



## The Union Connection

May 7, 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

## 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 Tuesday Women's Bible study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall and is studying *The Gospel On the Ground*. Come and join this great time of learning and reflection. Judy Wells is leading this group.

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

You can still join us on Wednesday evening 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

Our current ministry team consists of chairperson: Lori Sewell and members: Susie Hayes, David Bauman, John White, and Lisa Wallace.



### Ministry Team Bulletin Board

Have you taken time to stop by the Ministry Team Bulletin Board lately, to see what upcoming events have been planned for your participation?

### 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

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...



### New Sermon Series The Journey

Sermon 5/7

Journey Into a Wilderness

John 4:5-15  
Exodus 17:1-7

### Synopsis:

Water is important in the kingdom of humankind and an absolutely critical part of the human body's composition. It is equally important to all creatures in the plant and animal kingdoms, as well. It has literally been around from the beginning of creation. In fact, God tells us in Genesis 1:1-2, "In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a

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.



### 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 Halder/Iva Shaw  
1375 S. Center Ln.  
Franklin, IN 46131

Barbara Smith  
1122 S Nineveh Road  
Franklin, IN 46131

David Bauman  
Judy Wells  
Charlie Canary



### 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

### Serving May 14th

#### Elders:

John White  
Deb Stubbeman

#### Deacons:

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

#### Worship Leader:

Susie Hayes

wind from God swept over the face of the waters.”

In John 4, as Jesus meets a woman from Samaria to share the Good News that Gentiles will be welcomed into the kingdom of God, he meets her at a well – Jacob’s Well, to be exact – where both were in search of this precious element of life.

Further back in scriptures, in Exodus 17, as the Israelites were making a break from the oppression of the Egyptians, to begin their journey into an unknown land, they grumble to Moses because they are in the desert wilderness of Sinai. God allows Moses to strike the rock at Horeb with his staff to bring water to a thirsty nation. What might you thirst for on your journey?

Pastor Mark



#### Birthdays:

09 - Larry Hicks  
12 - Terrie Ferguson

#### Anniversaries:

2023 MAY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

Visit This Week's  
Calendar Online

Hugh Dunn  
75 S Milford Drive  
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Martha White  
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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.



### 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!

### Links of Interest



[Union Christian website](#)

[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](#)

[About Franklin, Indiana](#)

[click here](#)

#### Monday

6:30 p.m.

Ministry Teams meet

#### 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

#### Thursday

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Disciples Women meet

#### Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship service

### News to watch for...



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](#).



### Coming in May

GriefShare support group

Graduation Luncheon

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