



Are you feeling God's call?

We are entering into the nominating season here at the church. There are several opportunities to serve God, each other, and the church this year. A faithful group of folks have gathered and have began that important work. The prayer for **you** is that if someone reaches out to **you** that **you** might prayerfully consider saying yes. The work of the church is work that we are all called to do.



It takes all of **us** to participate in the mission and ministry of **our** church.

Town of Speedway's Trunk or Treat

When: Saturday, October 25, 2025
5:00—6:15pm

Where: Speedway High School Parking Lot

Speedway Christian Church will be participating in the event, passing out candy and information about our church.

Please help us by donating individually wrapped candy.

Donations are needed by Sunday, October 19.

Thank you!



*As we trust in God,
He directs our steps.*

Our Church, For Your Consideration

As we approach the change in season, we also approach some change in the life of Speedway Christian Church. This month begins the budget process as we look to the next calendar year. We would like to highlight a few things for your consideration about our current financial situation.

- Cash flow continues to be very tight. We will have to move some resources from savings to our operational account just to make it to year end.
- We are *out* of cost saving measures.
- We will have to start facing some hard realities for 2026
- Staff healthcare benefits are projected to increase
- The church office will continue to work closely with the Trustees

For example, we are even feeling the impact on our coffee and donut fellowship hour

- Donuts have increased in cost
- Donations to offset the cost of donuts have decreased
- Leaving a net deficit of about \$100/month

Prayers moving forward as we think strategically about the future God is calling us to.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have a confession to make to you all. This time of year I normally can not stand anything PUMPKIN. If pumpkin is your fall go-to experience, I will happily share ALL of mine with you! I think it has something to do with the fact that pumpkin *spiced* communion bread is a thing...



However, I will concede, that I do in fact LOVE watching *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*. Every year I wait with eager anticipation hoping with Linus that this will be the year that Great Pumpkin will show up. I am also very entertained by Snoopy's escapades as the World War I Flying Ace upon his Sopwith Camel. And if that isn't enough good old fashioned TV masterpiece, there is Lucy pulling the football away from Charlie Brown at the last moment, classic. I also love how Sally sits with Linus in the pumpkin patch as they wait, together. Of course, the tricks are not done as Charlie Brown continues to receive rock after rock while trick-or-treating. The crew eventually makes it to a party. Schroeder plays the piano. Meanwhile back at the pumpkin patch, Linus sees something in the distance, hoping that this year, his time has come.... Only to reveal that the figure is Snoopy, much to the frustration of Sally who leaves Linus' side in frustration for *wasting another* Halloween night. Lucy eventually heads to the pumpkin patch and carefully brings her brother home. The next day, Charlie and Linus reflect on the events of the prior night. Charlie thinks that Linus has finally come to his senses, only for Linus to double down about how the *Great Pumpkin* will *certainly* be there next year. *Good grief.*

What is it that you are looking forward to this particular season? What do you look for each year? It's okay if for some reason you find a way to enjoy pumpkin, however, there will not be pumpkin spiced communion bread this year.

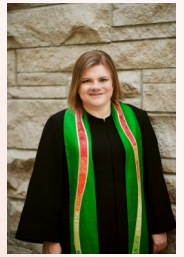
However you experience the change of the seasons, I pray you find a deep sense of hope and peace. I hope you experience moments of connection with those around you. I hope you experience a warm embrace on a chill fall day. I hope you seek out and find whatever it is that you need in this season, because we all need something to hope for.

Oh, and by the way, *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* will be streaming for free on **October 18 & 19** on Apple TV+. For what it is worth, you can also catch *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* on **November 15 & 16**, AND *A Charlie Brown Christmas* on **December 13 & 14**. All of which are being aired by Apple TV+, or at a Hunter family household near you.

Shalom, KH

News and Updates from Reverend Katie

I have designed and written four brochures for our church for you to share – one for the overall church, another for children's ministries, another for youth ministries, and another for Worship and Wonder. They are at both entrances to the sanctuary. Please grab them for a visitor or for someone you would like to invite to church!



I love getting to cheer you on outside of church! If you have a game, concert, play, or any other activity coming up, please let me know—I'd love to come support you. Just send me the details and I'll do my best to be there.

