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Did you know?

One of the key tenants of faith for members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the *priesthood of all believers*? Meaning that *sharing the Gospel in word and deed is the vocation of all Christians*. Within this framework, we acknowledge people who are *set apart* for ministry. Here are two ways that we do that:

Minister: This title is used in conjunction with doing the work of ministry on behalf of the church. Things like teaching, preaching, praying and leading. We use this title to signify that a person is *set apart* for the work of ministry. We use this term connected with Minister Gabrielle Davis as she works toward her *Master of Divinity* degree at Christian Theological Seminary.

Commissioned Minister: This title is for someone who has been set aside for ministry and has been granted *ministerial rights and privileges* connected to a specific location like a church or a non-profit organization.

Reverend: We use this title for those who have met certain requirement in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and hold credentials in other faith traditions. IN other words, this title communicates that the individual has received their *Master of Divinity* degree and has been *Ordained* in a faith tradition.

The **Crop Walk** was a success this year. Speedway Christian Church had a team of 11 people and raised \$885 as of Sunday, October 4th for CWS (Church World Service).

Team Members: Amy Ostrander, Rev. Kyle Hunter, Krista Hunter, Aubrey Hunter, Cody Hunter, Lucile Hunter, Brenda Williamson, Jeff Hammer, Bruce Steckler, Chesney Long, Christy Morris

CROP Hunger Walk



Learning to Trust, by Minister Gabrielle Black-Davis

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.”

This passage has been sitting with me for quite some time. As I have reflected on these words, I have come to realize something about myself: I often want understanding before I offer God my trust. I like knowing what comes next. I like having a plan. I like feeling as though I have some control over the outcome, even if that control is only an illusion. Yet this Scripture reminds us that trusting God is not dependent upon understanding everything God is doing. In fact, this proverb never tells us to understand first. It tells us to trust first. And if I am being truthful, that can be difficult.



There are seasons when life changes unexpectedly, when prayers seem unanswered, and when the plans we carefully created no longer resemble the lives we are living. There are moments when we carry questions that do not have immediate answers. It is often in those moments that we begin to discover what trust really means. Trust is not pretending everything is okay. Trust is not ignoring our questions or denying the reality of our circumstances. Trust is choosing to believe that God remains faithful, even when we cannot see where the road is leading.

I am learning that surrender does not mean having fewer questions. It means releasing the need to have every answer before taking the next faithful step. We want assurance before we move, clarity before we commit, and certainty before we release what we have been holding so tightly. But faith does not always provide us with a complete picture. Sometimes faith simply invites us to take the next step.

Perhaps you find yourself in a season of uncertainty. Maybe you are navigating a transition you never anticipated, grieving someone or something you thought would always be part of your life, or waiting for clarity about your health, family, finances, future, or a relationship. Whatever your circumstances may be, I want to offer this encouragement: God has not asked us to carry tomorrow. God invites us to trust God today. This does not mean tomorrow is unimportant or that we should neglect preparing for what lies ahead. Rather, we do not have to carry the weight of every unanswered question all at once.

We can plan while remaining open to God's direction. We can ask questions while continuing to trust. We can acknowledge our fears without allowing them to determine our next steps. And we can surrender without pretending surrender is easy. Learning to trust is not always a single moment of faith. Sometimes it is a daily decision to release our need for control and remember that our understanding is limited, but God's wisdom is not.

As you reflect on this passage, consider where you may be leaning more on your own understanding than trusting God. What burden or unanswered question have you been carrying? What might one faithful step look like in this season? There is no need to rush toward an answer. Sometimes the beginning of surrender is simply being honest with God about where we are.

My prayer is that God grants us wisdom when decisions are difficult, courage when the path ahead is unclear, comfort in seasons of grief, and peace while we wait. May we learn to trust God with all our hearts, knowing that even when we cannot see the entire journey, we do not walk alone. We may not understand everything, but we can continue learning to trust the One who walks with us through it all.

“Personnelly” Speaking

Update from the Personnel Committee

To continue our flexibility with staff and our church, we will be conducting Thursday night services on the following dates through the end of the year. It will be an every other Thursday rotation.

October 8 October 22 November 5
November 19 December 3 December 17

Any QUESTIONS/CONCERNS can be directed to Charles Bennett, Personnel Chair
Cell – 317-441-5678 E-Mail – cbennett@speedwayschools.net

Regular weekly Thursday night services will resume January 7, 2027.

Chuck Bennett, Personnel Chair

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.



Please keep in Prayer

Mike Hall (Joe Dickey's son-in-law)
Bill Hammel (Melanie Heaviland's father)
Hayes Desper (Ann Oliver's great-grandson)
Ken Weiss, Dorothy Webb,
Kim Clark (Verna King's sister)
Mark Wilkey (Ann Hayes' son)
Jackie Farris (Verna King's stepdaughter),
Stephanie Adams (Ann Hayes' niece)



HOPE

IT'S IN OUR BLOOD

Speedway Christian Church
Blood Drive

WHEN & WHERE

Sunday, October 18
12:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Bloodmobile
5110 W 14TH ST
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46224

*Blood
donation tips*



Eat a healthy meal &
drink plenty of water
before donating.



Wear a shirt with
short or easy-to-
roll sleeves.



Bring something to
pass the time (ex:
headphones or a book.)



◀ **Schedule your appointment**
Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome!

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Blood Center of Indiana

Stewardship/Finance—September 2026

Sept. 2026 Funds Received	\$	25,741
Funds transferred for unbudgeted exp.	\$	0
Sept. 2026 Operating Expenses	\$	34,195
Sept. 2026 (Revenue less than exp.)	\$	(8,454)

2026 Year to Date (January—September)

2026 YTD Funds Received:	\$	337,724
<i>Funds xferred (unbudgeted expenses)</i>	\$	47,777
2026 YTD Expenses:	\$	307,777
YTD (Revenue greater than expenses)	\$	77,723

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ from Rev. Kyle Hunter

You are invited! On **October 18**, following service, we will begin a new short study series called *We Call Ourselves Disciples*. This study will serve as a guide to living our faith within the tradition of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Written by Disciples pastors and scholars we will explore our diverse history, theology, worship, justice, mission, unity, polity and more! See you in **B1** as we begin the conversation.

World Outreach News

Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 24th Speedway High School 5 :00 - 6:15pm
World Outreach is participating in Trunk or Treat candy/fruit snacks needed please Candy/Fruit Snacks must be individually wrapped and turned into the church office by Sunday, October 18th.

Thanksgiving Pre Pack at The Storehouse Food Pantry Sunday, November 8th,
5:00-7:00pm. Volunteers are needed to fill around 400 food boxes to be given away to people in need during the Thanksgiving Storehouse Food Pantry Distribution.

The Storehouse Food Pantry Distributions

Wednesday, October 28th 3:30—6:00pm

Saturday, November 14th 8:30-11:00am (Thanksgiving Distribution)

October & November WOWW Giving **Supporting local school kids & Wheeler Mission**

~Hats, gloves/mittens & scarves

Kid & adult sizes

~Monetary Donations are appreciated!

Amy Ostrander, World Outreach Chair