



## **The Union Connection**

December 25, 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

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# **Merry Christmas!!!!**

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## **Ministry Teams**

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Lori Sewell, Chair

The Discipleship Ministry



### Charlie Canary, Chair

All Christmas Angel items have been delivered. All were very appreciative.

Thank you to all that participated to help these folks have a merrier Christmas!

**Merry Christmas**  
from the Christian Action  
Ministry Team!

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### 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.

The church Board has voted to accept the recommendation of the Building Project Committee to enter into a contract with Force Technology Solutions for the purchase and installation of new audio/video/live streaming equipment. When we know more about the timing of the installation, we will make that information available.

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

Stay tuned for further updates.

Blessings!  
*Pastor Parky*

Team will be looking at new ways to serve in the coming year and would like to wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas**. Thanks for your help this past year.

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### Needed at church:

The fireplace tools for the shelter have been donated.  
**Thank You!!**

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Serving  
Calendar



**Serving  
December 25th**

### Elders:

Deb Stubbeman  
John White

### Deacons:

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

### Worship Leader:

Donna Wisehart

### Karen Bauman, Chair

There will be **NO Sunday school** Christmas Day, Dec. 25th. **Merry Christmas** to all.

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### Birthdays:

### Anniversaries:

31 - Jill & Allen Whitehurst

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### Sermon 12/25

### And So It Begins

Hebrews 1:1-12  
John 1:1-14

### Synopsis:

I would venture a guess that most of us consider Christ's birth in that stable or cave – whichever it was – to have taken place at night. We are told in Luke 2:8-9, "In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified."

Yet, on Christmas Day, we will celebrate the newborn King during Sunday





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

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



### DW News

The next regular meeting of the Disciples Women will be on Thursday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the

### Serving January 1st

#### Elders:

John White  
Joe Wells

#### Deacons:

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

#### Worship Leader:

**Worship Leader  
Needed**

### Links of Interest



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[Disciples Men](#)

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morning worship. Is he already born? Was he born on December 24th? Scholars would say that he wasn't even born in December. The exact day of his birth isn't the important part of the Christmas story. The fact that he was born as a tiny baby – a human – is what we are celebrating.

Whenever it was that it actually took place – that was the beginning of the Reign of Christ the King. To Him be all glory, honor, and praise!

Pastor Mark



### This Week's Calendar

Online [calendar](#)

#### Sunday

**No Sunday School**  
10:30 a.m. - Worship

#### Saturday

New Years Eve



### DM News

The next meeting of the Disciples Men will be on February 11th at 8:00 a.m.

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  
posts for others to  
see?

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### **News to watch for...**



### **Coming in January**

Sermon Series on  
S.H.A.P.E.

Ministry Team  
meetings

DW meeting

in the fellowship hall.

All men of the church are  
welcome and come hungry.

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