



The Union Connection *The Early Edition*

February 11, 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



Lori Sewell, Chair

We are having a **Linger Longer** on Feb. 25th following worship and will be serving nachos and



Karen Bauman, Chair

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.

Stay tuned for an exciting

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



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

No Wednesday Evening Bible study this week due to the Ash Wednesday Service.

hot dogs. Come join us for a time of fellowship.

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



**Serving
February 18th**

Elders:

Susie Hayes
Deb Stubbeman

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Karen Bauman



Birthdays:

14 - Janet Schantz
17 - David Bauman

Anniversaries:

17 - Becky & Charlie
Canary

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.**

FEBRUARY 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	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	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

**Visit This Week's
Calendar Online**

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**This week's
Union
Connection The
Early Edition
is going out early
so that you will
get all of the
news of what's
taking place in
the coming week.**

Saturday
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Prayer Vigil



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

Barbara Smith
1122 S Nineveh Road
Franklin, IN 46131

Martha White
1070 W. Jefferson St., Apt.
E117
Franklin, IN 46131

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



Who likes to sing?!

I hope you are aware that Union Christian will be hosting this year's joint Maundy Thursday Imposition of Ashes service; together with the other Johnson County Disciples of Christ congregations.

This service will be held on Thursday, March 28th from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. If you love to sing, there will be a combined choir from all DoC churches in Johnson County. The choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary at Tapestry Christian Church on March 20th and March 27th. Let me know if you are interested and we can have further discussions about transportation and who might be available.

Sermon 02/11

Mark 9:2-9

Sunday
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Worship service

Following Worship
Annual Church
Valentine Dinner

Monday
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Board meeting

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

5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner

Wednesday.
No Wednesday
Bible Study

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Ash Wednesday
service



News to watch for!

Coming in Feb.
Snacks for school
kids

Prayer Vigil

Church Valentine
Dinner

Board meeting

Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner

Ash Wed. service

Healing Drum Circle



DM News

The Disciples Men will meet on Saturday, February 10th at 9:00 a.m. to prepare for the Valentine Dinner meal that will be served following worship on Sunday, February 11th.

We hope you will join us for great food and fellowship!



DW News

Disciples Women did **not** meet on **February 8th** for their regular monthly meeting but may be planning a make-up meeting.

Watch here for more information.

All women of the church are welcome to join us.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Let Your Face Shine

Synopsis:

The Gospel of Mark for this week tells the story of the transfiguration of Jesus on a mountain top where his clothes and faces shone brightly because of the presence of God. Those who were with him, Peter and James and John, were afraid when they saw the brightness of Jesus' appearance.

Paul tells the church in Corinth about how the gospel that Paul and his disciples preach can be veiled from being perceived. This would likely be a reference to Moses placing a veil over his face when he met God on the mountain top.

However, Paul is telling of the god (small 'g' i.e. Satan), of this world who has blinded those who do not know Jesus because Satan does not want them to be saved for eternity. Our job is to shine our light and our face into the darkness that is present around us to reach as many unsaved as possible.

Pastor Mark



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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.

Links of Interest

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