



The Union Connection

April 28, 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 will be sharing opportunities to give to the **Pentecost Offering** for this year, coming up in May.



Lori Sewell, Chair

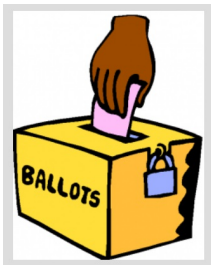
Our next **Linger Longer** event will be today, April 28th. Please stay after church and enjoy light snacks and fellowship.



Karen Bauman, Chair

How do you define Spiritual Growth?

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

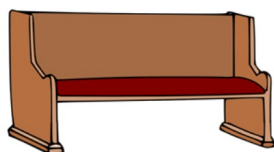


It's Time to Elect Officers

The nominating committee for 2024 is as follows:

Andy Duckworth, Chr.
Carole Graham
Karen Bauman
Joe Wells
Michael Hayes

If you have ideas for a nomination or would like to volunteer for a position, please contact any member of this committee.



Sponsor a Pew Campaign

The Building Project Committee is holding a campaign to raise money to re-upholster the pews in the sanctuary. The cost for each pew is \$175. If you would like to give to this effort, please mark your offering for Pew Project.

We need to have sponsorships for all 30 pews before we re-

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

We are planning a trip to an Indianapolis Indians game on Friday, June 21st. Please sign up in the Narthex ASAP, if interested. If we have 25 participants, the cost will drop from \$19.50 to \$15 per person.

We are getting closer to having 25 signed up. Join us!

Don't wait until it's too late. Come join us for a fun time at Victory Field!



Serving May 5th

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman
Susie Hayes

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Paul Lightle

Do you read the sermon scripture readings before Sunday?

We encourage you to continue to reflect on scriptures/devotions that you might read and ask God how you can apply them to your life.

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday

9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Worship service

11:30-ish
Linger Longer

Tuesday

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible study

Wednesday

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

What's Going On?

Have you ever wondered what events are upcoming at UCC?

Well, wonder no more!

Click below to visit the church calendar and see what is going on in the life of our church.

<https://unionchristiandoc.org/about/calendar/>

upholster the pews.

We would like to see donations of the total per pew amount and if you would like to partner with another family to reach the \$175 figure, please do so.



Sermon 4/28

APRIL 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	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Down From Jerusalem to Gaza

1 John 4:7-14
Acts 8:26-28, 34-35

Synopsis:

This passage from scripture that is a part of the lectionary readings for this week, jumped out at me because of the current event importance of today's world. May there be no political implications formed from using it. It is scripture. It is biblical!

In the reading, we find Philip, one of the Twelve, who was in tune with God's leading voice. He heard what God told him to do and he did it, not knowing why or what it was that he was supposed to do.

God used Philip's personal relationship with Christ – one that was much more than what ours might be – to be in just the right place to witness to this believer who needed to know more. Philip simply told him what he knew about Jesus and His ministry and that led the eunuch to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ.
Pastor Mark

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

News to watch for!

Coming in May

National Day of Prayer

Disciples Women meet

Ministry Teams meet

Healing Drum Circle

Linger Longer



National Day of Prayer Gathering

Thursday, May 2nd at 12:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Hall (Parking lot or Council Chambers depending on the weather)

Speakers will include Mayor Steve Barnett, J.C. Commissioner Brian Baird, and State Representative Robb Greene.

There will also be a young adult choir singing "Light of the World" and "God of Miracles"



Birthdays:

30 - Barbara Mitchell
5 - Martha Compton

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 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



DW News

The next regular meeting for the Disciples' Women will be on Thursday evening, May 9th, in the fellowship hall. The will meet at 6:30 p.m.



**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.

Have you seen our website lately?

Why not look to see what others see and learn about our church and church family; the ways we witness and serve within the community.

Click this link or type it into your search browser:

<https://unionchristiandoc.org/>

Links of Interest

[UCC website](#)

[Union Christian Facebook page](#)

[UCC YouTube](#)

[DoC in Indiana](#)

[DoC General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)



DM News

The Disciples Men will meet on Saturday, June 8th at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall to make final plans for our summer **Hog Roast**, which will be held on June 15th from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Come join us for great food and fellowship!

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Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday study is meeting each week at 10 a.m. and we will be studying:

The Lord's Prayer
by Adam Hamilton

Wednesday Bible Study

The Wednesday study meets weekly from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and will conclude on June 5th. We will be studying the Wiersbe Bible Study series:

***Joshua:
Putting God's Power to Work in Your Life***