



The Union Connection

March 5, 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



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 completed the installation of our live stream/audio visual equipment upgrade with Force Tech as of this week. We are still on the learning curve so all changes won't be noticeable immediately.

If you are interested in being a part of the Technology team for the church, let us know.

Blessings!

"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.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on Saturday night!



Needed at church:

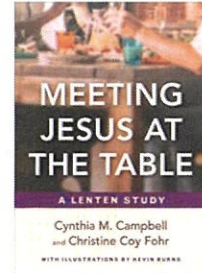
We could use several packs of AA batteries to have in the church for remote controllers; along with some 9v batteries for smoke detectors, if you happen to see them at the store and would like to purchase a package or two. Thanks, in advance!



Serving

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, is leading a Lenten Book Study that began on Monday, February 27th at 4:00 p.m. for six weeks via Zoom. It's not too late to join in for study and fellowship.

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 3/5



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

March 5th

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman
Joe Wells

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Donna Wisehart

**Serving
March 12th**

Elders:

Becky Canary
John White

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Ellen Paris

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Reckoned as Righteousness

**Psalm 121:1-8
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

Synopsis:

Have you ever promised something to or for someone; something you would do or provide in one way or another? Did you keep that promise. Within that promise, there was the expectation that you would do what you said you would do.

So, in doing or keeping that promise, are you giving someone a gift or something that is due them by the promise of your word? What if you hadn't promised this 'something' to this someone but you did it or gave it just the same? Is that a gift or was it something due them?

Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

Pastor Mark



Birthdays:

- 5 - Marty Julian
- 6 - Susie Hayes
- 7 - Allen Whitehurst
- 8 - Carol Hicks

Anniversaries:

News to watch for...



Coming in March

GriefShare support group

DW meeting

Ministry Team meeting



GriefShare Support Group will begin on March 7th and will continue for the next 13 weeks on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more information or to sign up, click [HERE](#).



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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[Disciples of Christ General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)

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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.

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| 2023 MARCH | | | | | | |
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| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Visit This Week's
Calendar Online

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Sunday

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

Monday

4:00 p.m. -
Lenten Book study

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- GriefShare

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- DW meeting

Sunday

**Daylight Saving
Time begins**

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