

Baptisms of Journey in Faith Students

During worship on Sunday, April 12, 2026 the members of the 2025-2026 Journey in Faith class (taught by Melanie Heaviland), made their confessions of faith in front of the congregation and experienced the rite of baptism by immersion.

The students were introduced by their Journey in Faith mentors that included Dean Heaviland, Chuck Bennett, Angie Smith, Cale Bennett and Sarah Riester.

Rev. Kyle Hunter entered the water soon followed by each student. Declan Holmes lead the way followed by Axl Williamson, Owen Cecil, Ben Tice and Aubrey Hunter. Each were baptized "in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit," as families and friends witnessed this sacred ritual. These new members of Speedway Christian Church each received a stole with their name and date of their baptism. They listened to a message about the faith that we have inherited. They received communion, Finally, they were joyfully greeted by other church members, friends and family at the conclusion of the service.

The Journey in Faith program year was supplemented by sessions lead by Chuck Bennett on the history of the Disciples of Christ. Joey Heaviland graciously photographed the service and elder Alice McColgin lead worship. Here are a few photos of the glorious day as taken by Melanie Heaviland.



2026 JOURNEY IN FAITH Baptisms



Greetings Friends in Christ,

What a powerful couple of weeks we have experienced! From resurrection Sunday to this last week's baptisms, my goodness. I can't help but reflect on these last weeks and just smile. I am so very thankful for the ways that our church shows up. I am so very thankful for the community that we continue to build. And while I am sure that there will be challenges ahead, I know that with God and with each other we can face whatever situation is before us.



I want to reflect on two points that I am not sure you had a chance to catch during these last weeks. The first happened on Easter Sunday. Right before we were to hear the news of the empty tomb, the sun shone through the sanctuary almost as if it was scripted. I have had the opportunity to read and lead worship for several Easter services now, and that moment was absolutely breath taking.

The second thing I would like to lift up happened in connection with introducing the children to the waters of baptism before they witness this powerful act. We went on a bit of a field trip to see the baptismal waters. We chatted about *why* the waters move... Later that night, as we opened the cards that were given to Aubrey upon her baptism, her mentor Sarah Riester *also* mentioned the *movement* of the waters of baptism. Again, breath thanking!

I pray that you too will experience moments that take your breath away during this Easter season. Peace be with you, Rev. Kyle

World Outreach

Thank you for your generous donations of Easter Bags for the residents and staff at Morning Light's Abby Hunt Bryce Home. Tracy Percy and Amy Ostrander along with Kylee (the Hospitality Director at Morning Light) went door to door and personally delivered all our Easter Bags on Sunday, March 29th. We were able to visit with the residents and hear some of their stories. One lady was very excited to receive her Easter Bag. She said everything in her bag is what she needed. The staff at Morning Light also expressed their thanks for how generous we were to think of them.

Amy Ostrander, World Outreach Chair

Stewardship/Finance ***March 2026***

March 2026 Funds Received	\$	79,624
Funds transferred for unbudgeted exp.		2,758
March 2026 Operating Expenses		38,102
March 2026	\$	44,281

(Revenue greater than expenses)



Please keep in Prayer

Jerry Bolinger, Marilyn Cork,
Dorothy Webb, Gayle Parke,
Della Willmann (Christy Morris' mother)
Jackie Farris (Verna King's stepdaughter),
Stephanie Adams (Ann Hayes' niece)

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers
to Rick Richmond and family,
on the passing of **Betty Richmond**,
who passed away on April 8, 2026.

The Other Way: Lent 6 Holy Week

Palm Sunday

We began Holy Week Sunday, March 29 singing "All Glory Laud and Honor" to celebrate Palm Sunday. Members of the congregation processed waving palm branches, then laid them at the cross, commemorating Jesus's entry into Jerusalem on a humble donkey. The scripture readings and meditations from "The Way's" Lenten series cautioned of dangers to come.

The Joyful Ringers handbells provided the prelude and the anthem "Hosanna, Hosanna," combined the voices of children and adults to sing of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday evening April 2nd, our sanctuary hosted over 30 people from westside congregations who commemorated the final days of Jesus's life on earth with readings from our Lenten study, "The Way: from Table to Cross." The solemn service included hymns, prayers, communion and readings from the Gospel of John that described the arrest, trial and death of Jesus on the cross.

Easter Sunday's Celebration

Sunday morning's Easter worship hosted over 200 members and guests of Speedway Christian Church who celebrated Christ's victory over death. Music included a University of Indianapolis brass quartet, that accompanied the organ prelude, Easter hymns and the Chancel Choir's anthem.

Words of encouragement from the Psalms and Matthew's Gospel were the source of the morning's liturgy, prayers and Rev. Kyle Hunter's sermon, "Make Your Way."

Instead of an organ postlude the Chancel Choir invited the congregation to join in the singing of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus," accompanied on the organ by Paula Nichols, Director of Music, and the sanctuary was filled with Hallelujahs!

Immediately following the service families took pictures at the cross wrapped in white and surrounded by lilies at the front of the sanctuary, then headed to Fellowship Hall to enjoy the Membership & Evangelism Committee's Easter egg hunt. Thanks to Chairperson Christy Morris, daughter Sara and five members of the 2026 Journey in Faith class, there was lots of excitement and plenty of candy-filled eggs to take home. It was an Easter to remember and reflect on as we consider "The Way" of our own spiritual journeys.

"He is Risen, Indeed!"

Alice McColgin, Elder Chair

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IN THE WILDERNESS

CAMPS HOSTED AT BEDFORD CHRISTIAN CAMP

Intergenerational Camp	June 12-14	All Are Welcome
Explorers	June 15-20	completed grades 4 & 5
New Beginnings	June 22-24	completed grades 1-3
You & Me	June 25-27	Age 5+ w/ an adult
High School	June 29-July 4	completed grades 9-12
Middle School	July 6-11	complete grades 6-8
CROSS (sports)	July 13-18	completed grades 6-12
MAD (music, art, drama)	July 20-25	completed grades 6-12



Fees: 6-day camps: \$475; 3-day camps: \$275
 \$25 "early bird" discount if registered before May 1
 (Use code: EarlyBird to apply discount at registration)
 Visit indianadisciples.org to register
 Questions? Contact camp@indianadisciples.org

Church Camp!

Whether your child loves the outdoors, the arts, sports, or shared faith experiences, there's a camp waiting for them. Explore camp options or sign up at indianadisciples.org/camp, where you'll find registration links and details for each camp.

Early Bird Deadline is May 1

Registering before May 1 saves \$25 in registration fees. Remember, SCC covers 1/2 of the cost.

Scholarships are available for members of Disciples of Christ churches — please contact Rev. Kyle for the needed form.