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SPECIAL OFFERING 2025 February 16-23

As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, with a vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope.

WOWW Giving February – Wheeler Mission

We are collecting for the men & women's shelters:

- ~ Men's underwear (new & still in package, all sizes & styles)
- ~ Bottled water ~ Disposable plates, bowls, cutlery (forks, spoons, knives). ~ We are also collecting monetary donations for Wheeler Mission. Donations will help to support the Wheeler Mission bus ticket program.



Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to February! As I write these words, we are bracing for an additional round of winter storms. Seems as though old Punxsutawney Phil was right this time. I pray that you will find some warmth and that this storm will pass quickly without any lasting damage.



February is always a fun month in our household, because it is the month of Aubrey's birthday. This year she is celebrating turning 11 and the planning has been in full swing (for her at least). I know, because the other day, I found one of her planning notes...

The more years I experience this side of heaven, the more I appreciate planning. Not only does planning strive to remove a bit of the unknown, it also helps to chart a course for the future. As a church, we are in the midst of our annual planning process, too. Now we are not trying to choose what to eat, when to watch *Wicked* or just how late we can push bead time.... We are planning how best we can meet the goals we have set forth (our budget).

Here is the thing about planning for the church though, WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP. Without your pledge (G.I.F.T) card, we face lots of unknowns as we try and chart a course through 2025. We continue to have a wonderful opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. God entrusts us with so much. Let's continue to be faithful to God and let us, as we are able, contribute to the mission and ministry of the church that we love so very well. Peace be with you.

Shalom, Rev. Kyle

An Opportunity to Give

At Speedway High School, we have several immigrant students who have superior grades and a burning desire to change their economic status through higher education. Unfortunately, most of these same students have low family incomes, and the inability to take out student loans or receive federal or state FAFSA or Pell Grant funding. These students rely solely on two economic sources for college: their own personal income as a working teenager and the scholarship(s) they are awarded. Three years ago, SCC started supporting Speedway High School immigrant students with scholarships. In 2022, six students were gifted \$500. In 2023, eight students were gifted \$400. Last year, six students received \$750 in scholarships! Curious about the impact of these scholarships? Check back next month to hear the impact of these scholarships from an applicant. If you would like to donate, please put on your check memo or add to your mobile payment that the funds are for "SCC Scholarships". ~Thank you!

News and Updates from Reverend Katie

I know you all agree that Christian Education is critical to our faith and our relationship with God. And because we all agree on that, we have a responsibility to pitch in to ensure that, together, we all have the opportunity to

grow in our faith and learn more about what it means to be a follower of Christ. We have opportunities to serve every age group of the church, so please prayerfully consider where you would like to serve, so

we may continue to offer these critical ministries. Don't hesitate to contact those listed if you are at all interested.

Adult Sunday School: Sunday mornings at 10:30am in B1. You can plan the class or use a curriculum planned for you. You may also teach/lead the class as little as two weeks for as long as you like. Interested? Please contact Heather Dietzer at bumblebee50@gmail.com.

Youth Sunday School: Grades 4-12 at 10:30am in the youth room. Interested? Please contact Rev Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.

Children's Sunday School: Ages 4-grade 3 at 10:30am in room 207 We use a curriculum that is intended to require very little preparation on your part. The lesson plan includes a script and questions to use with the children, a video to play, and activities to do. Interested? Please contact Angie Dinwiddie at dinwiddiea@gmail.com.

Worship and Wonder: After the Children's moment in room 203 This is an opportunity for children to gather to worship God in a way that is both natural for them; to worship God in a way that God is experienced, not just learned about. They are able to ask big questions and wonder with one about our stories and how God is acting of them —enabling empathy and understanding. Worship and wonder is lead by storytellers who are trained in this special way of worship. Interested? Please contact Karen Edmiston at jeeandkle@att.net.

Little Explorers of Faith: Once a month, 2:00-4:00pm in the fellowship hall This is essentially an opportunity for kids to have a youth group type of experience for their age levels. Every meeting, we gather for a bible study, crafts, games, a snack, and fellowship time as we explore our faith together. No planning or leadership is required for these events — we just ask that you be present with the kids and help out. Interested? Please contact Rev Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org or sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/explorersscc

News and Updates from Reverend Katie cont.

Youth Group: Grades 6-12th grade, once a month in the youth room. We provide a safe, welcoming environment for teenagers to ask big questions, to learn, explore and grow, both with one another and individually. We gather for dinner, Bible studies, fellowship, at every meeting and often service opportunities. Those who volunteer are asked to simply be present with the youth – no planning or leadership is required.

Interested? Please contact Rev Katie at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org or sign up here: tinyurl.com/youthscc

Just volunteer once, for any of these groups, and I bet you will find that God is affirming not only just how lifegiving these programs are in the life of the church, but also that your relationship with God is growing in new and exciting ways alongside those you are serving. How will YOU respond with, "Here I Am, Lord" today?

Rev. Katie



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 *rlparkeatt.net* he will send the zoom link to you prior to starting the group study. Please join us!



Please keep in Prayer

Joe Edmiston Kim Clark (Verna King's sister) Samantha Swan (Verna King's niece)

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Sam Golden**, who passed away on Tuesday, January 27, 2025.

A Celebration of Life service was held on January 29, 2025 celebrating and remembering of the lives well lived by Sam & Barb Golden.



Dear Speedway Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the generosity that you have shown to our Wheeler families. It is such a blessing that our students have the support of the Speedway community.

We truly value our relationship. Thank you again for all of your help!

Ashley Doyle, Speedway—Wheeler Elementary



Matthew 2:11

G - Giving

I - Is

F - Faithful

T - Thanks/giving

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Stewardship/Finance—January 2025

January 2025 Funds Received \$ 29,928
Funds xferred to unbudgeted expenses \$ 3,218

January 2025 Expenses \$ 38,523 January 2025 \$ (5,377)

(expenses greater than income)

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Church Camp Registration is OPEN!

It is time to register for church camp! Check out the dates the below dates. To register, go to IndianaDisiciples.org and click on the camp tab. Each camp has it's own registration link. Click the "Register Here" to get started. Remember SCC pays half of the registration! Concerns about resources to pay for camp? Please see Rev. Katie or Rev. Kyle.

