



## The Union Connection

March 24, 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.



Week, please keep in mind our opportunities to come together in worship and fellowship.

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



**It's a Wrap!**

The carpet installation project is **COMPLETE.**  
Enjoy our sanctuary!

**March 24th**  
Palm Sunday 10:30am

**March 28th**  
Maundy Thursday 7pm

**March 29th**  
Good Friday 7pm

**March 31th**  
Sunrise service 7am

**Birthdays:**  
No birthdays

**Anniversaries:**  
26 - Karen & David Bauman

Breakfast between services

Easter Worship 10:30am



**Serving March 31st**



**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,

**Elders:**  
Susie Hayes  
John White

**Deacons:**  
G-Terrie Ferguson  
O - Paul Lightle  
C - Belinda Williams  
A - Michael Hayes

**Worship Leader:**  
Cliff Ronk

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**  
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**Sunday**  
9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.  
Worship service

11:30 a.m.  
Linger Longer

**Thursday**  
7:00 p.m.  
Joint Maundy Thursday service

**Friday**  
7:00 p.m.  
Good Friday service

**Sunday**  
7:00 a.m.  
Sunrise service



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

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

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!**

It's not too late to join in for the last practice before Maundy Thursday on March 27th.

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 last choir rehearsal will be this Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary at Tapestry Christian Church. Let me know if you are interested and I can send you the sheet music.



The Wednesday evening Bible study has finished until sometime after Easter.

**Sermon 03/24**

**Implausible Scenario**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

**Mark 14:3-9**

**Synopsis:**

If a playwright were to sit down to pen a play or short documentary about the anointing of Jesus as the Messiah, he/she might want to place the setting in unusual circumstances. You cannot get much more 'unusual' than our setting in this pericope in Mark's Gospel.

Jesus was at the home of a man named Simon who is from Bethany; the small town that sits about two miles east of Jerusalem. Jesus seems to use this village as a base-camp as he travels back and forth to Jerusalem during his last week of ministry on earth.

The only thing we know about Simon is that he is a leper. Does that mean that he is deathly ill or only mildly infected with some skin disease? We don't know but in the wide spectrum of skin diseases that are associated with leprosy, each would be considered contagious. Anyone with leprosy would be considered ceremoniously unclean, as would anyone who touched them.

Then we have this unnamed woman who is present at this male banquet without a

Following Sunrise  
Carry-in breakfast

10:30 a.m.  
Easter Worship  
service



**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.



### **DM News**

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

Come join us for great food and fellowship!

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male escort, and she is pouring a jar of very expensive perfume over the head of Jesus. Is she stepping into the role of a prophet? This setting almost sounds like a scene from Saturday Night Live.  
Pastor Mark



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### **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. They will meet at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Links of Interest**

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