



## The Union Connection

**April 23, 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

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## Ministry Teams

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**Charlie Canary, Chair**

**Please bring your bottles  
back to church and if you  
have any more donations**



**Lori Sewell, Chair**  
The Discipleship Ministry  
Team is planning a  
Graduation Luncheon on  
May 21 following worship.

More details will be  
available in the coming  
weeks.



**Karen Bauman, Chair**

The Spiritual Life Ministry  
invites you to participate in

for the Forty Days - Forty Items, please bring them, as well.

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



### Books of the Torah

The Wednesday evening Bible study is back in session, studying the Books of the Torah - currently studying Leviticus.

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.



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 when needed; along with some 9v batteries.  
Thanks, in advance!



### Serving April 23rd

#### Elders:

Becky Canary  
Deb Stubbeman

#### Deacons:

G - Andy Duckworth  
O - Marty Sewell

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 4/23 Cup of Salvation

1 Peter 1:17-23  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

#### Synopsis:

God loved King David and King David loved God. David wanted to honor God in all that he did, each and every day. In Psalm 116, we find David asking himself – or basically asking God – how can we glorify you in a way that is pleasing to you?

David reflects back on the history of the Hebrew nation and the commands given by God when they were finally allowed to enter into the Promise Land. God told them how they should honor him. God told the Israelite people to bring a sheaf of the first fruits of the harvest, along with a lamb a year old, without blemish. He



**National  
Day of Prayer  
Gathering**

On Thursday, May 4th at noon, there will be a gathering of community and local churches to pray for our community; and for local up to national leaders. Please join us in the parking lot of City Hall (facing Monroe Street) to pray for our country.



**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

C - Lisa Wallace  
Alt - Sandy Owens

**Worship Leader:**  
Terrie Ferguson

**Serving  
April 30th**

**Elders:**  
John White  
Joe Wells

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

**Worship Leader:**  
Judy Wells

**Links of Interest**



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[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)

[Johnson County](#)

also instructed them to bring a grain-offering and a drink-offering.

These offerings were in response to God leading them safely to the land that had been promised to their ancestors. These offerings were to be remembered for every generation to come and the drink-offering became known as the Cup of Salvation as God told His people, "I will take you for My people."

Pastor Mark



**Birthdays:**  
25 - Phil Liggett

**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](#)

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

**Wednesday**  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Bible Study on the  
Books of the Torah

Barbara Smith  
1122 S Nineveh Road  
Franklin, IN 46131

Hugh Dunn  
75 S Milford Drive  
Franklin, IN 46131

Martha White  
1070 W. Jefferson St., Apt.  
E117  
Franklin, IN 46131

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Indiana](#)



### 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.

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### DW News



Disciples Women will meet on Thursday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the church, for our regularly scheduled meeting.

All are welcome!

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<https://unionchristiandoc.org>

### Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship service

### News to watch for...



### Coming in April

GriefShare support group

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National Day of Prayer Gathering



**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](#).