Dietzer submitted a proposal to the JumpStart fund for an all-staff strategic planning meeting with Dr. Dan Moseley, author of the book, *Lose, Love, Live: The Spiritual Gifts of Loss and Change*, and a counselor on grief issues, to help our staff and congregation become aware of ways to navigate the changes in our lives in a post-pandemic world.

The grant request was immediately approved by the JumpStart grant committee, and meetings with Dr. Moseley began. Rev. Kyle and Rev. Katie wove the topic of grief into a Lenten Series. Several members of the congregation gave positive feedback to Rev. Kyle and Rev. Katie that the Lenten series on grieving loss was helpful. According to Rev. Kyle and Wilma, the staff really needed this opportunity to learn more about grieving.

A plan of action for going forward is forming. Rev. Kyle and Rev. Katie are considering hosting small-group grief sessions for members of the congregation and/or the greater community.

Rev. Kyle and Rev. Katie plan to have another session with Dan Moseley to reflect on what the SCC staff and congregation have learned about grieving and loss. They are also considering scheduling a series of small-group grief sessions and/or researching hosting nationally recognized programs such as GriefShare.org.