

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write these words, there is an anxious now five year old awaiting to begin the celebration of her birth. October 14th marks the birthday of Lucile Mae Hunter and I am so very thankful for it. And yet, in the midst of the celebration, we are very much living into the reality of giving her enough space to find her own voice.

Friends, having done this on two other occasions, it feels like it is A LOT! I am sure that we went through this phase with Aubrey and Cody, but- my oh my with Lucy, it sure feels different for some reason. Now, for sure, I have no doubt that she will get it all figured out and that we will move on to the next phase of life. But, my word, when you are in the midst of it, it sure does seem like a lot.



Friends. Perhaps it is the season of life that I am in, but in some ways, I think it feels like we (the church) are in the same place that Lucy is in. We too, are trying to find our voice in the midst of an ever changing world around us. And while it might seem, at times, like the best thing to do is to just give up and let whatever happen, happen... I absolutely do not feel that is the course we are called to chart.

This last month during our board meeting, we made the bold move invest in our building so that we might continue to do the work that God has called us to do here on the corner of 14th and Winton. We will enter into the new year with an almost complete replacement of the Heating and Cooling system that supplies our building. Oh goodness, and change, we have all experienced and seen some change over these past years. We have tried to keep up the miles of bushes and shrubs that are outside (with special thanks to Don Heller). We have experienced, hosted and said good-bye to some beloved members of our congregation. And yet, I find myself, as I pray that you do, encouraged for the next season we get to share in ministry.

The holiday season is going to be filled with good cheer as we again find ourselves on the road to Bethlehem. We will continue to do well the work that God is calling us to do. We will weather whatever storms that come our way. For we have all that we need within our own community of faith!

Just as sure as I know that this season with Lucy will soon be a distant memory, I fully believe that SCC will find our way through this season and soon look back at it as an important and necessary time in the formation of who God is calling us to be. The work continues. See you in church.

Shalom,
Rev. Kyle

News and Updates from Reverend Katie

Youth group (both Chi-Rho and CYF) will be going to Beasley's Orchard on Sunday, October 20. We will be leaving church at 3:30pm and will return at 6:30pm for dinner. Youth group will conclude at 8:00pm. Please send \$15 and RSVP to Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org. We are also deeply in need of drivers. If you are able to volunteer, please send call, text, or email me at the above address.

We need some help from our church to make youth group a success, particularly folks who can help out with our youth during our time together and to provide meals. The expectation of sponsors is to simply engage with the kids (participating in activities/discussions, etc.) with the youth.

Katie will plan and lead all of the activities; we just need adults who will be present with the group. Click here for more information and a calendar: <https://www.bit.ly/2024sccyouth>.

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.

Looking into colleges? Please take a moment to consider our amazing Disciples Colleges and Universities around the country at Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, www.helmdisciples.org.

There are also quite a few scholarships available to those entering college through Disciples Home Missions (DMF) at <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/clergy/scholarships/> <https://helmdisciples.org/>. Higher Education and Leadership Ministries also has a wonderful leadership program for college students, <https://helmdisciples.org/leadership-programs/leadership-fellows/>.

Rev. Katie



SCC Directory

Updated SCC directories are available in the Hall of Light. Please take one per household.

Please let the church office know of any needed changes and/or additions.

Thank you.

Christmas (Music) is Coming!

On **Sunday, December 15** SCC will hold our Annual Chili Cook-Off after worship, but this year you will be in for a special holiday treat! Before lunch we will enjoy a Christmas Music Celebration presented by SCC children and adults. The children will present "Twas the Night Before Christmas," a short Christmas pageant that shares the Christmas story through carols and a fun script. We will also enjoy Christmas music provided by the instrumentalists of SCC. This is open to anyone who currently plays any instrument or to anyone who has played an instrument in the past and hasn't touched it for years. Get those instruments out of the closet, dust them off, and get your fingers or lips back in shape so you can be a part of this fun ensemble; all ages are welcome! More information will be forthcoming about rehearsal dates and times.



Blessings, Paula

Let's go on a quest

What?

- ◆ **quest** is a grant funded program of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana. The purpose of this program is to increase faith formation with families in the home setting. **quest** is a program that happens in conjunction with the local congregation.

Who?

- ◆ **quest** is designed for families with children ages 4 to 11.

When?

- ◆ Registration opens on **October 15th** and is open for 30 days.

Where?

- ◆ At home!
- ◆ A launch party will be held on a future date at church.

Why?

- ◆ Parents across the country have shared that they do not feel equipped to share the faith and faith principles with their children and have been asking for additional support. **quest** is set to help families to learn and grow in faith together



Cost?

- ◆ One time fee of **\$15 per child**

Please keep in Prayer

Travis Whaley, Joan Gossett,
Andrea Baetsle, Jane Moore
Hayes Desper (*great-grandson of Ann Oliver*)
Garry Pottenger (*Connie Pottenger's brother*)
Kim Clark (Verna King's sister)
Samantha Swan (Verna King's niece)
Becky Parke (Bob & Gayle Parke's daughter-in-law)

Sympathy and Prayers to,

**Bill and Linda Carter,
Chesney Carter and Jennifer Warfield,**
on the passing of Janet Hemmings on
September 29, 2024.

Marcia & Steve Hodges and family,
on the passing of Marcia's mother,
Delores Beeson, on October 6, 2024.

Christy Morris and family,
on the passing of Christy's aunt,
Carol Angel, on October 1, 2024.

Happy 90th Birthday!

Don Pirtle will turn 90 on November 1st. Please join Don and family to celebrate his special day.

Open House

Saturday, **November 2, 2024**

1:00—3:00pm

The Country Club of Indianapolis
2801 Country Club Road
Indianapolis, IN 46234

Cards may be sent to Don at:

8616 W. 10th Street, Apt. 324
Indianapolis, IN 46234



Stewardship/Finance September 2024

September 2024 Funds Received	\$	30,974
<i>Funds xferred to unbudgeted expenses</i>	\$	0
September 2024 Expenses	\$	34,157
September 2024 <i>Income less than exp.</i>	\$	(3,183)

2024 Year to Date (January—September)

2024 YTD Funds Received:	\$	313,435
<i>Funds xferred to unbudgeted expenses</i>	\$	9,232
2024 YTD Expenses:	\$	312,196
2024 YTD <i>Income greater than expenses</i>	\$	10,470

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



Beginning August 1 - mid November
Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 8 pm

The CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

We will watch an episode and then
discuss it the next week.
More information will be coming soon!

Speedway Christian Church Our Mission Statement

Believing that Jesus is the Christ,
Speedway Christian Church's mission is to
celebrate that God has given us unique gifts to
serve our congregation, our community
and the world.

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, inexpensive gender-neutral gift

October WOWW Giving

**Next Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
6:30pm**

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.***