



The Union Connection

March 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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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 Bottle Campaign
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 is off to a great start. We had 20 bottles available and 18 have been taken home.

We are asking you to "Give up your loose change for Lent."



We hope you will continue to clean out your closet of unwanted/unneeded clothing items for the **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!
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.

Watch Us Live
Our live stream option has changed. You can access it by going to our Facebook page or by going to this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/@unionchristianfranklin/streams>



Dinner & Movie Night

Join us for
Dinner & a Movie
on Friday, March 24th
at 6:00 p.m. in the
fellowship hall.



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.



Sermon 3/19

Nope, Not That One

Ephesians 5:8-14
1 Samuel 16:1-13

Synopsis:

God had made up his mind as to who would succeed Saul on the throne as the first King of Israel. This was before the nation split into the Northern Kingdom, known as Israel, and Southern Kingdom, known as Judah. Samuel was the prophet that anointed Saul as king and now, God has called him to go Bethlehem to anoint one of the sons of Jesse.

Just as we struggle today to know what God is thinking when it comes to our daily lives, Samuel thought he know what God would be looking for in this next king. One by one, Samuel had Jesse present his sons, from the oldest to the youngest, before him as the prophet listened for the word of God to speak to him.

Just when Samuel thought that Jesse had no more sons to present, Jesse said



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 Halder/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...



Serving March 19th

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman
Joe Wells

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

David Bauman

Serving March 26th

Elders:

Becky Canary
John White

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Eric Hunt

Worship leaders
needed for April!

his youngest son, David, was in the field keeping watch over the sheep. Samuel commanded that David be brought into town, cleaned up, and brought before him.

Samuel then anointed David to be the successor to King Saul, though this succession would not take place for many years, as David learned more about following God's guiding hand.

Pastor Mark



Birthdays:

16 - Brenda Haler

Anniversaries:

Birthdays:

20 - Carole Graham

Anniversaries:

22 - Bev & Dave Hopping

2023 MARCH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Visit This Week's
Calendar Online

[click here](#)

Sunday
9:30 a.m.



Coming in April

GriefShare support group

DM meeting

Palm Sunday

Holy Week services

DW meeting

Board meeting

Easter Sunrise & Easter service



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.

Links of Interest



[Union Christian website](#)

[Union Christian Facebook page](#)

[Union Christian YouTube Channel](#)

[Disciples of Christ in Indiana](#)

[Disciples of Christ General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)

[Johnson County Indiana website](#)

[About Franklin, Indiana](#)

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](#))

Friday
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Dinner & Movie in the fellowship hall



DW News

The next regular meeting of the Disciples Women will be on Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

All ladies are invited and welcome!



GriefShare Support Group began 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](#).