



## The Union Connection

January 7, 2024

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

### Christian Action

Charlie Canary, Chair

Thank you so much for your support of the **Angel Tree** outreach program.

Watch for ways to serve outside the church in **Christian Action** in the coming weeks.



Lori Sewell, Chair

We are also having a Linger Longer on January 28th following worship.

Watch for ways to be a part of this team in the coming weeks.



Karen Bauman, Chair

Watch for ways to engage and grow in your own **Spiritual Life** in the coming weeks.



Worship Leaders

### Tuesday Bible Study

Judy Wells is hosting this study on *Jesus and Women, In the First Century and Now* is by Kristi McLelland. The Study will pick back up on **Tuesday, January 9th** at 10:00 a.m.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Judy.

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

We will begin the last book in our study of the Books of the Torah, the book of *Deuteronomy*, on **Wednesday, January 10th** at 6:30 p.m. If you need the study book or want information to join us via Zoom, contact 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:

**Martha & J Compton**  
5399 S Nineveh Rd.  
Franklin, IN 46131

**Barbara Mitchell**  
1282 W SR 252  
Trafalgar, IN 46181

**Pat Hogan/Ray Von Burg**  
271 Village Ln., Room 142  
Greenwood, IN 46143

**Nancy Hunt**  
Compass Park,  
GA 2350,  
890 Freemason Parkway,  
Franklin, IN 46131



**Serving  
January 14th**

#### Elders:

Deb Stubbeman  
John White

#### Deacons:

G - Carole Graham  
O - Judy Wells  
C - Mark Graham  
Alt - Lisa Wallace

#### Worship Leader:

**Leader Needed**



#### Birthdays:

#### Anniversaries:

**Sermon 01/07**

#### Where Is the Child?

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

#### Synopsis:

This Sunday is Epiphany Sunday, though the day of Epiphany is on Saturday. We can still celebrate the events that brought about new insight for the three wise men from the East.

It also brought insightful new thinking and beliefs to

**NEEDED  
for January.**

**Please sign  
up in the  
Narthex.**

JANUARY 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31	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	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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

#### Sunday

9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.  
Worship service

#### Monday

6:30 p.m.  
Ministry Teams meet

#### Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Noon  
Tuesday Bible Study

#### Wednesday

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study

#### Thursday

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Disciples Women meet



**Anchors  
Area  
News**

**Events from our  
neighboring DoC  
churches in the  
Anchors Area.**

**Tabernacle Christian**  
offers a community  
meal on the first and  
third Wednesday of

**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

**Carolyn Rogers**  
490 Red Skelton, Apt 109  
Franklin, IN 46131

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#### **DM News**

The Disciples Men will meet on February 3rd at 8:00 a.m.

**NOTE: We moved the meeting up one week to prepare for the Valentine Dinner on the 11th.**

We hope you will join us for food and fellowship!

the rest of the world through what was written in God's Word, the Holy Bible. It didn't happen by chance.

These wise men didn't just walk out the front door of their homes and say, "Look, a star. Let's follow it." No, they are called wise men for a reason. They had been studying for some time and they knew astronomy and prophecies across multiple religions/cultures. They were looking for the star that would be the sign of the Messiah.

Pastor Mark

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#### **DW News**

Disciples Women will meet on January 11th for their regular monthly meeting.

Watch here for more information.

All women of the church are welcome to join us.

December.  
Volunteers are welcome - contact Nancy James at Tab if interested.

#### **Links of Interest**

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[DoC General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

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