



The Union Connection

April 30, 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

Thank you to all who
participated in the Baby
Bottle and the Forty Days



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

- Forty Items campaigns!
Both campaigns were successful and beneficial to our community.

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 year's General Assembly to be held in nearby Louisville, KY.

We are also in need of someone to step up to be a voting representative of our congregation at the General Assembly.

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](#).



Members of this year's Nominating Committee:

Joe Wells - Chair
Ellen Paris
David Bauman
Judy Wells
Charlie Canary



Serving April 30th

Elders:

John White
Joe Wells

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 4/30

Just Not Fair

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25

Synopsis:

Peter is writing to remind his audience that they will endure suffering in life, it is just a part of what life is about. He also tells them that if they do wrong and they are punished for it by being beaten, then they are deserving of that punishment. If they live in a manner that is pleasing to the Lord and are beaten, even if what they did was the right thing to do, then God will consider that as a worthy lesson that is comparable to the suffering of Christ.

Jesus died on the cross on our behalf. That wasn't fair!



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,

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

Worship Leader:
Judy Wells

Serving May 7th

Elders:
Becky Canary
Joe Wells

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

Worship Leader:
John White

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He certainly didn't deserve the punishment that he received but he endured willingly to show us how much he loved us.

We too will endure unjust treatment – even punishment, sometimes – that we would say is just not fair. It, too, will be an opportunity for us to learn a lesson from God on how we must endure whatever we are facing; knowing that God will walk beside us, no matter what.

Pastor Mark



Birthdays:

30 - Barbara Mitchell
03 - Martha Compton

Anniversaries:

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

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

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



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.

[Disciples Women](#)

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Indiana website](#)

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Indiana](#)

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!



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](#).

Books of the Torah

Thursday
Noon at City Hall
National Day of
Prayer

Friday
Cinco do Mayo

Sunday
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School
10:30 a.m.
Worship service

News to watch for...



Coming in April

GriefShare support
group

Coming in May

National Day of
Prayer Gathering

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