



The Union Connection

May 14, 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

We want to honor those
deceased veterans from
within our church family.



Lori Sewell, Chair

The Discipleship Ministry
Team is planning a
Graduation Luncheon on
May 21 following worship.

This will be a pitch-in event.



Karen Bauman, Chair

The Spiritual Life Ministry
invites you to participate in

We will be placing a basket in the Narthex with cards for you to write the names of your family members who were a part of this congregation.

We will be placing a small flag around our flag pole for Memorial Day in honor of the heroes within our faith 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

Please bring your favorite meats, side dishes, salads, or desserts.

No Linger Longer in June but we encourage all to come enjoy the fellowship at the Hog Roast on June 17th. We could use your help.

Looking ahead, plans are underway for a July 23rd pitch-in to honor all members who were born in the 1930s.

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



It's a Birthday Celebration!

Andy Duckworth is hosting a celebration in honor of Ralph's 90th birthday on Sunday, May 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Come and enjoy the festivities!!

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...

Something New

We are trying something new. There will be a copy of the **Refrigerator Page** in the Narthex on the table near the bulletins/newsletters.

If you have a request that can be removed from the list, please scratch a line through the name.

If you have a new request to share, please add it to the bottom of the page.

This should make it easier for everyone to understand the names of those we are praying for.



New Sermon Series



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

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



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?



Birthdays:

- 15 - Ken Beardslee
- 17 - Ray Von Burg
- 18 - Charlie Canary

Anniversaries:



Members of this year's Nominating Committee:

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

The Journey

Sermon 5/14

Rand McNally

Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Synopsis:

There may be some much younger members of our congregation who have no clue as to what the title of this message even means. For those of us who remember life before we walked around with a phone, not to mention a high-powered computer/camera/phone in our pocket, we get it.

Most of us, back in the day, would never consider leaving the driveway on a trip that was expected to take more than an hour without a paper map that would be neatly folded up in the glove box in the car. There may have been times that it was as much of a challenge to refold that map neatly than to get to our final destination.

Oh, we could easily take off without that paper map and think, if I just keep heading south on whatever highway I find, I will reach my destination. That trip might include many more turns – and maybe a few turn arounds – than it should have taken. If we can't tell for sure where we are, geographically, then our intended course is difficult to determine.

In Luke 9:51, we are told that, "he set his face to go to Jerusalem" but we are not given any geographic identifiers to help us determine the path he took to get there.

Pastor Mark



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!

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



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

Serving May 21st

Elders:

Becky Canary
Joe Wells

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Melody Davis

2023 MAY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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

Sunday

9:30 a.m.
Sunday School
10:30 a.m.
Worship service
11:30 a.m.
Graduate Pitch-in Dinner
2:00 p.m.
90th Birthday Celebration for Ralph

News to watch for...



Coming in May

GriefShare support group

Graduation Luncheon

Links of Interest



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.



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](#).

Happy Mother's Day!!

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Memorial Day
Remembrance of
Deceased Veterans
of UCC

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