



The Union Connection

March 10, 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,



Lori Sewell, Chair

Thank you for attending our latest **Linger Longer!**

Our next **Linger Longer** event will be on March 24th,



Karen Bauman, Chair

We are now in the midst of the Season of Lent. There are Lenten devotionals available in the Narthex.

teddy grahams, snack packs of chips or crackers.
(No peanuts please)
 We will do this from now until Lent.

Christian Action team is collecting old board games, card games, jigsaw puzzles and the like for our senior centers or senior living centers. The idea is to give up items for Lent. We will continue through the Lenten Season. These items should be in good shape and complete. So clean out the closets and drawers and give these folks some relaxation.

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



Birthdays:
 16 - Brenda Haler

Anniversaries:
 No Anniversaries



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

Palm Sunday following worship.

Stay tuned!



Breaking News!

The carpet installation project will take place this week!

Beginning on Wednesday morning and hopefully completing on Friday, the sanctuary, Narthex, and south stairs (upper only) will have new carpet installed.



Serving March 17th

Elders:
 Susie Hayes
 John White

Deacons:
 G - Michael Hayes

As we draw closer to Holy Week, please keep in mind our opportunities to come together in worship and fellowship.

March 24th
 Palm Sunday 10:30am

March 28th
 Maundy Thursday 7pm

March 29th
 Good Friday 7pm

March 31th
 Sunrise service 7am

Breakfast between services

Easter Worship 10:30am



We hope you remembered to set your clocks forward this weekend. Daylight Saving Time is HERE.

MARCH 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
25	26	27	28	29	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

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

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

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?!

It's not too late to join in the fun of singing in a choir!

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

O - Terrie Ferguson

C - Paul Lightle

A - Belinda Williams

Worship Leader:

Kendala Parkinson



Tuesday Bible Study

This study has finished and will begin another study sometime after Easter.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

We continue our study of the Books of the Torah, with the book of *Deuteronomy*, on Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

Sermon 03/10

Snakes, Why Did It Have to Be Snakes

John 3:14-21
Numbers 21:4-9

Synopsis:

We all have our own strengths and weaknesses and some of those we don't really want to share with others. Most of us remember the Indiana Jones movies with Harrison Ford playing the role of Indiana or Indy. We know him as this tough and resourceful guy who can do almost anything, unless it involves snakes.

Moses had been considered to be a great leader – from time to time – and then some days, not so much. By looking at some maps of the

Sunday

9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Worship service

Monday

6:30 p.m.
Ministry Teams

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:30 - 8 p.m.
Disciples Women



News to watch for!

Coming in March

Snacks for school kids

Give up board games for Lent

Healing Drum Circle

Ministry Team meeting

Carpet Project

DW meeting

Holy Week services



Anchors

Area

News

Events from our neighboring DoC churches in the Anchors Area.

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.



DM News

The Disciples Men will meet on Saturday, April 13th at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

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



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travels of the Israelites through the wilderness, it looks like our reading points to when they had completed approximately 80% of their wandering. That means they could have only another five to ten years left until they reached the Promise Land.

Over the first thirty years or so, these people became very impatient and seemed to easily grumble against God and Moses. When God sent poisonous serpents into the camp amongst the people, some of them were bitten and died.

God instructed Moses to create a replica of the poisonous snake and mount it on a pole. He then had Moses tell the people that if they were bitten, look up at the snake and live. This is a direct correlation to us today as we look up on the cross that held Jesus and we live.
Pastor Mark

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<https://unionchristiandoc.org>

Tabernacle Christian

offers a community meal on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

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



DW News

Disciples Women will meet on **March 14th** for their regular monthly meeting.

All women of the church are welcome to join us.

Planning Ahead

The April meeting for the Disciples' Women will be one week later than normal due to another event taking place in the church sanctuary.

The DW will meet on April 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Links of Interest

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[DoC in Indiana](#)

[DoC General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

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