



The Union Connection

July 2, 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 July 2nd

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman

John White

Deacons:

G - Paul Lightle

O - Belinda Williams

C - Michael Hayes

Alt - Terrie Ferguson

Worship Leader:

Eric Hunt

Serving July 9th

Elders:

Joe Wells

Susie Hayes

Deacons:

G - Lisa Wallace

O - Carole Graham

C - Judy Wells

Alt - Mark Graham

Worship Leader:

John White

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

Every story matters...

Sermon 7/2

You're Welcomed

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Matthew 10:40-42

Synopsis:

We've heard for many years, likely most of our life, that biblical translation can make a world of difference. In today's reading, the translation of our scripture reading can be critical.

Our reading for Sunday comes from Matthew 10:40-42. In the first part of this reading, it says, 'Whoever welcomes or receives (dechomai) you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes or receives a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive (lambano) a prophet's reward...' I have added emphasis and the Greek word for clarification.

If this doesn't make it any clearer, then you won't want to miss church on Sunday to receive that clearer understanding of what Jesus was saying to his disciples; and to us.

Pastor Mark



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 was honored to serve as a Camp Counselor for You & Me Camp this past week. If you would still like to give online, use this link:

[Donate to Camp Offering!](#)

Links of Interest



[Union Christian website](#)

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[Disciples of Christ in Indiana](#)

[Disciples of Christ General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)

[Johnson County Indiana website](#)

Birthdays:

4 - Tom Stubbeman

Anniversaries:

2023 JULY						
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	31				

Visit This Week's
Calendar Online
[click here](#)

Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship service

Tuesday

Independence Day

Wednesday

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

Bible Study on the
Books of the Torah

News to watch for...



Coming in July

Ministry Team meetings

Johnson County 4-H Fair and parade

Healing Drum Circle

1930s Birthday Bash!

Disciples of Christ

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About Franklin, IN



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.

General Assembly



DW News

Disciples Women will be on vacation for July and August.

Hope to see all the ladies join us in September!