



The Union Connection

December 4, 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

**December Outreach
Opportunity**

The Outreach Opportunity



Lori Sewell, Chair

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



Karen Bauman, Chair

Advent through Christmas

for December is our participation in the Angel Tree program to help the needy in our community.



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

Discipleship and Spiritual Life Ministry teams.

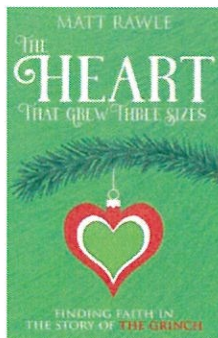
We could use some volunteers to stay after church this Sunday, 12/4, to help decorate the fellowship hall for next week.

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

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:
8 - Amber Wheeler

Anniversaries:



Sermon 12/4

The Chaff He Will Burn

**Isaiah 11:1-10
Matthew 3:1-12**

Synopsis:

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

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.

John the Baptizer came from the wilderness to baptize a message of repentance and to proclaim the coming of Jesus. Not the coming of Jesus into the world but the coming of Jesus into his ministry throughout Galilee. Just as many preachers today proclaim that Christ might return very soon, there were most likely many Jewish teachers who would say that Messiah was coming soon; not knowing what John knew.

But when some of the 'teachers of the Law' came out to repent, John was physically and emotionally upset because of their presence. It wasn't that he didn't want to be around them, but it was that he must not have wanted them to receive the forgiveness of God through baptism.

Are there individuals in our lives that we believe won't receive salvation. Do we want them to remain unsaved or do we do our best to bring them into the baptism of forgiveness and salvation?

Pastor Mark



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.

Serving Calendar



Serving December 4th

Elders:
Becky Canary



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.

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



This Week's Calendar

Online [calendar](#)

Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

posts for others to see?



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

Joe Wells

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Terrie Ferguson

Serving December 11th

Elders:

- Deb Stubbeman
John White

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Ellen Paris

Links of Interest



Union Christian website

Union Christian Facebook page

Union Christian YouTube Channel

Disciples of Christ in Indiana

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Las Posadas Worship service at Christian Theological Seminary

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

Thursday

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Disciples Women's meeting

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Disciples Men's meeting



DM News

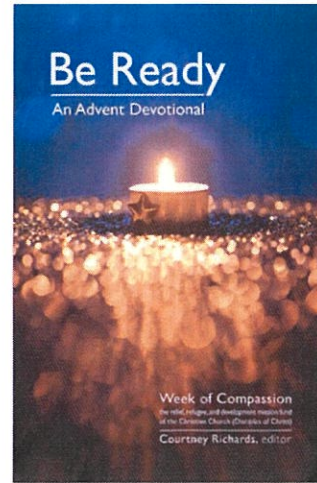
The next meeting of the Disciples Men will be on December 10th at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Notice: The time has been reset to our normal date and time for this meeting.

All men of the church are welcome and come hungry.

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