



The Union Connection

October 8, 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

Christian Action

Charlie Canary, Chair

Watch for information and how to sign up for meal packing opportunities on Nov. 4th & 5th. We will be working with local Rotary Clubs to pack meals for Ukraine.

They need 200 volunteers for each shift - 2 on Saturday the 4th and 2 on Sunday the 5th. More info will be in the Narthex.



Lori Sewell, Chair

The Discipleship Ministry
Team update:

We are holding our
Fall Harvest Celebration
on
Sunday, October 22nd
following our worship
service.

Please join us for fellowship
and refreshments.

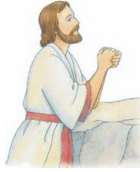


Karen Bauman, Chair

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

Thank you so much for your support.



A Time For Prayer

Prayer and Coffee

Wed. 9-9:30 a.m.
through Oct. 25

Pray for our church

Tue. 2-2:30 p.m.
through Oct. 31

Prayer Walk

Fri. 9:30-10:00ish a.m.
through Nov. 3

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.

Blessings!

Pastor Parky

Worship Leader needed for October 22nd.

Please sign up
in the Narthex.



Serving
October 8th

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman
Joe Wells

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Susie Hayes

Serving
October 15th

Elders:

Susie Hayes
John White

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Karen Bauman

of God for our church,
contact Pastor Parky



Birthdays:

08 - Ricki Townsend
11 - Lisa Wallace
12 - Mark Graham

Anniversaries:

2023 OCTOBER						
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

Tuesday

10:00 a.m.
Bible Study
Jesus and Women,
In the First Century
and Now
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Pray for our church
(at home or
at church)

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Prayer and Coffee at
Coffeeshouse 5

6:30 p.m.
Bible Study



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
271 Village Ln., Room 142
Greenwood, IN 46143

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

Brenda Halder
1375 S. Center Ln.
Franklin, IN 46131

Barbara Smith
1122 S Nineveh Road
Franklin, IN 46131

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Franklin, IN 46131

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Franklin, IN 46131

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DW News
Disciples Women will **NOT** meet on Thursday, October 12th.

Many of the women will be attending the Aspire Women's Event in Shelbyville on Friday, October 13th.

See Karen for more details.



DM News
The Disciples Men will hold their regular every other month meeting on October 14th at 8:00 a.m.

We hope you will join us for food and fellowship!

Links of Interest



[UCC website](#)

[Union Christian Facebook page](#)

[UCC YouTube](#)

[DoC in Indiana](#)

[DoC General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)

Books of the Torah

Friday
9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Neighborhood Prayer Walk
6:30 p.m.
DW Women to Aspire in Shelbyville

Sermon 9/24

Sound Familiar

Isaiah 5:1-7
Matthew 21:33-46

Synopsis:

I found it quite interesting that of the four scripture choices from this week's lectionary selection, three of them spoke to a variation of the story told in Matthew 21 about the Parable of the Wicked Tenants. The landowner (a reference to God) planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press and built a watch-tower.

This landowner leased it to tenants but when the time for harvest arrived, those tenants seized slaves – killing one of them. When the landowner sent his son (we know who that is), they did the same thing, killing the son.

When Jesus tells this story, as we are told in the Gospel of Matthew, he is almost directly quoting the same story from Isaiah 5:1-7. When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him... Sounds familiar, right?

Pastor Mark