



## The Union Connection

**November 26, 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.

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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

### Christian Action

**Charlie Canary, Chair**

Our **Christmas Angel Tree**  
will be available soon.

Thank you so much  
for your support.



**Christmas is just**



**Lori Sewell, Chair**

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

Join us for our annual  
**Christmas Party**  
in Dec. 10th following  
worship. The theme is  
Journey to Bethlehem and  
this will be a pitch-in dinner.

**Worship Leaders  
needed for**



**Karen Bauman, Chair**

We will be decorating the  
sanctuary for the Advent  
Season on November 26  
following our worship  
service. Please stay and  
join us if you are available.

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

**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**  
1945 Crescent St.  
Franklin, IN 46131

**Dec. 24th & 31st.**

**Please sign up in the Narthex.**



**Serving December 3rd**

**Elders:**

Susie Hayes  
Deb Stubbeman

**Deacons:**

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

**Worship Leader:**

Terrie Ferguson



**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.

Advent Devotionals are available in the Narthex.



**Anchors**

**Area**

**News**

**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:**

27 - John White

**Anniversaries:**

**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

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at 8:00 a.m.

We hope you will join us for  
food and fellowship!

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### Sermon 11/26

### The Eyes of Your Heart

Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ephesians 1:15-23

#### Synopsis:

As Paul writes this letter to the church in Ephesus, he uses a slightly different technique in his writing style. Normally, in the many letters (epistles) written to the various churches, whether they were written by Paul or one of his proteges, a salutation is given to say who is writing this letter and who it is written to. Following the salutation, a thanksgiving is given for the members of this church.

In this letter to the Ephesians, following the salutation, Paul gives a spiritual blessing over the church in the name of Jesus Christ. In this blessing, Paul preaches the good news of Christ to these believers.

Following this spiritual blessing, Paul then gives the normal thanksgiving that is due this congregation for the work they are doing for the wider body of the church, i.e. all believers. It is in this thanksgiving that we too can offer up our thanks to God for all that He has given to us.

Pastor Mark

2023 NOVEMBER						
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		

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

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

**Saturday**  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Parsonage  
Open House

#### Links of Interest

[UCC website](#)

[Union Christian  
Facebook page](#)

[UCC YouTube](#)

[DoC in Indiana](#)

[DoC General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)



#### Surviving the Holidays

We are hosting a one-night GriefShare session on *Surviving the Holidays* on December 12th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

To sign up for this session, click [HERE](#) or visit <https://www.griefshare.org/findagroup> and enter your zip code.