



## The Union Connection

July 9, 2023

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. Comments/Concerns/Suggestions regarding this newsletter can be made at the Church Office or by email to [lorisewellucc@gmail.com](mailto:lorisewellucc@gmail.com).

'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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## Ministry Teams

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Charlie Canary, Chair

### Stock the Trailer!

Looking forward to serving God through serving you; from the Christian Action Ministry Team!

We will be collecting **BIG**  
canned goods in  
conjunction with the



Lori Sewell, Chair  
The Discipleship Ministry  
Team update:

### No Linger Longer in June

Looking ahead, plans are underway for a July 23rd **1930s Birthday Bash!**

More info to follow.

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Karen Bauman, Chair

The Spiritual Life Ministry invites you to participate in our journaling program and "Sharing your Story".

We hope you are enjoying your Faith Story journaling. Please know if you are not

Johnson County 4-H Club, beginning now through July 5th. Please bring your canned goods or monetary donations to church to be gathered.

Watch this spot for coming news about Operation Fast Track and donations for back to school items.



The Wednesday evening Bible study will return on July 26th with a substitute study (not yet determined) until we return to the Torah in early September.

You can still join us on Wednesday evening via Zoom. If you need the link, send me a message.

Blessings!

*Pastor Parky*

**KINDOM  
OF GOD  
WITHIN US  
AMONG US**  
GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3  
*July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville*



### Serving July 9th

**Elders:**

Joe Wells  
Susie Hayes

**Deacons:**

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

**Worship Leader:**

John White

### Serving July 16th

**Elders:**

Deb Stubbeman  
John White

**Deacons:**

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

**Worship Leader:**

David Bauman



comfortable sharing, that is fine. Use this exercise as a time of reflection and thankfulness.

Every story matters...

### Sermon 7/9

#### Sin Within Me

Zechariah 9:9-12  
Romans 7:15-25a

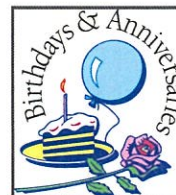
**Synopsis:**

Paul is writing a very important letter to those who are a part of the church in Rome. Paul is telling this congregation that he is in no way perfect. He wants them to know that he too, does things that he doesn't want to do. In fact, he hates those things that he does.

He also wants them to know that he doesn't do them because he knows it is wrong. He does them because of the human nature to do things that we enjoy doing, even if it is wrong.

He wants them to understand that he is aware of their own struggles and that it is a part of life. When we have given our life to Christ, sin still exists in the world - then and today. Those little things that we do that are wrong are because of the sin within us.

Pastor Mark



**Birthdays:**

11 - Maddie MacPhee  
12 - Mark Parkinson  
14 - Tom Stubbeman  
15 - Hugh Dunn



The General Assembly of the Disciples of Christ Church will be held in nearby Louisville, KY. from July 29th through August 1st. Please be in prayer for all Disciples will be traveling to and/or participating in this event.



### 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:

Jill Lightle  
1945 Crescent St.  
Franklin, IN 46131

Barbara Mitchell  
1282 W SR 252  
Trafalgar, IN 46181

Pat Hogan/Ray Von Burg  
295 Village Ln., Apt. 200  
Greenwood, IN 46143

Nancy Hunt  
Compass Park,  
GA 2350,  
890 Freemason Parkway,  
Franklin, IN 46131

Brenda Haler/Iva Shaw  
1375 S. Center Ln.  
Franklin, IN 46131

Barbara Smith  
1122 S Nineveh Road  
Franklin, IN 46131

Hugh Dunn  
75 S Milford Drive  
Franklin, IN 46131

### A Note of Thanks!

Union Christian Church has been an integral part of the life of my family and especially me for over 55 years. I was honored to see my children baptized here and two married here. You helped me say goodbye to Wayne. I have worshiped here with you for many years. You celebrated with me when Merrill and I married. This church family **is** my family.

Thank you for the honor of being elected Elder Emeritus in this, my church home.

### Links of Interest



[Union Christian website](#)

[Union Christian Facebook page](#)

[Union Christian YouTube Channel](#)

[Disciples of Christ in Indiana](#)

[Disciples of Christ General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)

[Johnson County Indiana website](#)

[About Franklin, IN](#)

### Anniversaries:

2023 JULY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				

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

#### Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship service

#### Monday

6:30 p.m.

Ministry Teams meet

#### Saturday

12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Johnson County

4-H Fair Parade



### DW News

Disciples Women will be on vacation for July and August.

Hope to see all the ladies join us in September!

### News to watch for...



Martha White  
1070 W. Jefferson St., Apt.  
E117  
Franklin, IN 46131

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### **DM News**

The next meeting of the Disciples Men will be on August 12th at 8:00 a.m. at the church.

All men of the church are welcome at our bi-monthly meeting and we hope you come hungry.

### **Coming in July**

Ministry Team  
meetings

Johnson County 4-H  
Fair and parade

Healing Drum Circle

1930s Birthday Bash!

Disciples of Christ  
General Assembly