



The Union Connection

May 29, 2022

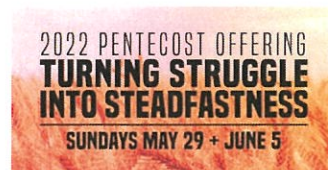
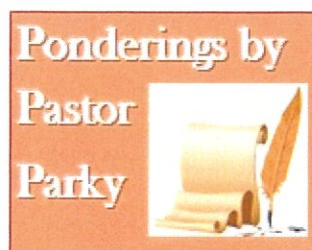
**Encourage humankind toward Christ-centered living
through loving, learning, listening, and leading.**

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



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:

School Is Out

Schools are finishing up the school year. Graduations abound. Vacations are just over the horizon. Plans are being made to accomplish much; or just take it easy and do nothing - according to these kids who are on summer vacation.

What do you hope to get done while you have time to do it? For those of us still

By making a gift to the 2022 Pentecost Offering, received in most congregations on Sundays, May 29 and June 5, you can ensure that the new church movement continues to prosper in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Each year, half of these gifts go to your own region to support local new church development. The other half goes to New Church Ministry, which trains,

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

working, it is the same ole routine of trying to sneak in an hour or two of yard/garden work before it's time to relax before bed.

It is also a good time to learn something new like play guitar or piano, read a book on how to _____ (your choice), or build something out of wood or metal.

You could just cuddle up with a - or The - Good Book.

Blessings!

Pastor Parky



Serving Today, May 29nd

Elders:

Becky Canary
Karen Bauman

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Kendala Parkinson

Serving Next Week, June 5th

Elders:

Becky Canary
John White

Deacons:

G - Lisa Wallace
O - Sandy Owens

equips, assists, and multiplies new church leaders across the United States and Canada through programs such as coaching, New Church Hacks, and Water the Plants.

Planning, nurturing, and sustaining new places of worship is part of the Disciples' vision – participation in this Special Day Offering helps this vision come to life.



Sermon 5/29

The Great Omission

James 4:13-17
Matthew 28:16-20

Synopsis:

James was very clear in how we should live our lives trusting ONLY in God; that we might not boast about what we can do without Him. He also said that if we know what we should be doing and don't do it, it is a sin.

We hear the words of Jesus telling the Apostles about the great commission in Matthew 28 but the author of this Gospel does not say anything about the ascension of Jesus. We find that in the gospels of Mark and Luke, just after Jesus tells of the great commission. Jesus tells us what is right and what the right thing to do is, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation" – Mark 16:15.

Pastor Mark

Sermon Series - Make Disciples

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.

C - Andy Duckworth
Alt - Marty Julian

Worship Leader:
Donna Wisheart



This Week's Calendar

Online [calendar](#)

Sunday

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

Monday

Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday

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



Birthdays:

1 - Jason Damron

Anniversaries:

4 - Chelsea & Cody Flynn



The Outreach Opportunity for June is the new "Senior Retreat" that has come to Franklin.

There is already an established facility in Martinsville, but they have branched out to be able to help more seniors. There will be copies of their "wish list" in the narthex.



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

News to watch for...



June 6

Spiritual Life Ministry Team meeting



Annual Union Christian Church Hog Roast

June 11
DM Meeting

June 18
Union Christian
Church Hog Roast -
watch for more
information about the
Hog Roast in the
coming weeks.

June 19
Juneteenth - we need
to remember our
sisters and brothers
of color.



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.



Rhythmic Drum Healing

**4th Sunday of the month,
6:30p-7:30p
June 26, July 24,
Aug 28, Sept 25
Union Christian Church
Outdoor Shelter
Free will offering
accepted
Lead by Lori Meyers**

Saturday, June 18 from
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. This
year's hog roast will be
drive-through **ONLY!** Please
pray for a successful event
and be ready to help out
and to enjoy a great meal.



DW News

The Disciples Women will
NOT be meeting in June.
Please watch for
information about a
gathering in July.



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.

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

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