



## The Union Connection

July 23, 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**

We are supporting Operation Fast Track by providing donations of back to school items.

You can place your items in the Narthex in front of the display.



**Lori Sewell, Chair**  
The Discipleship Ministry  
Team update:

Our August Linger Longer will take place on August 27th, in conjunction with the Spiritual Life Ministry Team as they plan an outdoor worship service.



**Karen Bauman, Chair**

The Spiritual Life Ministry invites you to participate in our journaling program and "Sharing your Story". You can still share your story on a Sunday morning, whether you let us know in advance or just listen to God and



The Wednesday evening Bible study will return on July 26th with a substitute study on *A Transformational Hope* until we return to the Torah in early September.

Participants may join this meeting via Zoom. The link can be found on the church Calendar found [HERE](#):

Blessings!

*Pastor Parky*

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## 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*

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.

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Greeting Card Ministry



**Serving  
July 23th**

**Elders:**

Joe Wells  
Susie Hayes

**Deacons:**

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

**Worship Leader:**

Flora Smith

**Serving  
July 30th**

**Elders:**

Deb Stubbeman  
John White

**Deacons:**

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

**Worship Leader:**

Donna Wisehart

**Worship Leaders  
needed for August.  
Please sign up  
in the Narthex.**

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Links of Interest

stand up to speak.

We are planning an outdoor worship service to be held in the shelter on Sunday, August 27th. This will coincide with the Discipleship Ministry Team's Linger Longer for August.

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**Sermon 7/23**

**You Are My Witnesses!**

**Psalm 86:11-17  
Isaiah 44:6-8**

**Synopsis:**

In our reading for this week, we see God – the Creator of the universe – speaking to His beloved people, the nation of Israel. He speaks to them in a very personal conversation that is in first-person perspective. That is how much God loves His people.

God tells them and then reminds them that he has been telling them the same story since creation. He is the one and only God and they are His people.

He also reminds them that it is their responsibility to proclaim God as the Almighty one and only God. That is also our responsibility. Are you proclaiming?

Pastor Mark

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**Birthdays:**

26 - Donna Wisehart  
27 - Karen Bauman

**Anniversaries:**

28 - Carol & Larry Hicks

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  
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Greenwood, IN 46143

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

Brenda Haler/Iva Shaw  
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Franklin, IN 46131

Barbara Smith  
1122 S Nineveh Road  
Franklin, IN 46131

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Franklin, IN 46131

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2023 JULY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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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

**Wednesday**  
6:30 p.m.  
Healing Drum Circle

**Saturday**  
General Assembly  
begins in Louisville



### 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...



### Coming in July

1930s Birthday Bash!

Disciples of Christ  
General Assembly

### 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.



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