



The Union Connection

November 27, 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 will be bringing to the next Board meeting, options for upgrades to the sound system/video streaming equipment.

We will hold off on improvements for the parking lot until early next spring.

Stay tuned for further updates.

Blessings!
Pastor Parky



Greeting Card Ministry

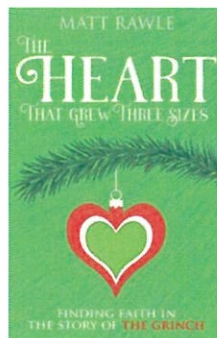
If you enjoy sending cards to others, here is your chance to be a part of the ministry of this church. Below are names and addresses of individuals who would appreciate receiving a card from

year.

Wish List!

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.



You are welcome to bring in a Poinsettia to place on the Chancel in honor or memory of a loved one.



Birthdays:
27 - John White

Anniversaries:



Sermon 11/27

Not in Quarreling and Jealousy

Psalm 122:1-9
Romans 13:11-14

Synopsis:

Paul was convinced that

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 would return for His Second Coming before the end of Paul's lifetime. As he writes to the church in Rome, Paul is reminding believers there that the Day of Salvation is close at hand.

He wants believers everywhere, not just in Rome, to be ready for the coming of that day. He is encouraging them to put away earthly desires and bad habits to prepare their hearts for Christ's return.

Just as we are entering into the season of Advent, a time when we ourselves must prepare our hearts for the celebration of the first coming of Jesus, we see the importance of those preparations.

Pastor Mark



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 see?

Serving Calendar



Serving November 27th

Elders:

Joe Wells
John White

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Lori Sewell

Serving December 4th



This Week's Calendar

Online [calendar](#)

Sunday

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

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Advent Book Study on Zoom

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. -
Bible Study on Books of the Torah

Elders:

A Special Wednesday Chapel
LAS POSADAS

Christian Theological Seminary will be holding their last chapel service of the semester on Wednesday, December 7th at 11:30 a.m.

The service will present a Las Posadas, which means "The Inns," is a traditional Advent/Christmas celebration in Latin America, particularly Mexico, and among many Mexican Americans.

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

Becky Canary
Joe Wells

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Terrie Ferguson

Links of Interest



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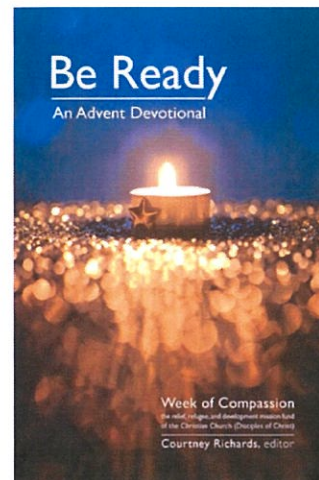


DM News

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.

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