



## The Union Connection

August 13, 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

## Ministry Teams



Charlie Canary, Chair

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

- Fast Track reduces stress for children.
- Fast Track connects



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 join us for our 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

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](#):

Our study on the Books of  
the Torah, returns on  
September 6. We will finish  
on November 15 - before  
Thanksgiving week.

**Let me know if you will  
join us so I can order  
books.**  
Blessings!

*Pastor Parky*



### 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



### 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

### Serving August 20th

#### Elders:

Deb Stubbeman  
Joe Wells

#### Deacons:

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

#### Worship Leader:

**Leader Needed**

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### Links of Interest

Linger Longer for August  
and also declared to be  
**Hawaiian Shirt Day!**



#### Birthdays:

14 - Tracy Stubbeman  
19 - Dave Hopping

#### Anniversaries:

17 - Judy & Joe Wells

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### Sermon 8/6

### Get Out of the Boat

**Psalm 85:8-13**  
**Matthew 14:22-33**

#### Synopsis:

Our reading for this week  
picks up immediately  
following last week's  
reading where Jesus  
needed a minute or two  
alone; after hearing the  
news of the death of his  
cousin, John the Baptist. He  
most likely set off in a boat  
to be by himself to work  
through his own grief and,  
knowing that the crowds  
were following him, to  
prepare in how he would  
minister to them.

In this week's reading,  
Jesus sends the disciples  
out in a boat and he  
remains behind; again, in  
order to prepare himself for  
what would take place next  
in His ministry. He remained  
on that mountain, by  
himself, until early morning.

I surmise that it was at the  
very peak of dawn that  
Jesus descended the  
mountain and began  
walking on that water. It was  
likely that there was just  
enough morning light that  
he could see. It was still  
difficult for his disciples to

receiving a card from someone in the church:



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**News to watch for...**



**Coming in August**  
Board Meeting

Healing Drum Circle

Sunday in the Shelter  
& Linger Longer

**Coming in Sept.**  
Labor Day Weekend

Ministry Teams

Disciples Women  
Meet

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**DM News**

The next meeting of the Disciples Men met on August 12th at 8:00 a.m. at the church. Making plans for the next Hog Roast. More information to follow.

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!

make out what was approaching their boat in the middle of the sea.

Jesus told them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." (There are those words again.) Upon hearing the voice of Jesus, Peter said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus replied, "Come." Jesus says to us, "Come."

Pastor Mark

| 2023 AUGUST |        |         |           |          |        |          |
|-------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 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.  
Board meeting

**Wednesday**

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

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