



The Union Connection

May 21, 2023

Encourage humankind toward Christ-centered living
through loving, learning, listening, and leading.

Memorial Day Special

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The above letter was found while family was clearing out Aunt Mary's house. It appears to be written by Ralph Duckworth, Sr. for the church newspaper or newsletter but reliable sources tell me it was at least written by Ralph Sr.'s wife, Hattie. The year is unknown. The letter reads:

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Ministry Teams



Charlie Canary, Chair

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

We have placed 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!



Lori Sewell, Chair
The Discipleship Ministry
Team update:

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.



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 May and even June, 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...



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 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.



Pentecost Offering

We will be taking up our Pentecost Offering on May 21st and May 28th.



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?



Members of this year's Nominating Committee:

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



New Sermon Series The Journey

Sermon 5/21

Unexpected Turn

Acts 9:1-8, 19b-22
Acts 13:1-3, 42-47

Synopsis:

We continue our Sermon Series, The Journey, and what better person to know about a journey for God than Paul, the Apostle formerly known as Saul. He began his own journey, setting in motion his own plans and we know that those plans quickly changed.

Paul was quick to realize that God was behind his conversion event on the road to Damascus and it didn't take him long to transfer his fervent energy of persecuting the church to an effort to grow the church and serve God. Soon, Paul, along with Barnabas, set out from Damascus and made their way to Antioch.

Even with this new road map in front of him, there were unexpected turns along the way. Paul started his first missionary trip by preaching in synagogues to Jews in and around Antioch. God told Paul that he had different plans for him; plans to have him teaching the Gentiles all around the Mediterranean, starting churches throughout the region.

Pastor Mark



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



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

Serving May 28th

Elders:

John White
Deb Stubbeman

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Ellen Paris

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



Birthdays:

24 - Ralph Duckworth, Jr.

Anniversaries:

2023 MAY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

**Visit This Week's
Calendar Online**

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Sunday

9:30 a.m.
Sunday School
10:30 a.m.
Worship service
11:30 a.m.
Graduation Dinner
2:00 p.m.
90th Birthday Party
6:30 p.m.
Healing Drum Circle

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

News to watch for...



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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Coming in May

GriefShare support group

Coming in June

Hog Roast



DW News

Disciples Women will meet on Thursday, June 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the church, for our regularly scheduled meeting.

All are welcome!