



## **The Union Connection**

**Week of August 18, 2024**

**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. Comments/Concerns/Suggestions regarding this newsletter can be made at the Church Office or by email to [lorisewellucc@gmail.com](mailto:lorisewellucc@gmail.com).

**'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

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## **Ministry Teams**

**It is a new physical year and the Ministry Teams are making plans for the coming year. If you would like to be a part of any or all of the Ministry Teams, let Becky, Lori and/or Charlie know.**

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**Charlie Canary, Chair**

**Christian Action Ministry** team is collecting items for Fast Track to provide school supplies for children throughout Johnson County.

See the display in the Narthex. There are supply lists in the manila envelope on the display with a QR code that directs you to Amazon to ship directly to United Way.



**Lori Sewell, Chair**

And Jesus came and said to them,...  
'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28:18a,19-20



**Becky Canary, Chair**

Spiritual Life Ministry invites you to join us for the **Outside Worship** service, followed by the **All-Church Picnic** on **August 25th.**

The downstairs Sunday school class is studying the **Book of Galatians.**

You are invited to join us.



**Birthdays:**  
19 - Dave Hopping

**Anniversaries:**  
24 - Jill & Paul Lightle



**I think I see a Pic-a-nic Basket, Boo Boo!**

Next Sunday, on August 25th, we will have an outdoor worship service in the shelter (weather permitting), followed by an **All-Church Picnic** in the fellowship hall (to avoid bees).

**What's coming up?**

**Sunday**  
9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service

6:30 p.m.  
Healing Drum Circle

**Wednesday**  
6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study

**Sunday**  
9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.  
Outside Worship Service

11:30 a.m.  
All-church Picnic in fellowship hall



**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

**New Address**  
**Pat Hogan/Ray Von Burg**  
4926 Sir Barton, Rm  
208  
Indianapolis, IN 46237

**Nancy Hunt**  
Compass Park,  
GA 2350,  
890 Freemason  
Parkway,  
Franklin, IN 46131

**Martha White**  
1070 W. Jefferson St.,  
Apt. E117  
Franklin, IN 46131

**Carolyn Rogers**  
490 Red Skelton, Apt  
109  
Franklin, IN 46131



## Tuesday Bible Study on Break

The Tuesday study will begin a new study in September.

Watch for more information.

**Wednesday Bible Study**



## Serving August 25th

### Elder:

Karen Bauman  
Joe Wells

### Deacons:

G - Mark Graham  
O - Terrie Ferguson  
C - Carole Graham  
A - Judy Wells

### Worship Leader:

John White

Have you thought about being a **Worship Leader** again, OR, for the first time?

There are **STILL** openings in **October!!**



## Sermon 8/18

*To Fear or Not to Fear*

## What's On the Calendar?

Wonder no more! Click below to visit the church calendar and see what's going on in our church.

<https://unionchristiandoc.org/about/calendar/>

AUGUST 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	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

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

## News to watch for!

### Coming in August

Healing Drum Circle

Outside Worship & All-Church Picnic



## DW News

Disciples Women will be on summer break for July and August. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Hope to see you all on September 12th at 6:30 p.m.

The Wednesday Evening Bible study meets at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

We are studying **Life Lessons from James** by Max Lucado.

### Links of Interest

[UCC website](#)

[Union Christian Facebook page](#)

[UCC YouTube/Live Stream](#)

[DoC in Indiana](#)

[DoC General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

[Disciples Men](#)

[About Franklin, Indiana](#)

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**Have you visited our website lately? We've added updates.**

Why not see what others see when they seek to learn about us and our family; how we serve and witness to others.

Click this link or type it into your search browser:

<https://unionchristiandoc.org/>

## John 6:51-58 Psalm 34:9-14

### Synopsis:

Psalm 34 is a Psalm of thanksgiving, though it sounds more like a proclamation of God's power to inflict punishment rather than a way of giving thanks. Our psalmist has been the one who has gone through a difficult trial of some sort. He knows, firsthand, what God can and will do for those who call upon him.

In giving thanks to God for rescuing him, he is also telling those who are still stuck in the fear of life's difficulties that there is a way out. God will provide that way out.

The psalmist sums up his proclamation with a reminder of how the people of God need to live. "Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it."

Pastor Mark

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### DM News

The Disciples Men met on Saturday, August 10th at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

We are making plans for the **Fall Hog Roast** to be held on **Saturday, September 28th from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.**

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, September 21st at 8:00 a.m.**

We will gather at **Bob Evans** for breakfast and to finalize plans for the Hog Roast.

Come join us!



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