



## **The Union Connection**

January 8, 2023

**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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## **Epiphany Sunday**

### **Ministry Teams**

**All ministry teams will meet on  
Monday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m.**

**If you are interested in serving on a Ministry Team,  
please feel free to attend Monday's meeting.**

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**Charlie Canary, Chair**

Looking forward to serving God through serving you; from the Christian Action Ministry Team!



**Building Project Updates**

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. We are waiting for Force Tech to schedule the installation.

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



**Lori Sewell, Chair**

Please watch bulletins and the newsletter for upcoming events sponsored by the Discipleship Ministry Team in the coming months.

We are working to engage the congregation in fellowship and comradery. If you have suggestions of activities, please let us know.

Our current ministry team consists of chairperson: Lori Sewell and members: Susie Hayes, David Bauman, John White, and Lisa Wallace.



**Needed at church:**

We could use several packs of AA batteries to have in the church for remote controllers; along with some 9v batteries for smoke detectors, if you happen to see them at the store and would like to purchase a package or two. Thanks, in advance!



**Karen Bauman, Chair**

We are hopeful for your spiritual growth this coming year from the Spiritual Life Ministry Team!

We look forward to worshipping together as the family of God in 2023.

Please join us for our "SHAPE" Sermon series in January as we work toward being faithfully fit!



**Sermon 1/8  
Sermon Series on  
S.H.A.P.E.**

**Heart (or Passion)**

**Psalm 51:6-12  
Matthew 6:19-21, 24**

**Synopsis:**

We are continuing with Pastor Rick Warren's abilities assessment tool to utilize the acronym S.H.A.P.E.; used to designate Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality and Experience.

This week, we look at Heart (or Passion). What is your passion; especially in serving God through serving in the church? There are many things that we may

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

Barbara Smith  
1122 S Nineveh Road  
Franklin, IN 46131

Hugh Dunn  
75 S Milford Drive  
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 Fellowship Hall.

All ladies are invited and welcome!



### Serving January 8th

#### Elders:

Becky Canary  
Deb Stubbeman

#### Deacons:

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

#### Worship Leader:

Lori Sewell

### Serving January 15th

#### Elders:

John White  
Joe Wells

#### Deacons:

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

#### Worship Leader:

Ellen Paris

#### Links of Interest

enjoy but enjoyment shouldn't be our main goal. We should strive to glorify God, no matter the cost, even if it isn't always enjoyable.

Where does your heart go to be fulfilled? Do you have a passion for ministry within our church, within our community or even beyond. How might you serve God this year through the desires of your heart?

Pastor Mark



#### Birthdays:

#### Anniversaries:

2023 JANUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

**Visit This Week's  
Calendar Online**  
[click here](#)

#### Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Sunday  
school

10:30 a.m. - Worship

#### Monday

6:30 p.m. - Ministry  
Teams meet

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**News to watch for...**



**Coming in January**

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

(More info [HERE](#))

Ministry Team  
meetings

DW meeting

**Coming in February**

Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake dinner

Ash Wednesday  
service



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**Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
- Bible Study  
(For more info  
click [HERE](#))

**Thursday**

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
- DW meeting



**DM News**

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

All men of the church are  
welcome and come hungry.

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