



Advent Devotionals & Materials

Advent devotionals and materials will be available in the Hall of Light beginning **Sunday, November 26**. We will have a number of advent materials available for all of our church family this year.

There will be activities for families as well as adult/youth devotional booklets. The theme this year is, **“Now in Flesh Appearing.”**

As we journey through this season of Advent together, you are invited to remember that the story of Advent is about God taking on a physical body like ours. As you wait with anticipation and prepare for baby Jesus to be born you are invited to discover the awesomeness of the incarnation and what it means for God to move, act and live among us.

Christmas Families

Our annual Christmas help to families within our Speedway schools community has started. The Christmas Giving “Ornaments” tree will be set up in the Hall of Light **beginning Sunday, November 26**. Each ornament will have a Christmas wish of a Speedway child.

All wrapped presents back at the church by Sunday, December 10.



If you would like to help by giving a monetary donation, please write “Giving Tree” in the memo of your check made payable to “Speedway Christian Church”. Rev. Katie will be shopping for several items that were on the children’s wish list, and wrap on your behalf.

Mitten and Hat Tree

New winter hats and gloves are being collected for our local school children. All sizes, colors and styles are needed. The mitten and hat Christmas tree is located at the parking lot entrance. **Donations will be collected through Sunday, November 26**, and will be given to our local schools.



~ Heather Dietzer, Moderator

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord

Psalm 100

Speedway Christian Church has a strong tradition of filling our sanctuary with beautiful and joyful music. We have a beautiful organ, and there are many people in our congregation who love to sing. We are in the process of finding a new Music Director, who will help us continue this tradition of song in our worship services

A Search Committee, chaired by Bill Carter, has been formed. This committee will look at our requirements for a Music Director/Organist. As they look for this staff member, they will advertise in nearby college campuses and in the general community. Many of our recent organists have come from Doctoral candidates in the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University.

In the interim, we still have music each Sunday for worship thanks to Joshua Ridenour. Joshua grew up at SCC and learned how to play the organ in our sanctuary. Josh has agreed to continue playing at least through Christmas. Joshua has also served as the organist while attending college in Texas. He has returned to Indiana and is now married and employed as an engineer. We are very appreciated of Joshua again sharing his talent with SCC.

Our Joyful Ringers hand bell choir is now being led by Bill Carter. This choir will play during Advent and at the Christmas Eve service. And, the Chancel Choir is being directed by Holly Cecil, who is an elementary music school teacher. The choir sings each Sunday at the 10:15 am service. We are so grateful for these folks who have volunteered so that we can continue making a joyful noise each Sunday.

There is plenty of room in the choir for any of you who love to sing. The choir rehearses every Thursday evening at 7:30. No need to reserve a place as there are lots of chairs available.

~ Sandy Hostrawser, Personnel Chair

Foster Children Program

We will be collecting toys for foster children in our community ages 0-12. If you would like to participate, please drop off a new, unwrapped gift at the church office.



Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray this article finds you well and in the midst of absolutely enjoying Fall! I am growing to love this time of the year, because I think this time helps me, and maybe you, get ready for what comes next... I know, I know, the cold and dark of winter will be here quickly. For those who may love this next time of the year, may you wait patiently for its arrival. For those who may hate this next time of the year, may it not be as bad as it could be.



But for all those who enjoy this Fall time, I hope you take a moment to experience all of the gifts of this season in its fullness. Rake some leaves up, and jump in them. Sit looking outside with your favorite warm beverage. Cheer on your favorite football team or catch some early season basketball. However you plan to enjoy this time, do yourself and favor and make sure that you do!

I also love that November is so often marked with the reminder and invitation to both be thankful for the blessings that in your life, and to express that gratitude in some form or fashion. List the things that you are thankful for. If social media is your thing, add a post or two about what brings you joy, or what you appreciate. Tell those you love, that you love them, even if they might not receive it in the way that you hope they will. And laugh. Find something that brings you joy, and laugh! Watch that silly movie for the billionth time, or watch Lucy pull the football out from underneath Charlie Brown, again.

And be sure when you sit down at that family or friends table on Thanksgiving Day, that you remember what a blessing it is. Be as present as you can be. Put down the devices (me included) and visit. Each opportunity to gather around a table with those that we love is a special and a holy moment infused with the grace and love of God. Now, I know that sometimes the meal doesn't go as planned. Sometimes the conversations can be a bit much. Sometimes you might not even want to be there. But at least try, because you never know who might not be at the table the next year.

Be thankful. Practice gratitude. Love to the best of your abilities. After all, that is exactly what Jesus would and does encourage us to do.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." – John 13:34

In this season, and in all of the seasons to come, may God continue to bless you and keep you.

