



The Union Connection

June 25, 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

Ministry Teams



Charlie Canary, Chair

Stock the Trailer!

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

We will be collecting **BIG** canned goods in conjunction with the



Lori Sewell, Chair
The Discipleship Ministry
Team update:

No Linger Longer in June

Looking ahead, plans are underway for a July 23rd **1930s Birthday Bash!**

More info to follow.



Karen Bauman, Chair

The Spiritual Life Ministry invites you to participate in our journaling program and "Sharing your Story".

We hope you are enjoying your Faith Story journaling. Please know if you are not

Johnson County 4-H Club, beginning now through July 5th. Please bring your canned goods or monetary donations to church to be gathered.

Watch this spot for coming news about Operation Fast Track and donations for back to school items.



Books of the Torah

The Wednesday evening Bible study will return on July 26th with a substitute study (not yet determined) until we return to the Torah in early September.

You can still join us on Wednesday evening via Zoom. If you need the link, send me a message.

Blessings!
Pastor Parky



Serving June 25th

Elders:

Joe Wells
Becky Canary

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Karen Bauman

Serving July 2nd

Elders:

Susie Hayes
John White

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Eric Hunt

comfortable sharing, that is fine. Use this exercise as a time of reflection and thankfulness.

Every story matters...

Sermon 6/25

Double Portion of Forgiveness

Matthew 10:24-39
Romans 6:1b-11

Synopsis:

Paul is speaking to the church in Rome where some believers have apparently fallen into the trap of thinking that if they sin, they are forgiven, so if they sin more, they are forgiven more.

Well, we know that is not how forgiveness works and that teeters on the edge of testing God, in my humble opinion. That is not a good plan. To be forgiven is to be forgiven. There is not a quantity tag on that status.

What we need to do is to live our lives in accordance with God's precepts and commandments, loving each other as Christ first loved us.

Pastor Mark



Birthdays:

25 - Bev Hopping
24 - Liam MacPhee

Anniversaries:

29 - Suzanne & John White

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

The General Assembly of the Disciples of Christ Church will be held in nearby Louisville, KY. from July 29th through August 1st. Please be in prayer for all Disciples will be traveling to and/or participating in this event.



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



You & Me Camp

The 2023 camp theme is A FruitFULL Faith. Campers and staff will explore the Fruit of the Spirit and how their faith can nourish their souls. So, our camp offering will support **The Society of St. Andrew**, an organization that envisions a world in which physical and spiritual hungers are met through God's grace and abundance in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Mark will be serving as a Camp Counselor for You & Me Camp from Thursday through Saturday morning. If you would like to send an offering along, I will gladly place it in the offering at camp. Or, if you prefer to give online, use this link:

[Donate to Camp Offering!](#)

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2023 JUNE						
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](#)

Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship service

6:30 p.m.

Healing Drum Circle

Monday

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

Hopewell 4-H Club

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study on the

Books of the Torah

News to watch for...



Coming in June

Healing Drum Circle

Coming in July

Johnson County 4-H
Fair and parade

1930s Birthday Bash!

Disciples of Christ
General Assembly

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.
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Franklin, IN 46131

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DW News

Disciples Women will be
on vacation for
July and August.

Hope to see all the ladies
join us in September!



DM News

The next meeting of the
Disciples Men will be on
August 12th at 8:00 a.m. at
the church.

All men of the church are
welcome at our bi-monthly
meeting and we hope you
come hungry.