



## The Union Connection

February 19, 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

## Ministry Teams



Charlie Canary, Chair

**Baby Bottles are here!**  
This year's  
Baby Bottle campaign for



Lori Sewell, Chair

The Discipleship Ministry Team will work with the Christian Action Ministry Team on a Soup pitch-in on Sunday, February 26th - focusing on Week of



Karen Bauman, Chair

The Spiritual Life Ministry will be looking for ways to

Clarity Cares of Johnson County begins this week and will run through Lent. We are asking you to "Give up your loose change for Lent."

Please sign out a bottle to fill with your change.



You will also hear information about Forty Days - Forty Items coming in the near future.

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



The **Special Offerings** for **Week of Compassion** will be received today and on February 26th.

Watch for more information in the Narthex.



**Building Project Updates**

Compassion.

Watch for more information about plans for "Dinner & a Movie" on Friday March 24th at 6:00 p.m.

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



### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Join us from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21st in the fellowship hall to enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship and pancakes!



### Needed at church:

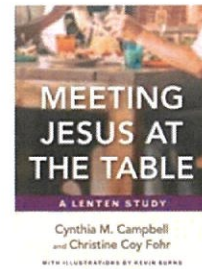
We could use several packs of AA batteries to have in the church for remote controllers; along with some 9v batteries for smoke detectors, if you happen to see them at the store and would like to purchase a package or two. Thanks, in advance!

engage the congregation in ways that lead to spiritual growth; individually or corporately within the church.

We are working to develop a theme for the next sermon series to be presented by Pastor Parky.



We hope you will join us for our Ash Wednesday **Imposition of Ashes** worship service that begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22nd.



### 2023 Lenten Book Study

Our Regional Minister, Rev. Rick Spleth, will be leading a Lenten Book Study beginning on Monday, February 27th at 4:00 p.m. for six weeks via Zoom.

The study will use the book *Meeting Jesus at the Table* by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr.

The church will host a Zoom location for those who would like to participate. You will be responsible for obtaining a book.

(NOTE: Cokesbury was

We have scheduled the installation of our live stream/audio visual equipment upgrade with Force Tech for Monday, February 27th. If you are interested in being a part of the Technology team for the church, let us know.

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 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



### Serving February 19th

#### Elders:

Becky Canary  
Joe Wells

#### Deacons:

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

#### Worship Leader:

Paul Lightle

### Serving February 26th

#### Elders:

Deb Stubbeman  
John White

#### Deacons:

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

#### Worship Leader:

Karen Bauman

### Links of Interest

cheaper and quicker.)



### Sermon 2/19

#### Wait Here

Exodus 24:12-18  
Matthew 17:1-9

#### Synopsis:

In the Exodus reading, God tells Moses to "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there." In return, before Moses heads up the mountain to meet with God, he tells the elders, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again." It seems to be a message from God to "wait, until it is the right time for God."

In Matthew, we see where "Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves." He didn't tell them to wait but he did tell them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Another situation of waiting, no doubt.

Do we wait for God's guidance when we seek his will for our lives? It is difficult not to want to run out and tell everyone when we believe we get an answer from God but that may not be what he wants us to do. Patience is a virtue that is hard to understand. When you ask for God to help you through a tough situation, wait here until he answers.

Pastor Mark

Franklin, IN 46131

Hugh Dunn  
75 S Milford Drive  
Franklin, IN 46131



**News to watch for...**



**Coming in February**

Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake dinner

Ash Wednesday  
service

**Coming in March**

GriefShare support  
group

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**Birthdays:**

20 - Sandie Bisson

21 - Iva Shaw

**Anniversaries:**



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GriefShare Support Group  
coming in March.  
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up, click [HERE](#).

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**DM News**

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

All men of the church are  
welcome at our bi-monthly  
meeting and come hungry.



**Sunday**

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

**Tuesday**

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
- Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Dinner

**Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. -  
Ash Wednesday  
Imposition of Ashes  
service

No Bible Study  
this week

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11,153 people and  
171 individuals  
clicked on it, taking  
them to our website.

## DW News

The next regular meeting of  
the Disciples Women  
will be on  
Thursday, March 9th  
at 6:30 p.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall.

All ladies are invited and  
welcome!

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bottom, right-hand corner of  
our website, found at:  
<https://unionchristiandoc.org>