



The Union Connection

Week of December 15, 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**

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



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.



**Singing a Joyful
Song!**

Jo. Co. Museum

Our own Ricki Townsend will again be a part of the community chorale group that will be presenting Christmas songs at the Johnson County Museum on Saturday, Dec. 21st at 1:00 p.m.

**First Christian
Shelbyville**

Pastor Mark will be leading the music for the morning Christmas Eve service at FCC Shelbyville at 10:00 a.m.



**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.

Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents

Jesus tells the story of being good stewards of what God has given to us in this parable.

There have been multiple occasions recently where lights have been left on - sometimes, all day - only to be discovered when it gets dark. Please check to make certain that ALL lights are out and doors locked before leaving the church.

**What's
coming up?**

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

appreciate receiving a card from someone in the church:

Martha Compton
800 Freemason
Parkway,
Room 1126
Franklin, IN 46131

J Compton
800 Freemason
Parkway,
Room 1125
Franklin, IN 46131

Ray Von Burg
183 S. Smock Dr., Rm
403
Greenwood, IN 46143

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

Ralph Duckworth
862 E 125 S
Franklin, IN 46131



**Serving
December 22nd**

Elder:
Karen Bauman
John White



Birthdays:
18 - Rick Paris

Anniversaries:
No Anniversaries



Sermon 12/15

At That Time

**Isaiah 12:2-6
Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Synopsis:

If we were to simply look at this sermon scripture reading and take it for face value, we might think that God was about to rescue the Hebrew nation from Babylonian captivity and restore them to their homeland of Israel. But only going back to the beginning of chapter three, we can see it is more likely that God is giving them the 'what for.'

God has sternly scolded them for their wicked ways and told them of all the things he wants to do to them out of his anger. God

10:30 a.m.
Worship Service

11:30 a.m.
All Church
Christmas Party

6:30 p.m.
Healing Drum
Circle

Tuesday
No Bible Study

Wednesday
6:00 p.m.
Bible Study

DECEMBER 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	11

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

**News to watch
for!**

**Coming in
December**

All Church
Christmas party

Christmas Eve
Worship services
5:00 p.m. &
11:00 p.m.

**Links of
Interest**
[UCC website](#)

[Union Christian
Facebook page](#)

[UCC YouTube/
Live Stream](#)

Deacons:

Greeter -
Paul
Lightle

Offering -
Belinda
Williams

Communion -
Michael
Hayes

Alternate -
Ashley
Hayes

Worship Leader:

Ashley Hayes



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.

is proclaiming the wickedness of Jerusalem and calling out the evil leaders, both city officials and religious leaders.

God even says to himself, through the Prophet Zephaniah, 'Surely the city will fear me, it will accept correction; it will not lose sight of all that I have brought upon it.' But they were the more eager to make all their deeds corrupt.

Then we come to our reading for this week and find that God is telling them of his love for them and how he will rejoice over them, even returning them from exile. At that time, the Lord God will turn away their enemies and God's people can sing for joy.

Pastor Mark

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**DW News
New winter start time!**

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



DISCIPLES MEN

DM News

The next meeting for the Disciples Men has **moved** and will be on **Saturday, January 11th at 8:00 a.m.** Come join us!