

The Union Connection

December 24, 2023

Encourage humankind toward Christ-centered living through loving, learning, listening, and leading.

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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

Merry Christmas!!



Charlie Canary, Chair

Thank you so much for your support of the **Angel Tree** outreach program.





Lori Sewell, Chair

We hope you will join us for a New Year's Eve party at church. Bring your favorite board games or card games and a snack to share.

We are also having a Linger Longer on January 28th following worship.



Karen Bauman, Chair

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

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 will pick back up after the first of the year. Watch for more information.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Judy.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

We will begin the last book in our study of the Books of the Torah, the book of Deuteronomy, on January 10th at 6:30 p.m. If you need the study book or want information to join us via Zoom, contact Pastor Mark.



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:

Martha & J Compton 5399 S Nineveh Rd.

Franklin, IN 46131

Barbara Mitchell 1282 W SR 252

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

Barbara Smith 1122 S Nineveh Road



Serving December 31st

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman Susie Hayes

Deacons:

G - Lisa Wallace

O - Carole Graham

C - Judy Wells

Alt - Mark Graham

Worship Leader:

David Bauman



Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

Sermon 12/24

Early Service Live Into God's Plan

2 Samuel 7:1-11 Luke 1:47-55

Synopsis:

The Angel of God, Gabriel, visited young Mary while she was still betrothed to Joseph and told her that she had found with God, as he told her that she would be the mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He also told of her relative Elizabeth who would also give birth to a son who would later call out from the wilderness to

Worship Leaders needed for January.

Please sign up in the Narthex.

2023 DECEMBER						
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Sunday

No Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve - Early Worship service

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve - Late Worship service



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.

Links of Interest

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 3rd at 8:00 a.m.

NOTE: We moved the meeting up one week to prepare for the Valentine Dinner on the 11th.

We hope you will join us for food and fellowship!



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proclaim the way of the Lord.

Mary quickly went to visit her relative and as soon as Elizabeth heard the voice of Mary, her baby leapt in her womb and she was filled with the Holy Spirit. This was the affirmation that Mary needed to be able to go forward with God's plan for her, even though she would face ridicule for being pregnant and not married.

God has plans for our lives, as well and He allows us to walk into situations that give us that same sort of affirmation as to what He has in store for us. We just need to live into those plans and glorify God through them.

I hope that you will be as quick to say yes as Mary was, as she immediately told Gabriel, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'.

Pastor Mark

Late Service According to His Mercy

Titus 3:4-7

(No synopsis)

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Union Christian Facebook page

UCC YouTube

DoC in Indiana

DoC General Church

Disciples Women

Disciples Men



DW News

Disciples Women will meet on January 11th for their regular monthly meeting.

Watch here for more information.

All women of the church are welcome to join us.

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