



The Union Connection

May 15, 2022

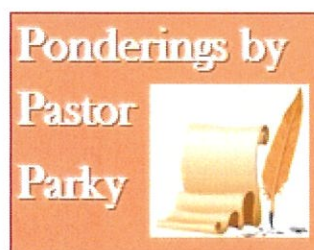
Encourage humankind toward Christ-centered living
through loving, learning, listening, and leading.

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



Sermon 5/15

What's For Lunch?

Luke 14:15-24
John 4:31-38

Synopsis:

In Luke 14, Jesus tells the parable about the time when someone (hint: God) gave a great banquet, inviting many people. The host sent his slave (hint: Jesus) out to encourage these guests to attend the banquet. All of those who were invited found any and every excuse not to attend, so the host ordered his

UNION CHRISTIAN CHURCH ("Church") PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

On May 2, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Church voted, subject to the approval of the congregation, to move ahead with the following capital improvement projects:

It's Graduation Time!

Graduations are taking place everywhere. From pre-kindergarten to post-graduate, individuals are completing some aspect of education that will move them to the next level of life; whatever that might be. As we have settled into our comfortable - though not always easy - way of life, we too must consider what is our "next level" of life. In

Improvements to the Church's heating, ventilation and air conditioning;

Installation of a handicap accessible lift system between the first and second floors;

Improvements to the Church's audio/visual system;
Replacement of the existing carpet throughout the Church;

Rearrange the layout of the pews in the sanctuary (spacing and access accommodation) and other modifications necessitated by the capital improvements;

Resurfacing of the parking lot.

(collectively the "Capital Improvements")

The exact cost of the Capital Improvements is not known and will not be known until actual bids are solicited and accepted. Based on estimates, the Board projects the total cost of the above listed capital improvements, including fees for an independent construction manager, to be \$350,000.00.

The Capital Improvements are to be paid with a combination of the Church's cash reserves (including but not limited to its Capital Funds account, currently \$51,228.29) and financing from the Disciples Church Extension Fund. Current interest rates available from the Disciples Church Extension Fund are 4.75% for a 10 year term loan (3 year adjustable) and 5% for a 15 year term loan (3 year adjustable). Discounted rates are available to fund certain portions of the Capital Improvements. It is estimated, based on current cash

other words, how can we serve our God in a way that both glorifies Him and witnesses to non-believers. It is time to graduate!

Blessings!

Pastor Parkey



Serving Today, May 15th

Elders:

Becky Canary
Karen Bauman

Deacons:

G - Marty Sewell
O - Joe Wells
C - Mark Graham
Alt - David Hopping

Worship Leader:

Melody Davis

Serving Next Week, on May 22nd

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman
John White

Deacons:

G - Marty Julian
O - Lisa Wallace
C - Sandy Owens
Alt - Andy Duckworth

Worship Leader:

Ellen Paris

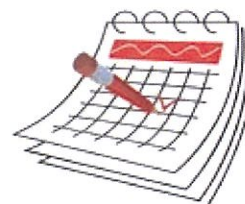
slave to "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame."

In John's Gospel, just after the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, we find the disciples of Jesus trying to encourage Him to eat. He insisted that he had enough food to sustain him; though they were certain that no one had brought him anything to eat. Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Are we a part of that group that made excuses not to come to the banquet? Will we be satisfied to be filled with God's work in our lives? I say, "Let's prepare to harvest and see what our Maker will provide for lunch.

Pastor Mark

Sermon Series - Make Disciples



This Week's Calendar

Online [calendar](#)

Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship

Tuesday

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

reserves and rates, debt service for a \$300,000.00 loan from the Disciples Church Extension Fund will be between \$2,000 and \$3,000 per month, more or less depending on the term of the loan and available discount rates.

Congregational Approval:

The congregation will be asked, at the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday June 5, 2022, to:

Vote on the election of the slate of Church officers for the 2022-2023 Church year; and, Vote to authorize the Board, or deny authorization to the Board, to move ahead with the Capital Improvements (as defined above) with a total, proposed budget amount of \$350,000.00.

Please plan to attend the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday June 5, 2022 and make your opinion known, through your vote, on this important step in the life of the Church.

Thank you,
Board of Directors of Union Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Franklin, Indiana, Inc.

Special Tribute Memorial Day Sunday

Get a picture of your loved ones who have gone before us to Lisa Wallace.

Send through messenger, email, or bring it to church on Sunday and she'll take a picture of it.



Birthdays:

15 - Ken Beardslee
17 - Ray Von Burg
12 - Charlie Canary



For May, the Outreach Opportunity is the Little Free Pantry at the Franklin Branch of the Johnson County Public Library.

Built by a JCPL employee, on his own time, the pantry is located in front of the branch and is available anytime. No library funds are used to stock the pantry. Donations from the people of our community keep the pantry stocked. People take what they need and donate what they will. A list of suggested items will be in the Narthex.

We also have an Outreach Opportunity that will be from Mother's Day to Father's Day (May 1 to June). We will be filling baby bottles with money to help fund Care Net which is Johnson County's pregnancy care center. There will be a table set up in the Narthex with information about the center and the baby bottles.



Greeting Card Ministry

If you enjoy sending cards to others, here is your chance to be a part of the ministry of this church. Below are names and addresses of individuals who would appreciate receiving a card from someone in the church:

Jill Lightle
1945 Crescent St.
Franklin, IN 46131

Rick Paris
265 E 300 S
Franklin, IN 46131

Barbara Mitchell
1282 W SR 252
Trafalgar, IN 46181

Pat Hogan/Ray Von Burg
295 Village Ln., Apt. 200
Greenwood, IN 46143

New updated address:

Nancy Hunt
Compass Park,
GA 2350,
890 Freemason Parkway,
Franklin, IN 46131

Ellie Roberts
6805 N 500 E
North Vernon, IN 47265

Brenda Haler/Iva Shaw
1375 S. Center Ln.
Franklin, IN 46131

Links of Interest

News to watch for...



May 22

Linger Longer -
Race Day theme

June 18

Union Christian
Church Hog Roast -
watch for more
information about the
Hog Roast in the
coming weeks.



If you know of anyone
dealing with grief, even if
they don't believe they
are, tell them about this
opportunity to help them
through their grief.

To register for the group
at Union Christian
Church, click [HERE](#). We
will be meeting on
Tuesday evening at 6:30
p.m. to 8:30 p.m. until July
26th.



DW News

The next meeting for the
Disciples Women will be on
June 9th. All women of the
church are welcome to
attend. More details coming
soon!



DM News

The Disciples Men's group
will meet on Saturday June
11th at 8:00 a.m. in the
fellowship hall. We will be
finalizing our plans for the
Church Hog Roast at this
meet.

We are making plans to
hold the annual Union
Christian Church Hog Roast
on June 18 from 11:00 a.m.
to 6:00 p.m. Make plans to
help out and enjoy.



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Come join us Sunday, May
22 following worship as we
"RACE" (Hebrews 12:1-3)
into summer. We will have
bags available to collect
graduation cards for high
school graduates **Ellie
Roberts** and **Ashton
Burris**.

We will also have a bag for
college graduate **Abigail
Wallace**.

Please join us in the shelter
house, weather permitting.