Shalom, Rev. Kyle

News and Updates from Reverend Katie

Do your kids have an upcoming sports game, performance, or other extracurricular activity? Katie would love to come and support them! Please send your schedule to: kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.



Our youth will be sending care packages to all of our college students this fall in time for their final exams. In addition to the gifts from the church, we will also be including letters from church members to college students. You will have an opportunity to write letters November 26, December 3, and December 10. With these care packages, we hope our students will feel loved and prayed for as they enter this tough time in their semester. Please email Katie with the kid's address if you haven't already, kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.

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2023 Mission Trip — Paducah, KY



Looking Ahead to Advent

Sunday, November 26

- ◆ **One worship** service @ 9:15am
(no Sunday school classes)
- ◆ **Christmas Giving Tree in Hall of Light**

Saturday, December 2 8:00am—Noon
Hanging of the Greens (prep)

Sunday, December 3

Hanging of the Greens
(during 8:15 & 10:15am Worship services)

Sunday, December 10

Wrapped gifts for Christmas giving tree due.

Sunday, December 17

- ◆ **10:15am** Our Opportunity Day preschool students and their families are invited to join us for worship. All children will be invited to sing a few Christmas songs together during worship.
- ◆ **Chili Cook-Off** following 10:15am worship

Thursday, December 21

6:30pm we will gather for a **Blue Christmas service**.

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

One worship service @ 9:15am
(no Sunday school classes)

Christmas Eve Services

- ◆ **4:30pm - Family service.**
(All are encouraged to wear their pajamas).
- ◆ **8:00pm - Traditional candle light service.**

December 31- New Year's Eve

One worship service @ 9:15am
(no Sunday school classes)



Please keep in Prayer

Linda Edwards Judy Swisher
Barbara Hammer Jacki Pine Brad Baetsle
Joan Brown Betsy Enerson

Richard Chance (Marilyn Shank's father)
Becky Parke (Bob & Gayle Parke's daughter-in-law)
Charles Smith (brother of JoAnne Smith)
Suzanne Evans (friend of Georgia Stackhouse)



Dear SCC Family,

For all the prayers, cards, flowers, thoughts, kind words spoken, and to those that traveled to Rushville, we are so thankful. My father will be deeply missed.

~ Don, Wilma Heller and family

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study group meet **every other Monday at 7:00pm in the Bethany Room.**

A Zoom link is also available. Please contact Bob Parke at rparkeatt.net he will send the zoom link to you prior to starting the group study. Please join us!



Stewardship/Finance October 2023

October 2023 Funds Received	\$ 31,712
Funds transferred to cover expenses	\$ 628
October 2023 Expenses	\$ 40,167
October 2023 Income less than expenses	\$ (7,827)

2023 Year to Date (January—October)

2023 YTD Funds Received:	\$ 334,394
Funds transferred to cover expenses	\$ 44,011
2023 YTD Expenses:	\$ 388,895
2023 YTD Income less than expenses	\$ (10,490)

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2024 SCC Board & Committees

Moderator: Rev. Cheryl Kunkel
Vice-Moderator: **Open Position**
Secretary: Christy Morris
Treasurer: Rich Hoerger
Trustees: Chuck Bennett, Jason DeLisle, Bob Parke, Tom Smith
Christian Education: Angie Dinwiddie
Membership & Evangelism: Colton & Mackenzie Dosch
Stewardship & Finance: Chuck & Kim Bennett
World Outreach: Melanie Heaviland
Public Relations: Heather Dietzer
Personnel: Bob McColgin
Property: Don Heller
Worship & Fine Arts Co-Chairs: Laura Tice, Susie Bishop
IT Ministries: Allen Percy, Joe Edmiston
Senior Elder: **(will be filled January 2024)**
Elders: Holly Cecil, Leslie Condre, Joe Dickey, Stephen Dietzer, Ivan Fuller, Marge Graham, Bill Harting, Rose Hunter, Christy Morris, Allen Percy, Dick Schrock, Tom Smith, Laura Tice, Ray Tice
Senior Deacon Co-Chairs: Angie Smith, Amy DeLisle
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Perpetual Fund Trustee: Ann Hammer, Bill Harting, Dick Schrock
Youth Representative: Kalissa Jackson-Dietzer



*By volunteering,
you are not doing the church a favor,
you are saying yes,
to an opportunity to serve God.*

~ Rev. Katie Griffin

Ways to Help Others...

Georgia Stackhouse is in search of men's dress shirts or ladies blouses to make adult fabric protectors to donate to rehab and or hospice facilities. Please bring donations to the church. An example of the adult fabric protector is included in the attached photo.



Lunch & Learn

Please join us each Monday at noon in the Bethany Room, as we discuss the scripture for the following week's Worship sermon.



Next Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2023
6:30pm