



The Union Connection

March 17, 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

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



Lori Sewell, Chair

Our next **Linger Longer** event will be on March 24th, Palm Sunday right after worship.

Stay tuned!



Karen Bauman, Chair

There are Lenten devotionals available in the Narthex.

As we draw closer to Holy

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:
20 - Carole Graham

Anniversaries:
22 - Bev & Dave Hopping



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



It's a Wrap!
The carpet installation project is **COMPLETE.**
Enjoy our sanctuary!



Serving March 24th

Elders:
Deb Stubbeman
Joe Wells

Deacons:
G - Judy Wells
O - Mark Graham
C - Lisa Wallace
A - Carole Graham

Worship Leader:
Michael Hayes



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

Wednesday Evening Bible

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

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](#)

Sunday
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Worship service

6:30 p.m.
Healing Drum Circle

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

LOOKING FORWARD

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 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

Study

We will complete our study of all five books of the Torah this Wednesday. We will take a short break and pick back up sometime after Easter.

Sermon 03/17

Among Those Who Went Up to Worship

**Jeremiah 31:31-34
John 12:20-33**

Synopsis:

Why does John believe it to be important to mention that some of those who were coming to the festival were Greeks? At that point in time, there would have been a group of new believers or some who were leaning toward a belief in Judaism who would have followed the command to be in Jerusalem for the three required festivals per year. And apparently, they have heard about this guy called Jesus.

Oddly enough, Jesus does not respond directly to this request from those who were Greek. Instead, he begins to tell the narrative of his approaching arrest, torture, crucifixion, and death.

Our reading for this week begins by referencing the fact that Jews were coming up to Jerusalem for the festival – the Festival of Passover. John is the only Gospel to mention that among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These Greek individuals

News to watch for!

Coming in March
Board games for Lent

Linger Longer

Holy Week



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



DW News

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 will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Links of Interest
[UCC website](#)

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13th
at 8:00 a.m.in the fellowship
hall.

Come join us for great food
and fellowship!



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approached Philip and
Philip took their request to
Andrew. Then both went to
Jesus to tell him about this
request.
Pastor Mark

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