



## The Union Connection

September 17, 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

### Christian Action

**Charlie Canary, Chair**

We are supporting the Interfaith Food Pantry for the month of September. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Please bring items to the narthex. Thank you so much for your support.



**Lori Sewell, Chair**

The Discipleship Ministry  
Team update:

We are holding our  
**Linger Longer** on  
Sunday, September 24th.

Please take a moment  
to spend time with  
church family in fellowship  
and refreshments.



**Karen Bauman, Chair**

Watch for information from  
the Spiritual Life Ministry  
team in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in  
praying for our community  
at a coffee shop, by walking  
through neighborhoods, or  
at church praying for the will



### A Time For Prayer

Wed. 9-9:30 a.m.  
Sep. 20 to Oct. 25  
**Prayer and Coffee**

Tue. 2-2:30 p.m.  
Sep. 26 to Oct. 31  
**Pray for our church**

Fri. 9:30-10:00ish a.m.  
Sep. 29 to Nov. 3  
**Prayer Walk**

Please watch the weekly bulletin or message me via text/email/phone call for more details.



**Tuesday Bible Study**  
Judy Wells will be hosting this study on *Jesus and Women, In the First Century and Now* is by Kristi McLelland. The study is open to all and begins in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested or have questions, contact Judy Wells.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**  
Our study on the Books of the Torah meets at 6:30 p.m. and will finish on November 15 - before Thanksgiving week.

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

Blessings!  
*Pastor Parky*

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



### Serving September 17th

**Elders:**

John White  
Joe Wells

**Deacons:**

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

**Worship Leader:**

John White

### Serving September 24th

**Elders:**

Susie Hayes  
Deb Stubbeman

**Deacons:**

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

**Worship Leader:**

David Bauman

of God for our church, contact Pastor Parky



**Birthdays:**

**Anniversaries:**

17 - Lori & Marty Sewell

2023 SEPTEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

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

### Sermon 9/17

**Intended for Good**

**Matthew 18:21-35**  
**Genesis 50:15-21**

**Synopsis:**

As we look at Joseph's brothers following the death of their father – this deceitful father that somehow seem to protect them – he was gone. Their protection was gone. Whatever would they do?

They came to Joseph with their own deceitful plan in hopes that Joseph would forgive them. They told him that their father had requested their protection before his passing.

Joseph didn't need to hear any farfetched story about



### 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  
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Trafalgar, IN 46181

Pat Hogan/Ray Von Burg  
271 Village Ln., Room 142  
Greenwood, IN 46143

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

Brenda Haler  
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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.  
E117  
Franklin, IN 46131



### DM News

The Disciples Men have set the date for the **Fall Hog Roast** as September 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend and if possible, help with preparing and serving. Spread the news on the date of our Hog Roast!

### Links of Interest



[UCC website](#)

[Union Christian Facebook page](#)

[UCC YouTube](#)

[DoC in Indiana](#)

[DoC General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)

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their father. Joseph trusted in God and knew why he had gone through all that he had experienced. He knew why God had him where he was; entrusted with the empire of Egypt.

Joseph forgave his brothers out of the same love that God extended to him and extends to us today.

Pastor Mark

#### Sunday

9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.  
Worship service  
6:30 p.m.  
Healing Drum Circle

#### Tuesday

10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study  
Jesus and Women, In the First Century and Now

#### Wednesday

6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study  
Books of the Torah

#### Saturday

All Day  
Fall Hog Roast



### DW News

Disciples Women will meet on Thursday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

### Watch for in Sept.

Healing Drum Circle  
Bible Study groups  
A Time for Prayer  
Hog Roast