



The Union Connection

December 3, 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** is available. This outreach effort is another way that we as a church and you as an individual can help one of the least of these within our community.

Thank you so much
for your support.



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.



Karen Bauman, Chair

We hope you will enjoy this
Advent Season filled with
holiday decoration, Advent
Candle lighting and special
readings during our worship
service.

**The Secret Place
quarterly devotional
will be available this**

**Worship Leaders
needed for**

coming week!



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.

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

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.

January.

**Please sign up
in the Narthex.**



**Serving
December 10th**

Elders:

John White
Joe Wells

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Ellen Paris

Sermon 12/3

**Next Gas Station - 100
Miles**

**Isaiah 64:1-9
Mark 13:24-37**

Synopsis:

Comedian Bill Engvall, knows as one of the four guys on the Blue Collar Comedy Tour with Jeff Foxworthy, built an entire comedy routine around the phrase "here's your sign" and that slogan reached out across cultures to every corner of the United States and beyond. It was funny when it touched on an area of one's life that could connect to the line that proceeded it. It played on what Engvall referred to as stupid comments by ordinary people.



Advent is coming!

Reader(s) or candle lighter for the Advent wreath still needed for **Dec. 24th** for the morning worship service.

Advent Devotionals are available in the Narthex.



DW News

Disciples Women will meet in December.

Watch here for more information about the date.

All women of the church are welcome to join us.



Anchors

Area

News

**Events from our
neighboring DoC
churches in the
Anchors Area.**

Tabernacle Christian

offers a community meal on the first and third Wednesday of December.

Volunteers are welcome - contact Nancy James at Tab if interested.

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



DM News

The Disciples Men will meet **next Saturday** on December 9th at 8:00 a.m.

We hope you will join us for food and fellowship!

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<https://unionchristiandoc.org>



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While I do not condone making fun of others or calling anyone stupid, the crux of his jokes was exposing the simplest of situations where people don't think about what they are about to say, thus leaving themselves open to ridicule.

As our reading from the Prophet Isaiah speaks to the fact that the people of Israel had sinned against the commandments of God and the prophet wanted God to come down and speak directly to their mistakes, Isaiah might have thought God would say, "Here's your sign."

In our reading from the Gospel of Mark, we see the author describing the signs that God has placed before us to inform us of what we are to look for at the End Times. Its all a learning process beginning with the sign of the birth of the Christ-child.

Pastor Mark



Surviving the Holidays

We are hosting a one-night GriefShare session on **Surviving the Holidays** this Tuesday 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.



Birthdays:

8 - Amber Wheeler

Anniversaries:

2023 DECEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

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

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

Saturday
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Disciples Men meeting

Links of Interest

- [UCC website](#)
- [Union Christian Facebook page](#)
- [UCC YouTube](#)
- [DoC in Indiana](#)
- [DoC General Church](#)
- [Disciples Women](#)
- [Disciples Men](#)