



The Union Connection

Week of January 5, 2025

**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

Happy New Year!!

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.

There will be new
opportunities to serve
as the hands and feet
of Christ in our
community.



**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



Lori Sewell, Chair

**The
Discipleship Ministry
Team**

The holidays are
behind us and it is a
new year. It is time to
come together in
service to our Lord and
Savior, Christ Jesus.

How will you grow
in your discipleship
this year?



It's a **New Year**
and it's time to
sign up as
Worship Leader.

We need volunteers
for January and
February.



Birthdays:
No Birthdays

Anniversaries:
No Anniversaries



**Becky Canary,
Chair**

**The Spiritual Life
Ministry Team**

Our prayer for you for
this year is that you
will grow in your
spirituality.

Are you reading your
Bible, reading a
Christian devotion,
spending time in
prayer?

Lean into your spiritual
growth.

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?**

J Compton
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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
January 12th**

Elder:
Karen Bauman
Susie Hayes

Deacons:
Greeter -
Carole
Graham



Sermon 1/5

All Gather Together

Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Synopsis:

Monday is actually the day of Epiphany but we will celebrate the enlightenment that God has shone down upon us on Sunday. God told the Prophet Isaiah that He would gather his people together around the light of the world. Isaiah is sharing this message with those who were in exile and telling it forward to those in the time of Jesus.

Jesus is that light that has come into the world to save the world from their sins. The exiled Jews might not have understood exactly what Isaiah was telling them but their hope was in their God, even if they had trouble obeying His commands.

The Jews in the day of Jesus had trouble understanding the story of the wise men from the east who had followed an unusually

Sunday
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Worship Service

Tuesday
No Bible Study

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

Wednesday
No Bible Study

**Merry
Christmas!!**

January						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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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	

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

News to watch for!

In January

DM meets

Ministry Teams
meet

GriefShare
Support group

Healing Drum
Circle

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

[Union Christian
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Offering -
Judy
Wells

Communion -
Mark
Graham

Alternate -
Terrie
Ferguson

Worship Leader:
John White



No Tuesday Bible Study for now!

Keep watching for info on when the Tuesday Bible Study will start up again.

Wednesday Bible Study will meet again beginning on January 8th at 6:00 p.m.

We are still studying the **Book of Judges**.

bright star, even in the daylight, and found a young child who had been born in Bethlehem and placed in a manger. That star did not shine on the manger but on the child some two years later, give or take.

Pastor Mark



DW News

Disciples Women will **NOT** be meeting this Thursday, Jan. 9th.

Please watch for information in the next few weeks about a daytime gathering.

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DM News

The Disciples Men will meet on **Saturday, January 11th** at **8:00 a.m.** Come join us!



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