Our youth group is in NEED of a few caring adults who want to walk alongside our students – encouraging, listening, and helping to create a safe and welcoming space to grow in faith. I plan everything – ***I'm just asking that you show up and be present. Why not try it for a week?***

Another simple but meaningful way to support our youth is by ***providing a simple meal*** for our gatherings. Sharing food together helps build community and gives our students a chance to connect in deeper ways. Meals don't have to be fancy – pizza, sandwiches, or chicken fingers and tater tots are perfect!

If you feel called to sponsor or provide a meal, please reach out. A meal sign up sheet is also located in the Hall of Light. We would LOVE to have you join in this important ministry in the lives of our young people.

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/>

World Outreach News

Thank you for all the donations of cereal and laundry detergent for Sheltering Wings. Sheltering Wings much appreciated the donations especially since there will be construction going on in their building.

Thank you to Amy, Kyle, Alice, Chesney and Christy for walking in this year Crop Walk to raise awareness and funds for food insecurity around the world.

WOWW for October

We are collecting hats, gloves/mittens, and scarves for local kids in need

We are also collecting individually wrapped fun size or mini candy for the Town of Speedway Trunk or Treat. All candy needs to be dropped off at the church office by Sunday, October 19. We are also in need of volunteers to stay after church on Sunday, October 19 to assemble the candy bags for Trunk or Treat.

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Thanksgiving Volunteer Opportunities

The Storehouse Food Pantry, 5825 W. 30th Street

Sunday, November 2nd volunteers are needed to pre-pack food boxes. We will meet at The Storehouse Food Pantry at 5:00pm. Everyone is welcome, but kids in elementary school or younger must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent. Students in middle school or high school must have paper filled out and signed by a parent or guardian.

We will be packing 420 food boxes to be given away at the Thanksgiving Distribution. If interested in volunteering please sign up in the hall of lights. We do need a head count.

Saturday, November 8 - Thanksgiving Distribution

The Storehouse Food Pantry Volunteers are needed to push carts, help put boxes of food in people's trunks, direct traffic, and assisting with other various tasks. Volunteers are asked to meet at The Storehouse Food Pantry by 8:00am. If you can come earlier that would be awesome.

Wednesday, November 26 The Storehouse Food Pantry Regular Food Distribution

Volunteers need to meet at The Storehouse Food Pantry around 4:00pm. Volunteers will push carts, help put food boxes in people's trunks, and direct traffic, and other various tasks.

Amy Ostrander
World Outreach Chair

Please keep in Prayer

Jim Hollis, Julia Allen,
Mary Houldson, Gayle Parke,
Becky Parke (Bob & Gayle Parke's daughter-in-law)



Calling all children and youth

who like to perform! The Christmas play, "**Manger Tales**" will be presented on Sunday, December 7 before SCC's Chili Cook-off and all children and youth in grades

K – 8 are invited to participate. We've all heard the stories of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men, but what about the others who were there when Jesus was born? Manger Tales will introduce you to the



animals that were there, from the residents of the stable to visitors from afar. As each animal pays a visit to a TV talk show, we will see the Christmas story through their eyes and get a fresh perspective on the wonder of Christmas. Rehearsals will begin on Oct. 19 from 10:30 – 11:00am in the Choir Room. Parents are asked to come to the first rehearsal with their children. All are welcome and the more the merrier!

Blessings, Paula

Stewardship/Finance—September 2025

Sept 2025 Funds Received	\$	33,541
Funds xferred (unbudgeted expenses)	\$	3,750
Sept 2025 Expenses	\$	50,741
Sept 2025 (expenses greater than income)	\$	(13,451)

2025 Year to Date (January—September)

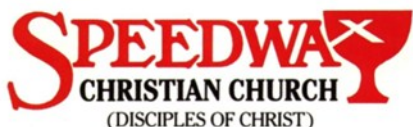
2025 YTD Funds Received:	\$	292,988
Funds xferred (unbudgeted expenses)	\$	90,042
2025 YTD Expenses:	\$	407,317
YTD (expenses greater than income)	\$	(24,287)

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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. Contact Bob Parke at rlparkeatt.net he will send the zoom link to you prior to starting the group study. Please join us!



G - Giving
I - Is
F - Faithful
T - Thanks/giving

Matthew 2:11

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.



CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN INDIANA

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Retreat

When: Saturday, November 15, 2025

Where: Bedford Camp &
Conference Center

Time: 9:00am--4:00pm EST

Cost: \$55 per person

www.IndianaDisciples.org



Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth
Disciples Home Missions:
Director of Disciples Men