



The Union Connection

August 6, 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 is focusing 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.



Serving August 6th

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman
Joe Wells

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Melody Davis

Serving August 13th

Elders:

Susie Hayes
John White

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Susie Hayes

Links of Interest

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!**



Birthdays:

10 - Barbara Smith
10 - Kendala Parkinson

Anniversaries:

9 - Sandy & Bill Owens
12 - Carole & Mark Graham

Sermon 8/6

Going to Need a Minute or Two Alone, Boys

Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Synopsis:

Our reading begins with, "Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself." What Jesus had just heard was that his good friend, his cousin, John the Baptist, had been killed, beheaded by King Herod. He was upset, to say the least. He needed time to process what he just learned. Yes, even Jesus had to understand why humankind could be so cruel.

Process it he did because just as soon as the crowds heard this devastating news about John, they began to seek out Jesus; maybe to see how he might respond at the death of a family

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
1070 W. Jefferson St., Apt.
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member.

Well, he responded by having compassion on those who were gathered around him. By the time evening was rolling in, he knew that they needed to eat, so he told his disciples, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' There just happened to be more than 5,000 men – not counting the women and children – who were there that day.

Pastor Mark

2023 AUGUST						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

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

News to watch for...



Coming in August

Disciples Men meet

Board Meeting

Healing Drum Circle

Sunday in the Shelter
& Linger Longer

Sunday
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School
10:30 a.m.
Worship service

Wednesday
6:30 p.m.
Bible Study
A Transformational
Hope

Saturday
8:00 a.m.
Disciple Men
breakfast meeting



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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.

DW News

Disciples Women will be on vacation for July and August.

Hope to see all the ladies join us in September!
