

The Union Connection

November 12, 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 signup 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.

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'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 will be taking up a collection for our annual Thanksgiving Offering

on Nov. 12th & 19th.

Also, our

Christmas Angel Tree
will be available soon.

Thank you so much for your support.



Lori Sewell, Chair

There will **NOT** be a Linger Longer in Nov. and Dec.

Please support the Thanksgiving Bread Service on Nov. 19th from 6-7 p.m.

Join us for our annual Christmas Party in Dec. - date and time to be announced.



Karen Bauman, Chair

We will be observing a **Thanksgiving Bread Service** on Nov. 19th from 6-7 p.m.

Please join us to give thanks for a successful season of harvest.





Christmas is just around the corner.

Kendala and Pastor Mark will be hosting a **Parsonage Open House** on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served. We hope you will come join us.



Tuesday Bible Study

Judy Wells is 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.

Tuesday Bible Study will be taking a two-week break on November 21st & 28th.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Judy Wells.



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

Worship Leaders needed for December.

Please sign up in the Narthex.



Serving November 19th

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman John White

Deacons:

G - Carole Graham

O - Judy Wells

C - Mark Graham

Alt - Lisa Wallace

Worship Leader:

Cliff Ronk



DW News

Disciples Women will meet in December.
Watch for more information about the date.

All women of the church are welcome to join us.



DM News

The Disciples Men will meet on December 9th



Advent is coming!

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex for you and/or your family to be a reader or candle lighter for Advent.



Anchors

Area

News

This section is dedicated to sharing upcoming events from our neighboring DoC churches in the Anchors Area.

Tabernacle Christian

offers a community
meal on the first,
third,and fourth
Wednesday of each
month (no meal on
Wednesday before
Thanksgiving).
Volunteers are
welcome - contact
Nancy James at Tab if
interested.



Birthdays:

14 - Sandy Owens

14 - Fred Williams

15 - Eric Hunt

Anniversaries:

14 - Flora & Merrill Smith

18 - Martha & J Compton

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 Haler

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. E117
Franklin, IN 46131

Carolyn Rogers

490 Red Skelton, Apt 109 Franklin, IN 46131



Surviving the Holidays

We will be hosting two onenight GriefShare sessions on *Surviving the Holidays*. The first will be at 6:30 p.m. on November 14th and the second will be at the same time on December 12th.

Both sessions will be the same and participants are welcome to attend both. To sign up for either or both sessions, click **HERE** or visit https://www.griefshare.org/findagroup and enter your zip code.

at 8:00 a.m.

We hope you will join us for food and fellowship!

Sermon 11/12

First In Line

Amos 5:18-24 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Synopsis:

I've heard the comments many times. Sometimes even from faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Maybe they've recently lost a loved one and they say something to the affect, 'I hope my loved one is now in heaven.'

None of us know the answer to that question. Only God knows who will be in heaven and who will not. I cannot say that someone – even if they are the most likely to be in heaven – is actually in heaven before Christ returns.

Paul reminds us in his letter the church in Thessalonica 'that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a crv of with command. the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Pastor Mark

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Visit This Week's Calendar Online

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Sunday

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

Monday

6:30 p.m. Ministry Teams meeting

Tuesday

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

630 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. GriefShare Surviving the Holidays

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Disciples Women

Disciples Men



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