



The Union Connection

April 9, 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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'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

Happy Easter! Christ is risen, indeed!



Ministry Teams



Charlie Canary, Chair

Baby Bottle Campaign

We have asked you to
"Give up your
loose change for Lent."

**It is time to bring your
bottles back to church!
Please try to return them
this Sunday or next.**



It is also the time to bring
back your bag
of unwanted/unneeded
clothing items for the
**Forty Days - Forty Items
by this Sunday or next!**

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



Books of the Torah

We will restart the Bible
study on the Books of the
Torah, studying Leviticus,
on April 19th at 6:30 p.m. in



Lori Sewell, Chair

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

Invitations to hand out
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.

**Special
Announcement!!**

On Sunday April 23rd, we
will hold a congregational
meeting during morning
services for the purpose of
electing a Nominating
Committee to nominate
candidates for Church
Officers to be elected at our
annual meeting in June.

Watch Us Live

**Our live stream
option has changed. You
can access it
by going to our Facebook
page
or by clicking [HERE](#).**



Karen Bauman, Chair

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 4/9
Sunrise Service**

Philoxenia

**1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Luke 24:13-21, 28-31**

Synopsis:

the fellowship hall.

You can still join us via Zoom.

If you need the link, send me a message.

Blessings!

Pastor Parky

KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville

We hope you will give consideration to attendance at this years General Assembly to be held in nearby Louisville, KY.



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

Wish List!

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 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

**Serving
April 16th**

Philoxenia is a term that combine two Greek words – philo, a word for love like brotherly love or the Disciple whom Jesus loved, and xenia, a word offering protection and hospitality to strangers. So, philoxenia would be a term for the love of strangers.

Jesus offers the two disciples walking on the road to Emmaus, Cleopas and his companion, the opportunity to provide hospitality to a stranger, i.e. Jesus who was not recognized. They accepted that offer as Jesus appeared to be going beyond the village of Emmaus.

Just as soon as they sat down to break bread together, their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus, then he vanished. What fears do we have about loving strangers, even to the point of not offering them hospitality?



Easter Service

Clothed With Power

**Psalm 114:1-8
Luke 24:36-49**

Synopsis:

Our reading in Psalm 114 speaks about God's own creation fleeing from His presence within Judah. Now, in Luke 24:36-49, Jesus is asking his disciples – those closest to him during his time of ministry –

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Elders:

John White
Joe Wells

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Ellen Paris

why they are frightened. He is the same Jesus he was while they walked throughout Judea together.

He even offered them the opportunity to touch his scars as proof of who he is. Then he reminds them of all that was written in scriptures about the Messiah and how he must suffer and die, be buried in a tomb for three days, and then be raised on the third day.

Jesus also reminds his followers that he will be with them through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Links of Interest



News to watch for...



Coming in April

GriefShare support group

DW meeting

Board meeting

DW News



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Pastor Mark



Birthdays:

13 - Jill Lightle
13 - Lisa MacPhee

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](#)

Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m.

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!

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<https://unionchristiandoc.org>



DM News

The next meeting of the Disciples Men will be on June 10th at 8:00 a.m. at the church to finalize plans for the **Hog Roast** that will be on **June 17th.**

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



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](#).

Sunrise service followed by breakfast
No Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Easter Worship

Monday
6:30 p.m.
Board meeting

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

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

Sunday
10:30 a.m.
Congregational Meeting during morning worship service