



The Union Connection

Week of December 22, 2024

**Encourage humankind toward Christ-centered living
through loving, learning, listening, and leading.**

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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

No Newsletter Next Week

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**

We are once again
collecting socks,
gloves, mittens and
hats for local needs.



Lori Sewell, Chair

**The
Discipleship Ministry
Team**

Enjoy the Christmas
holiday and tell
someone you don't
know -

Merry Christmas!!



**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.



**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
800 Freemason
Parkway,
Room 1126
Franklin, IN 46131

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



**Singing a Joyful
Song!**

**First Christian
Shelbyville**

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



Birthdays:
No Birthdays

Anniversaries:
No Anniversaries

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

10:30 a.m.
Worship Service

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

Deacons:

Greeter -
Paul
Lightle

Offering -
Belinda
Williams

Communion -
Michael
Hayes



Sermon 12/22

Hey! Over here!

**Hebrews 10:5-10
Micah 5:2-5a**

Synopsis:

Do you recall as a young child, maybe not very qualified to play a lot of different sports but yet, you had an interest. If there was a pick-up game in the neighborhood or even in gym class at school, you wanted to be on a team.

Maybe you were short or not very coordinated but there you stood, waiting...waiting... waiting for your name to be called. You were like, "Hey! Over here!" Somebody pick me!!

The Tribe of Judah may have thought that as the Nation of Israel was taking shape after each of the tribes were given their inheritance. Who would have thought that such a great person as the Messiah of the World would come out of this tiny tribe of people?

God knew and he told His Prophet Micah to tell the people to get ready, they were going to be great among the

Tuesday
No Bible Study

5:00 p.m. and
11:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve
services

Wednesday
No Bible Study

**Merry
Christmas!!**

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**
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News to watch for!

In December

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

In January

DW meets

DM meets

Ministry Teams
meet

GriefShare
Support group

Healing Drum
Circle

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

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**
will **NOT** meet again
until January 8th at
6:00 p.m.



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people.

Pastor Mark



DW News
**New winter start
time!**

Disciples Women will
meet on **Thursday,**
Jan. 9th at 5:30 p.m.
in the fellowship hall.

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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!