



The Union Connection

Week of November 17, 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.

**'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

**If you would like to be a part of any
or all of the Ministry Teams,
let Becky, Lori and/or Charlie know.**



**Charlie Canary,
Chair**

**The Christian Action
Ministry Team**
would like to say
"Thank You!"
for the
Week of Compassion
offering taken up at the
Harvest Celebration
Dinner. We raised over
\$1,100!

There will be three
families on the
**Christmas Angel
Tree** beginning the first
Sunday of Advent.

Today and next
Sunday, Nov. 24th, we
will be
collecting for the
**Regional
Thanksgiving
Offering.**

**Advent is just down
the hall...**



It's time to sign up to
be a reader/candle
lighter for Advent
candles.
The sign-up sheet is in
the Narthex.



Lori Sewell, Chair

**The
Discipleship Ministry
Team**
encourages each of
you to participate in all
of the holiday activities
at church.

**"WinterLights at
Newfields"**
Saturday, Dec. 7th
The time for our tour
will be announced
soon.



Birthdays:
No Birthdays

Anniversaries:
18 - Martha & J
Compton



**Serving
November 24th**

Elder:
John White
Joe Wells



**Becky Canary,
Chair**

**The Spiritual Life
Ministry Team**
will be decorating for
Christmas
in the sanctuary
following worship
on Nov. 24th.
We will provide sub
sandwiches, chips,
and cookies for those
who stay to help.

Later that same day,
Nov. 24th at 6 p.m. will
be the **Thanksgiving
Bread Service.**
We hope you will join
us in being thankful.



There are a couple
different Advent
Devotional books in
the Narthex to choose
from.

Enjoy the time of
preparation for our
celebration of
the coming
of the Christ-child.

**What's
coming up?**



Greeting Card Ministry

If you enjoy sending cards to others, you could be a part of this church ministry. Below are names and addresses of individuals who would appreciate receiving a card from someone in the church:

Martha Compton
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Room 1126
Franklin, IN 46131

J Compton
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Franklin, IN 46131

Ray Von Burg
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Greenwood, IN 46143

Nancy Hunt
Compass Park,
GA 2350,
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Franklin, IN 46131

Martha White
1070 W. Jefferson St.,
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Franklin, IN 46131

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

Deacons:

Greeter -
Michael
Hayes

Offering -
Ashley
Hayes

Communion -
Paul
Lightle

Alternate -
Belinda
Williams

Worship Leader:
Eric Hunt



Sermon 11/17 *The New and Living Way*

1 Samuel 1:12-20
Hebrews 10:19-25

Synopsis:

This week's message, like last week, will be from Hebrews. Biblical scholarship would say that the audience for this letter could be any of the following: Jewish Christians, Greek-speaking Jewish Christians, Gentile Christians or even a mixed community facing persecution.

Sunday
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Worship Service

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Healing Drum
Circle

Tuesday
No Bible Study

Wednesday
6:00 p.m.
Bible Study

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27	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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**Visit This Week's
Calendar Online**
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News to watch for!

Coming in November

Healing Drum
Circle

Decorate for
Christmas

Thanksgiving
Bread Service

Elders meeting

Coming in December

Board meeting

GriefShare

DW and DM meet

All Church
Christmas party



No Tuesday Bible Study for now!

Due to the upcoming holidays, the Tuesday study will **not** meet until January.

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday evening Bible study is studying the **Book of Judges** from the *Knowing the Bible Series* at 6pm in the fellowship hall or via Zoom.

This is a 12-week study but we will not meet on Nov. 27th, Dec. 25th or Jan. 1st.



Surviving the Holidays

We are hosting the second of two GriefShare holiday support groups on Dec. 10th.

If you know someone who might benefit from this group, spread the word.

The hope that shines forth in this week's passage is found in verses 19-20 from our reading: we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh).

Even in the time of this writing, Christians were not meant to live by the old way of life but rather by the excitingly new and improved way of life as a believer and follower of Jesus.

This is something to be excited about. We are not talking about death and dying this week. We are coming together to worship our God and celebrate our salvation, thanks to our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.
Pastor Mark

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DW News New winter start time!

Disciples Women will meet again on **Thursday, December 12th at 5:30 p.m.** Please plan to join us for fun and fellowship.



DM News

The next meeting for the Disciples Men will be on **Saturday, December 14th at 8:00 a.m.** Come join us!

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