



The Union Connection

February 26, 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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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

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



Lori Sewell, Chair

The Discipleship Ministry
Team is working to plan a
movie night.

Watch for more information
about plans for



Spiritual Life

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.



In the Narthex, you will find bags with a note attached that explains the idea behind Forty Days - Forty Items as a way to participate in the Lenten season.

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



Building Project Updates

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

"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.



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!



Serving February 26th

Elders:

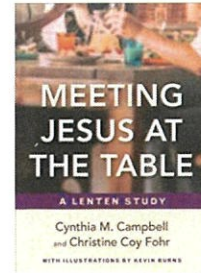
Deb Stubbeman
John White

Deacons:

G - Andy Duckworth

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.



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 cheaper and quicker.)



Sermon 2/26

Every Tree in the Garden



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
Franklin, IN 46131

Hugh Dunn
75 S Milford Drive
Franklin, IN 46131

News to watch for...

O - Marty Sewell
C - Lisa Wallace
Alt - Sandy Owens

Worship Leader:
Karen Bauman

Serving
March 5th

Elders:
Deb Stubbeman
Joe Wells

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

Worship Leader:
Marty Julian

Links of Interest



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[Disciples of Christ General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)

Romans 5:12-19
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Synopsis:

God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Think about that last statement for just a moment. Nothing on earth had ever died before this point in time. How would they even have a remote idea of what that punishment meant if they did eat it and die. Of course, we know that God wasn't talking about a physical death as much as he was talking a spiritual death; allowing sin and death to come into the world.

But also remember this, God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden. Did God really give them permission to eat of any tree or did that freedom come with restrictions, like the restrictions on our actions in life?

Pastor Mark



Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

