



The Union Connection

December 11, 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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at the Church Office or by email to lorisewellucc@gmail.com.

'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 is **TODAY**, Sunday,
Dec. 11th following the
worship service; sponsored
by the Discipleship and



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

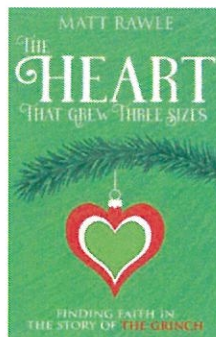
Spiritual Life Ministry teams.

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.

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

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.

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?



Sermon 12/11

Dressed in Soft Robes

Psalm 146:5-10

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, this Wednesday evening, 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 December 11th

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman
John White

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Ellen Paris

Serving December 18th

Elders:

Becky Canary
Joe Wells

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Cliff Ronk

Matthew 11:2-11

Synopsis:

If you go to a tractor pull, you expect to see tractors pulling weighted sleds. If you go to a movie theatre, you expect to see a movie. When you go to church, do you expect to see God? While John the Baptizer was in prison, he sent some of his disciples to Jesus with this question: "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus sent them back to John with this answer: "Go and tell John what you hear and see..."

When John's disciples had departed, Jesus began to speak to the crowds that were around him saying, "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? (Did you expect to see) a reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? (Did you expect to see) someone dressed in soft robes?"

I wonder if anyone in the crowd had the thought while stand near to Jesus, "What did I come here to see? Did I expect to see the Messiah?" If only they knew who was speaking to them.

Pastor Mark



This Week's Calendar

Online [calendar](#)

Links of Interest



DW News

Holiday Gathering!

Disciples Women will gather at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17th at Bob Evans in Franklin to enjoy breakfast and fellowship together as we celebrate the season! If there is a possibility that you might join us, **please sign up** in the narthex.

All ladies are welcome!

The next **regular** meeting of the Disciples Women will be



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[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)

[Johnson County](#)

Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship
11:30 a.m. - Christmas Party

Monday

6:30 p.m. - Board Meeting

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. - First Christmas Remembrance Memorial Service