

The Union Connection

December 10, 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

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 out community.

Angel Tree gifts are due back NEXT SUNDAY - Dec. 17!

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 TODAY - 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 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

Worship Leaders needed for January.

Please sign up in the Narthex.



Serving December 17th

Elders:

Susie Hayes Deb Stubbeman

Deacons:

G - Mark Graham

O - Lisa Wallace

C - Carole Graham

Alt - Judy Wells

Worship Leader:

Donna Wisehart

Sermon 12/10

In the Wilderness, Prepare

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Isaiah 40:1-11

Synopsis:

We hear the words of God's Prophet, Isaiah, who was in conversation with King Hezekiah of just after Isaiah had told the king that he would die, according to God's word. Isaiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord. God immediately told Isaiah to say to King Hezekiah that God would grant another fifteen years to his life.

We are familiar with the



Advent is HERE!

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.



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.



Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

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



DM News

The Disciples Men will meet on February 10th at 8:00 a.m.

We hope you will join us for food and fellowship!

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You can subscribe to our newsletter by going to the bottom, right-hand corner of our website, found at: https://unionchristiandoc.org verses found in Matthew 3 and Mark 1 that tells of John the Baptist speaking about Jesus, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

The Gospel writers are referring back to what the Prophet Isaiah said about Jesus, "A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Notice that Isaiah is saying that we must prepare in the wilderness.

Could this be the same wilderness that the Israelites wandered through for forty years, zig-zagging back and forth until God led them to the Promise Land? Are we in a wilderness? Do we need to straighten our paths to prepare for God?

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.

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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. Board Mtg.

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. GriefShare Surviving the Holidays

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