



The Union Connection

November 20, 2022

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

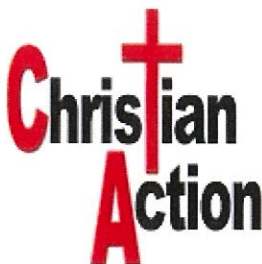
The Union Connection is the weekly email newsletter of Union Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Franklin, Indiana; provided to our congregation, as well as to family and friends who are interested in knowing what is happening within the life of our congregation. Individuals can sign-up to receive 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

Ministry Teams



Charlie Canary, Chair

**November Outreach
Opportunity**

The Outreach Opportunity
for November is the
collection of hats, socks,
mittens/gloves & etc. to be



Lori Sewell, Chair

The annual church
Christmas Party/Pitch-In
dinner will be held on
Sunday, Dec. 11th following
the worship service.

The Discipleship Ministry
team will begin holding a
monthly Linger Longer
again after the first of the



Karen Bauman, Chair

Advent through Christmas

Hanging of the Greens
service will be on Advent
Sunday, Nov. 27th in our
morning worship service.

used where they are most needed in the community.

Let's see if we can make a **BIG** push to get an abundance of needed items to help keep people warm this winter.



Building Project Updates

The installation of the AC/Heaters and the new high efficiency boiler system is complete. Beeson Mechanical is waiting on a computer board to finish the project.

We gathered quotes for work to the parking lot and for the audio-visual/live streaming equipment needed to greatly improve our online presence in worship. We are looking for ways to achieve improvements to the parking lot and sound system at an amount less than the initial quotes.

Stay tuned for further updates.

Blessings!
Pastor Parky



Greeting Card Ministry

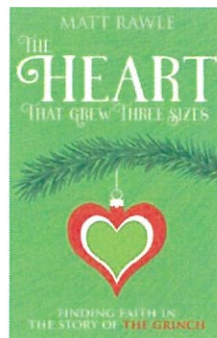
If you enjoy sending cards to others, here is your chance to be a part of the ministry of this church. Below are names and addresses of individuals

year.



Needed at church:

Fireplace tools for the shelter, i.e. the poker, tongs and brush set



Advent Book Study

Rev. Cheryl Russell will be hosting a Zoom book study over four weeks in Advent. You will need to purchase the book *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes* - available on Amazon.

They will be held on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday mornings.

If you would like to participate on Tuesday, you can simply come to church and join our group.

You can also join from home on Tuesday or Sunday, whichever best fits your schedule.

We will be doing some early decorating after church on Nov. 20th.

We are holding two **Christmas Eve** services this year. The early service will be at 5:00 p.m. and the late service is at 11:00 p.m. on Dec. 24th.

There will be **no Sunday school** Christmas Day, Dec. 25th.



Birthdays:

24 - Melody Davis

Anniversaries:

18 - Martha & J Compton



Sermon 11/20

Image of the Invisible God

Psalm 46:1-11
Colossians 1:11-20

Synopsis:

Paul writes this letter to the church in Colossae; where we find a congregation of fairly new believers who like most churches even today, were struggling with understanding their relationship to Jesus. They may have heard about the ministry of Jesus – some possibly seeing it first-hand – but most had not. Who was this man of God that they were supposed to be trying to emulate in their life?

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,
GA 2350,
890 Freemason Parkway,
Franklin, IN 46131

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



First Christmas Remembrance Memorial service

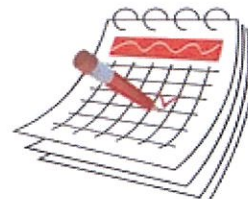
We will be holding a special service on December 14th at 6:30 p.m. for those in our community who have lost a child age 18 or under. This could have been through miscarriage, still birth or infant death or an older child.

Attending this service is a way we can support those in their loss.

Christ was with God from the beginning of creation. He was the invisible God until he came to earth in human form but scripture tells us that he was with God in the beginning; so, yes, he has been around a long time.

How do we follow and understand what Christ would say to us through the readings with God's Bible today? Our faith should be built on the bigger picture of how and why Christ came to earth to begin with. He came that we might believe.

Pastor Mark



This Week's Calendar

Online [calendar](#)



DW News

The next regular meeting of the Disciples Women will be on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

All ladies are invited and welcome!

Free Advertising!

When you see a post on the church Facebook page about an event or upcoming activity, please take a second to share it on your personal page.

Are **you** sharing our posts for others to

Serving Calendar



Serving November 20th

Elders:

Becky Canary
Deb Stubbeman

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Karen Bauman

Serving November 27th



DM News

see?



The deadline for information to be included in the bulletin or newsletter is on or before Thursday morning.

News to watch for...



Coming in December

- Advent Book Study
Disciples Women
Disciples Men
Christmas Party Pitch-In Dinner
UCC Board Meeting
First Christmas Remembrance Memorial service

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Elders:

- Joe Wells
John White

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Lori Sewell

Links of Interest



Union Christian website

Union Christian Facebook page

Union Christian YouTube Channel

Disciples of Christ in Indiana

Disciples of Christ General Church

Disciples Women

Disciples Men

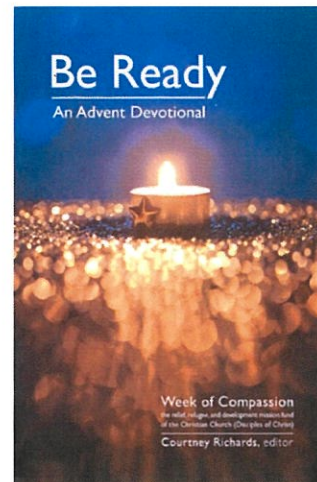
Johnson County Indiana website

About Franklin, Indiana

The next meeting of the Disciples Men will be on December 10th at 7:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Notice: The time has changed for this meeting.

All men of the church are welcome and if you like, please bring a brother, a friend, or a neighbor and come hungry.



Advent is Coming!

Devotional books are in the Narthex. The cost is \$5.00 each. Just place your payment in the offering.



Rhythmic Drum Healing

Sunday November 20th from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Union Christian Church in the Fellowship Hall.

This will be our last drum circle for this year.

Free will offering accepted Lead by Lori Meyers