



## The Union Connection

March 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](mailto: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

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## Ministry Teams

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Charlie Canary, Chair

**Baby Bottle Campaign**  
We have asked you to  
"Give up your



Lori Sewell, Chair  
The Discipleship Ministry  
Team hosted a movie night  
this past week and  
it was successful, as  
seven members of the  
church enjoyed  
watching *The Shack* for



Karen Bauman, Chair

The Spiritual Life Ministry  
will be looking for ways to

loose change for Lent." Be sure to bring your baby bottle back to church full of change that represents a change in your life during this Lenten season.

**Please bring your bottles back by Easter weekend!**



It is also the time to bring back your bag of unwanted/unneeded clothing items for the **Forty Days - Forty Items** as you have made room in your heart for Christ during this Lenten season.

**Please bring your bags back to church by Easter weekend!**

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

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### **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*

the first time or again.

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 clicking [HERE](#).**



### **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 March 26th**

### **Elders:**

Becky Canary  
John White

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 3/26**

### **But Even Now**

Psalm 130:1-8  
John 11:14-27

### **Synopsis:**

Death will happen to each of us. We have all lost a loved one that we believe has died too young, with too much life left to live. In other words, we were NOT ready to let them go to be with God, just yet.

When that happened to you, had you been praying for a miraculous healing? Did you feel like God didn't answer your prayers and wondered why others receive such a healing but your loved one did not? Did you blame God for not keeping your loved one alive long enough to recover from whatever illness or injury they were facing?

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were close friends of Jesus. They had known him a long time; maybe even longer than the time he had been in ministry on the earth. All three of them had great faith and believed what Jesus was teaching throughout



### 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

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News to watch for...

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

**Worship Leader:**  
Eric Hunt

**Serving  
April 2nd**

**Elders:**  
John White  
Joe Wells

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

**Worship Leader:**  
Kendala Parkinson

**Holy Week  
services:**  
**Palm Sunday**  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday  
School  
10:30 a.m. - Worship

**Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 p.m. service

**Good Friday**  
7:00 p.m. service

**Saturday Prayer  
Vigil**  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Galilee. Both Martha and Mary blamed Jesus for not being there for them in their time of need; ultimately blaming Jesus for the death of their brother.

Pastor Mark



**Birthdays:**

**Anniversaries:**  
30 - Cindy & Bart Weddle

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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**  
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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.



**Easter Sunday**  
**7:00 a.m. - Sunrise**  
**service**

[Bible Study](#)

**Coming in April**

GriefShare support group

DM meeting

Palm Sunday

Holy Week services

DW meeting

Board meeting

Easter Sunrise & Easter service

**No Sunday School**

**10:30 a.m. - Easter**  
**Worship service**



**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!

**Notice:**  
**There is a change of location for the Men's breakfast in April!!**



**DM News**

The next meeting of the Disciples Men will be on April 8th at 8:00 a.m. at **Bob Evans restaurant.**

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

**Links of Interest**



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[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](#)

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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](#).

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