



## **The Union Connection**

**May 5, 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

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## **Cinco de Mayo!**

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## **Ministry Teams**

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**Christian  
Action**

**Charlie Canary, Chair**

Christian Action team will be sharing opportunities to



**Lori Sewell, Chair**

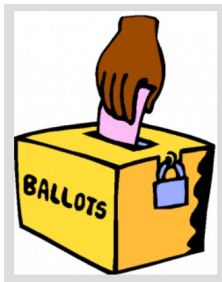
**Take Me Out to the  
Ballgame**



give to the  
**Pentecost Offering**  
for this year,  
coming up in May.

This offering will be  
gathered on May 12th and  
May 19th. Envelopes will be  
included in your bulletin.

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.



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!**  
**Invite a friend or family  
member!!**

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



**Serving  
May 12th**

#### **Elders:**

John White  
Joe Wells

#### **Deacons:**

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

#### **Worship Leader:**

Terrie Ferguson

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### **Karen Bauman, Chair**

How do you define Spiritual  
Growth?

Do you read the posted  
scripture in advance?

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

#### **Tuesday**

No Tuesday Bible  
study Election Day

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Thursday**

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
DW meeting

#### **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/](https://unionchristiandoc.org/about/calendar/)

## Birthdays:

**Correction!** Martha's birthday was on May 3  
9 - Larry Hicks

**Anniversaries:**  
No anniversaries



## Sermon 5/5

### Even On the Gentiles

**John 15:12-17**  
**Acts 10:44-48**

#### Synopsis:

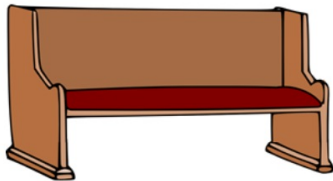
Last week we heard about Saul approving and witnessing the stoning of Stephen and the continued in his persecution of the church around Jerusalem. He then carried his vigorous attack on Christians out to surrounding communities; heading toward Damascus in hopes of finding more of these who were turning against Judaism.

Just after Saul, now Paul, had been converted to become a believer of Jesus, he was intent on witnessing for Jesus as aggressively as he had been in his persecution. Peter had traveled to Lydda then Joppa to preach the Good News of Jesus.

This is where Peter and Cornelius each had like visions of meeting each other. Thus, Peter went to Caesarea to meet up with Cornelius along with his family and some close friends. Peter shared this same Good News to them, and they received the Holy

MAY 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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**Visit This Week's Calendar**  
**Online**  
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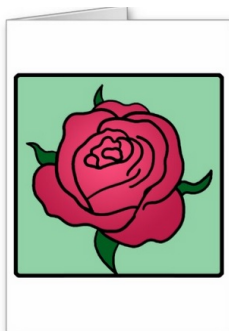


### Sponsor a Pew Campaign

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-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.



### Greeting Card Ministry

### News to watch for! Coming in May

Election Day

Disciples Women meet

Ministry Teams meet

Healing Drum Circle

Linger Longer



### 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.

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

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Spirit, even though they were gentiles.

Peter learned a surprising lesson in seeing how the Holy Spirit did not discriminate on who could receive his gift and thus Peter continued to share about Jesus to all who would listen and believe.  
Pastor Mark



### DW News

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



### 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!



### Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday study will **NOT** be meeting this Tuesday due to Election Day. We will resume next week on May 14th.

### Wednesday Bible Study

#### **New start time!**

The Wednesday study meets weekly from 6:00-7:30 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**

### Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Botte!



Rev. Ralph is the Senior Minister at First Christian Church in Shelbyville. Their family welcomed Wyatt Michael Botte into the family this past Thursday.



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