



## The Union Connection

January 14, 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

#### Snacks for School Kids

An elementary school has requested a need for classroom snacks. There are 14 classrooms and they do not qualify for extra help through outside agencies.

We are requesting donations of bulk snacks such as boxes of goldfish, teddy grahams, snack packs of chips or crackers.

**(No peanuts please)**

We will do this from now until Lent.



Lori Sewell, Chair

We are having a **Linger Longer** on Jan. 28th following worship and will be serving nachos and hot dogs. Come join us for a time of fellowship.

Look for ways to be a part of this team this year.



Karen Bauman, Chair

Please mark your calendars for the **Prayer Vigil** on Saturday, Feb. 10th. It will take place before Lent this year.

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

**Building Committee**

Stay tuned for an exciting

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



**meeting**

The Building Committee  
will meet Monday January  
22 at 9:00 a.m. in the  
Church sanctuary.

### Serving January 21st



#### 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 continue to meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Judy.

#### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

We continue our study of the Books of the Torah, with the book of *Deuteronomy*, on Wednesdays 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

#### Elders:

Susie Hayes  
Joe Wells

#### Deacons:

G - Michael Hayes  
O - Terrie Ferguson  
C - Paul Lightle  
Alt - Belinda Williams

#### Worship Leader:

John White



#### Birthdays:

#### Anniversaries:

**Sermon 01/14**

#### Nazareth, Really?

**1 Samuel 3:1-10**  
**John 1:43-51**

#### Synopsis:

For those growing up in the small town of Nazareth, and even those who lived in nearby communities, who would have ever imagined that the Messiah to the world would come from such a place. Nathanael certainly did not believe it and he said so to Philip. I

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

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Healing Drum Circle

#### Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Tuesday Bible Study

#### Wednesday

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

Wednesday Bible  
Study

**LOOKING  
FORWARD**

#### News to watch for!

#### Coming in Jan.

Healing Drum Circle

Snacks for school  
kids

Bldg. Project Comm  
meeting

Linger Longer

#### Coming in Feb.

DM meeting

DW meeting

Prayer Vigil

**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

**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



### 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!



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am certain that there were many others who could not believe.

Believe is just what Jesus came to earth to teach us to do. It takes a lot of faith to be able to trust in something that is near impossible, at least in your own mind. Wouldn't you like to go back in time to be with Nathanael when he had his own epiphany as to who Jesus really was?

Today, there are many who struggle to understand the Bible, the biblical stories, and even messages shared in church – from the pulpit or in Bible studies. Can anything good come out of someone who has yet to believe? With God, all things are possible.

Pastor Mark



### DW News

Disciples Women will meet on **February 8th** for their regular monthly meeting.

Watch here for more information.

All women of the church are welcome to join us.

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Church Valentine Dinner

Board meeting

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Ash Wed. service

Healing Drum Circle



**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 December.

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

**Union Christian** will be hosting this year's Maundy Thursday joint service on with Johnson County Disciples of Christ churches. The service will be at 7:00 p.m.

### Links of Interest

[UCC website](#)

[Union Christian Facebook page](#)

[UCC YouTube](#)

[DoC in Indiana](#)

[DoC General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)