

The Union Connection

Week of January 5, 2025

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

Happy New Year!! Ministry Teams

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.



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?



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.



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



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

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 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 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						
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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 Facebook page Offering -Judy Wells

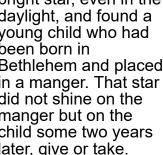
Communion -Mark Graham

Alternate -Terrie Ferguson

Worship Leader: John White

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!





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.

