



The Union Connection

July 10, 2022

Encourage humankind toward Christ-centered living
through loving, learning, listening, and leading.

The Union Connection is the weekly email newsletter of Union Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Franklin, Indiana; provided to our congregation, as well as to family and friends who are interested in knowing what is happening within the life of our congregation. Individuals can sign-up to receive this email or remove themselves from the distribution list, as they desire, by clicking the appropriate link at the bottom of this page.

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'Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.'

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Building Project Updates Coming Soon

I am going to use this space - normally **Ponderings by Pastor Parky** - to provide occasional updates from the Building Committee as to the progress of our overall improvement project.

There may be weeks, like this one, where there isn't anything significant to report but I want to make you aware of where you can find those updates as they are provided.



Serving Today, July 10th

Elders:

Joe Wells
John White

Deacons:

G - Susie Hayes
O - Carole Graham
C - Judy Wells



Sermon 7/10

You are my Son, the Beloved

Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Synopsis:

We first learn about baptism in the Bible from John the Baptizer. John preached a message of repentance from sin; symbolizing the cleansing power of being baptized by water to wash off the dust and dirt of the day for those around him.

Blessings!
Pastor Parky



If you know of anyone dealing with grief, even if they don't believe they are, tell them about this opportunity to help them through their grief.

To register for the group at Union Christian Church, click [HERE](#). We will be meeting on Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. until July 26th.



Greeting Card Ministry

If you enjoy sending cards to others, here is your chance to be a part of the ministry of this church. Below are names and addresses of individuals who would appreciate receiving a card from someone in the church:

Jill Lightle
1945 Crescent St.
Franklin, IN 46131

Barbara Mitchell
1282 W SR 252
Trafalgar, IN 46181

Pat Hogan/Ray Von Burg
295 Village Ln., Apt. 200
Greenwood, IN 46143

Nancy Hunt
Compass Park,

Alt - Mark Graham

Worship Leader:
Lori Sewell

**Serving Next Week,
July 17th**

Elders:
Becky Canary
Deb Stubbeman

Deacons:
G - Andy Duckworth
O - Marty Sewell
C - Lisa Wallace
Alt - Sandy Owens

Worship Leader:
Judy Wells



The Outreach Opportunity for July is Fast Track School Supplies

Fast Track Back to School is a program of United Way in Johnson Co. Let's do our best to help them prepare by bringing in more than they might even imagine. Some items of need are:

- backpacks**
- dry erase markers**
- colored pencils**
- glue sticks (no bottles)**
- folders**

See more details in the Narthex!

Special Announcement!

John's disciples, along with other followers, began to wonder if John was the long expected Messiah. John insisted that his baptism was merely by water and that one that was more powerful than he was coming soon. John said that he wasn't worthy of tying the sandals on the feet of this one and that Jesus would be baptizing with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Even Jesus made the intentional decision to go into the waters of the Jordan River to be baptized as an example of how we should respond to God's love and gift of salvation.

Pastor Mark

**Sermon Series
Baptize Them**



This Week's Calendar

Online [calendar](#)

Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship

Monday

6:30 p.m. - Ministry Teams meet

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study
No Bible Study on 7/19
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - GriefShare Group

GA 2350,
890 Freemason Parkway,
Franklin, IN 46131

Ellie Roberts
6805 N 500 E
North Vernon, IN 47265

Brenda Haler/Iva Shaw
1375 S. Center Ln.
Franklin, IN 46131

From Mother's Day through Father's Day, our outreach project was to fill baby bottles with loose change. There are still four bottles that have not been returned and that is OK. Whether your bottle is full of money or empty, will you please return it to the church and place it on the table in the Narthex.



Birthdays:

- 10 - Beth Horton
- 11 - Maddie MacPhee
- 12 - Mark Parkinson
- 15 - Hugh Dunn

Anniversaries:

News to watch for...



Links of Interest



July 11
Ministry Teams
meeting



Rhythmic Drum Healing

**4th Sunday of the month,
6:30p-7:30p
Jul 24, Aug 28, Sep 25
Union Christian Church
Outdoor Shelter
Free will offering accepted
Lead by Lori Meyers**

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[Disciples of Christ General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)

[Johnson County Indiana website](#)

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[Samaritan's Feet](#)

DW News

As of now, the Disciples Women do not have a planned meeting. Watch for news of something special later this month.



DM News

The Disciples' Men's group will meet on August 13 at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All men of the church are welcome and if you like, please bring a brother, a friend, or a neighbor.