



The Union Connection

July 30, 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.

'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



Charlie Canary, Chair

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

- Fast Track reduces stress for families and teachers.



Lori Sewell, Chair
The Discipleship Ministry
Team update:

Take a few minutes on August 27th to **Linger Longer** following the **Sunday in the Shelter** worship service for a cold drink and ice cream. Don't forget to wear your favorite **Hawaiian Shirt!**



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

- Fast Track assisted over 1,400 students in 2022 with supplies for the first day of school.
- Fast Track reduces stress for children.
 - Fast Track connects families to needed resources

Your support for children and families in Johnson County is greatly appreciated!

You can find a list of needed items and/or place your items in the Narthex in front of the display.



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



Ice Cream Social Back to School

On Saturday, August 12 at 5 PM, Tabernacle Christian Church in Franklin will be hosting a back-to-school ice cream social.

Important Notice!

Worship Leaders needed for the month of August. Please add your name to the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



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

Serving August 6th

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman
Joe Wells

Deacons:

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

stand up to speak.

We are planning an outdoor worship service

Sunday in the Shelter

to be held in the shelter on Sunday, August 27th. This will coincide with the Discipleship Ministry Team's Linger Longer for August and also declared to be

Hawaiian Shirt Day!

Sermon 7/30

Hebrew Alphabet Pe Soup

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136

Synopsis:

The scripture for this week, Psalm 119:129-136, is a love letter; in a sense. It seems to be written directly to God but if we look at the context of this writing, we might find something hidden in this story.

Wikipedia (sorry) tells us, "There is a tradition that King David used this psalm to teach his young son Solomon the alphabet—but not just the alphabet for writing letters: the alphabet of the spiritual life."

While we are unable to see the acrostic impact of David's writing in our modern translations, if we look at the Hebrew Bible, we could see the repetition of each letter of the alphabet, one stanza at a time. And verses 129-136 are for the Hebrew letter Pe (pronounced pay or pay)

Pastor Mark



All ice cream, toppings, and utensils will be provided. Everyone can bring their own chairs and drinks, and if the weather is nice, we can all sit out on the front lawn.
All ages -- young and old - are invited!



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

Martha White

Worship Leader:
Melody Davis

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News to watch for...



Coming in August

Disciples Men meet

Board Meeting

Birthdays:
2 - Martha White
4 - J Compton

Anniversaries:

2023 AUGUST						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

**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.
Bible Study
A Transformational
Hope



DW News

Disciples Women will be on vacation for July and August.

Hope to see all the ladies join us in September!



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

Healing Drum Circle
Sunday in the Shelter
& Linger Longer

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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