



The Union Connection

December 31, 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

Happy New Year!!

Christian Action

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
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



**Serving
January 7th**

Elders:

Susie Hayes
Joe Wells

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Ellen Paris



Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

31 - Jill & Allen Whitehurst

Sermon 12/24

Two Turtle Doves

Psalm 148
Luke 2:22-40

Synopsis:

Mary and Joseph followed the Mosaic Law of Rituals in going to the Temple when it was time to make a sacrificial offering for their newborn child. It is something that every Jewish parent does if they

**Worship
Leaders
NEEDED
for January.**

**Please sign
up in the
Narthex.**

JANUARY 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31	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	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

**Visit This Week's
Calendar Online**

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Sunday

9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Worship service

7:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve party



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.

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 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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obey the Laws of Moses.

We might think that due to the importance of Jesus in the world that the offering would be of great value. However, there were provisions for what was to be offered depending on the economic status of the parents. For Mary and Joseph, it would only be a lowly offering of two turtle doves since they were considered 'poor' for that day and time.

Another person of interest in our reading is none other than Simeon. Mary and Joseph were first-time parents and any couple should be so lucky to have a person like Simeon around when their first child was born.

Not only did he foretell of the great things that Jesus would do for humankind, but he also shared the troublesome events that would take place in order to prepare them for when those events took place. Wouldn't we all like to have been more prepared for what to expect with our firstborn child?

Pastor Mark

Links of Interest

[UCC website](#)

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[UCC YouTube](#)

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[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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