



## **The Union Connection**

**Week of December 8, 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**

**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**

**The Christian Action  
Ministry Team**

The **Christmas  
Angel Tree**  
program has begun.  
Please take an  
ornament from the  
tree, purchase the gift/  
gifts listed, wrap the  
gift and attach the  
paper ornament to the  
outside of the  
package.

Please return all items  
on or before **Sunday,  
Dec. 15th**. We are  
once again collecting  
socks, gloves, mittens  
and hats for local  
needs.



**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:



**Lori Sewell, Chair**

**The  
Discipleship Ministry  
Team**

invites you to join us  
for our annual  
**All-Church  
Christmas Party**  
following worship on  
December 15th.

This will be a pitch-in  
meal.



**Becky Canary,  
Chair**

**The Spiritual Life  
Ministry Team**

We will have two  
Christmas Eve  
services  
on Dec. 24th.

The first will be at 5:00  
p.m. and the second at  
11:00 p.m.



**Birthdays:**  
8 - Amber Wheeler

**Anniversaries:**  
No Anniversaries



**Serving  
December 15th**

**Elder:**  
Susie Hayes  
Joe Wells

**What's  
coming up?**

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

10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service

11:30 a.m.  
Communion to  
Home-based  
members

**Monday**  
6:30 p.m.  
Board meeting

**Tuesday**  
No Bible Study

6:30-8:30 p.m.  
GriefShare

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

Bible Study

**Saturday**  
8:00 a.m.  
DM meeting

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**No Tuesday Bible  
Study for now!**

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

**Wednesday Bible  
Study**

is studying the  
**Book of Judges**  
from the  
*Knowing the Bible  
Series*

at 6pm in the  
fellowship hall  
or via Zoom.

**Deacons:**  
Greeter -  
Mark  
Graham

Offering -  
Terrie  
Ferguson

Communion -  
Carole  
Graham

Alternate -  
Judy  
Wells

**Worship Leader:**  
Kendala  
Parkinson



**Sermon 12/8**

***Walk Safely in the  
Glory of God***

**Philippians 1:3-11  
Baruch 5:1-9**

**Synopsis:**

This week, we will be  
hearing from Baruch,  
who was considered to  
be a Prophet of God  
among some Jewish  
scholars and writings.  
We don't see his  
works often, as his  
book is not found  
within the canonized  
Bible but is included in



NOVEMBER 2024						
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**  
[click here](#)

**News to watch  
for!**

**Coming in  
December**

Board meeting

GriefShare

DM meet

All Church  
Christmas party

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Interest**  
[UCC website](#)

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**Surviving**  
the *Holidays*

**We are hosting  
the GriefShare  
holiday support  
group on Dec.  
10th.**

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



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the Talmud and Seder  
Olam.

This Sunday is the  
Second Sunday of  
Advent – the Sunday  
of Peace. Baruch  
paints a beautiful  
picture of peace in his  
writings from this  
week’s lectionary  
lessons. He speaks of  
the Hebrew nation  
being led out of their  
country by captors, the  
enemy.

The beautiful aspect of  
his story is when he  
tells of their return,  
when they will walk  
safely in the glory of  
God. That in itself is a  
beautiful thought to  
behold.

Pastor Mark

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**DW News  
New winter start  
time!**

Disciples Women will  
**NOT** meet next  
**Thursday!**



**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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