



## The Union Connection

May 22, 2022

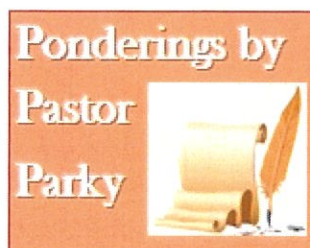
Encourage humankind toward Christ-centered living  
through loving, learning, listening, and leading.

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.

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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



**Sermon 5/22**

**Beautiful Feet**

**Isaiah 49:1-6**

**Romans 10: 5-15**

**Synopsis:**

Throughout time, God sent Prophets to share the Word of God. Some listened but most did not. God sent His Son to earth as a human. Some listened but most did not. Christ died on the cross for our behalf; conquering sin and death forever. Then God sent the Holy Spirit to give power to those who did listen.

### 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:

### Flowers are in bloom!

It is nice to see all of the flowers that everyone has out in their yards. I like seeing the varieties that grow in our area; there are so many different kinds. They remind me of all of our neighbors within our community. We all look different; beautifully adorned by God's hand when he made us. We can pick the pretty

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

flowers (in your own yard) but we can't pick our neighbor and set them in a vase of water. You could, however, invite them to lunch or dinner at home or out to eat.

Blessings!

*Pastor Parky*



### Serving Today, May 22nd

#### Elders:

Deb Stubbeman  
John White

#### Deacons:

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

#### Worship Leader:

Ellen Paris

### Serving Next Week, on May 29th

#### Elders:

Becky Canary  
Karen Bauman

#### Deacons:

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

#### Worship Leader:

Kendala Parkinson

Those believers continue to share the Good News of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. As believers, it is our job – our commission – to share about Jesus. Paul told the church in Rome, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

May we go forth on our beautiful feet and share the love and good news of Jesus to those who need to hear it.

Pastor Mark

### Sermon Series - Make Disciples



### This Week's Calendar

Online [calendar](#)

#### Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Worship  
11:30ish - Linger Longer

#### Tuesday

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



### Greeting Card Ministry

If you enjoy sending cards

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.



**Birthdays:**  
24 - Ralph Duckworth



**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 1st to June 19th). 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.

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

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**



[Union Christian website](#)

[Disciples of Christ in Indiana](#)

[Disciples of Christ General Church](#)

[Disciples Women](#)

**News to watch for...**



**June 6**  
Spiritual Life Ministry  
Team meeting

**June 9**

DW Meeting

**June 11**

DM Meeting

**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.



**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.

Disciples Men

Johnson County Indiana website

About Franklin, Indiana

GriefShare

Samaritan's Feet



**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!