



The Union Connection

April 2, 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
We have asked you to
"Give up your



Lori Sewell, Chair

The Discipleship Ministry
Team invites you
to participate in our
"Invite a Friend Sunday"
on April 23rd.

Invitations to hand out



Karen Bauman, Chair

The Spiritual Life Ministry
invites you to join us

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!

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

to friends or family and prayer cards that can be used to request prayer for the person you will invite are on the table in the Narthex.

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
April 2nd
Palm Sunday

for the upcoming Holy Week gatherings.

Maundy Thursday service in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday-Annual Prayer Vigil from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet in the narthex and prayer time can be at your home or the church.

Happy Easter!!
Sunrise service at 7:00 a.m., followed by breakfast.

The Spiritual Life Ministry invites you to participate in our journaling program and "Sharing your Story".

In the narthex, Journals are provided for you to reflect on your Faith journey, ponder the prompts located on the inside cover and set aside time for remembering.

This program will extend through the month of April. In May, if you choose, there will be time set aside during worship for members to share a small part of their story.

We believe...
Every story matters...



Sermon 4/2



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...

Elders:
John White
Joe Wells

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

Worship Leader:
Kendala Parkinson

**Serving
April 9th
Easter Sunday**

Elders:
Becky Canary
Joe Wells

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

Worship Leader:
Allen Whitehurst

**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**

Is This A Joke?

**Isaiah 50:4-9a
Matthew 21:1-11**

Synopsis:

Jesus had told his followers, including the disciples, some time back – actually in Matthew 20:18-19 that reads - 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified; and on the third day he will be raised.'

He knew what he was doing and where he was going. He was going toward the cross. But when we think of Palm Sunday, we think of a time of celebration for Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

It might surprise you to know that the Roman Governor of Judea would ride into Jerusalem on this very day – every year. It was a planned event to show off the power of the Roman Government and to let the people of Judea know just who was in charge.

Jesus picked this very day to ride in from the east, rather than the west like Pontius Pilate, to show off his humility and willingness to be with the people, his people.

Pastor Mark



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



Coming in April

GriefShare support group

DM meeting

Holy Week services

DW meeting

Board meeting

Easter Sunrise & Easter service

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

No Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Easter Worship service

Links of Interest



Birthdays:

4 - Abigail Wallace
4 - Nicholas Wallace

Anniversaries:

2023 APRIL						
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					

**Visit This Week's
Calendar Online**
[click here](#)

DW News



Disciples Women will meet on Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the church, for our regularly scheduled meeting.

We will join together for a pitch-in, fellowship and study.

Meat, drinks and paper products will be provided and a sign-up list for what you would like to bring is in the narthex.

All are welcome!

[Union Christian website](#)

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[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](#)

Palm 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

Thursday

7:00 p.m.

Mauddy Thursday service

Friday

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday service

Saturday

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

12 hour

Prayer Vigil

Easter Sunday

Notice:
There is a change of location for the Men's



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](#).

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.

7:00 a.m.

Sunrise service
followed by breakfast
No Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Easter Worship

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