



The Union Connection *The Early Edition*

February 18, 2024

**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

Ministry Teams

Christian Action

Charlie Canary, Chair

Snacks for School Kids
An elementary school has requested a need for classroom snacks. There are 14 classrooms and they do not qualify for extra help through outside agencies.



Lori Sewell, Chair

We are having a **Linger Longer** on Feb. 25th following worship and will be serving nachos and hot dogs. Come join us for a time of fellowship.



Karen Bauman, Chair

We are now in the midst of the Season of Lent. There are Lenten devotionals

We are requesting donations of bulk snacks such as boxes of goldfish, teddy grahams, snack packs of chips or crackers. **(No peanuts please)** We will do this from now until Lent.

Christian Action team is collecting old board games, card games, jigsaw puzzles and the like for our senior centers or senior living centers. The idea is to give up items for Lent. We will continue through the Lenten Season. These items should be in good shape and complete. So clean out the closets and drawers and give these folks some relaxation.

Watch for ways to serve outside the church in **Christian Action** in the coming weeks.



Tuesday Bible Study
No Bible Study this Tuesday morning

Judy Wells is hosting this study on *Jesus and Women, In the First Century and Now* is by Kristi McLelland. The Study will pick back up next Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. for two more weeks.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Judy.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

We continue our study of the Books of the Torah, with the book of *Deuteronomy*,

Look for ways to be a part of this team this year.



Serving February 25th

Elders:

John White
 Joe Wells

Deacons:

G - Lisa Wallace
 O - Carole Graham
 C - Judy Wells
 A - Mark Graham

Worship Leader:

Terrie Ferguson



Birthdays:

20 - Sandie Bisson

Anniversaries:



available in the Narthex. Please take either or both to guide you through your spiritual walk in preparation for Easter.

Watch for ways to engage and grow in your own **Spiritual Life.**

FEBRUARY 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	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	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Visit This Week's Calendar Online

[click here](#)

Phone Tree Troubles

We have been receiving reports of the church phone messages ringing a phone but there is no message played when answered.

Our service provider says that when the phone rings, you should answer with "Hello" to make sure that it triggers the message.

If you try this and still get no message, please let me know. Pastor Parky

Sunday
 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
 Worship service

on Wed. at 6:30 p.m.



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:

Martha & J Compton
5399 S Nineveh Rd.
Franklin, IN 46131

Barbara Mitchell
1282 W SR 252
Trafalgar, IN 46181

Pat Hogan/Ray Von Burg
271 Village Ln., Room 142
Greenwood, IN 46143

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

Barbara Smith
1122 S Nineveh Road
Franklin, IN 46131

Martha White
1070 W. Jefferson St., Apt.
E117
Franklin, IN 46131

Carolyn Rogers
490 Red Skelton, Apt 109
Franklin, IN 46131

Who likes to sing?!

I hope you are aware that Union Christian will be hosting this year's joint Maundy Thursday Imposition of Ashes service; together with the other Johnson County Disciples of Christ congregations.

This service will be held on Thursday, March 28th from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. If you love to sing, there will be a combined choir from all DoC churches in Johnson County. The choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary at Tapestry Christian Church on March 20th and March 27th. Let me know if you are interested and we can have further discussions about transportation and who might be available.

Sermon 02/18

Mark 1:9-15
1 Peter 3:18-22

Alive in the Spirit

Synopsis:

There is a huge leap between our readings for this week. Mark brings us to the River Jordan at the time of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. This is where we first see or hear about God's Spirit descending on him like a dove.

In 1 Peter, we know that Jesus has already been crucified and resurrected into heaven, as Peter

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Healing Drum Circle

Tuesday
No Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study

LOOKING FORWARD

News to watch for!

Continue in Feb.
Snacks for school kids

Give up board games for Lent

Healing Drum Circle



Anchors

Area

News

Events from our neighboring DoC churches in the Anchors Area.

Tabernacle Christian offers a community meal on the first and third Wednesday of December. Volunteers are welcome - contact Nancy James at Tab if interested.

Links of Interest



DM News

The Disciples Men
will meet on Saturday, April
13th
at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship
hall.

We hope you will join us for
great food and fellowship!

reminds us that Christ has
been made alive in that
same Spirit. This passage
opens the door of many
conversations around what
happened when Jesus died
and spent three days in the
grave.

There are several theories
about what verses 18-19 is
trying to tell us when it says,
“He was put to death in the
flesh, but made alive in the
spirit, in which also he went
and made a proclamation to
the spirits in prison.” For us,
the good news is that he
was ‘Alive in the Spirit.’

Pastor Mark



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DW News

Disciples Women
will meet on **March 14th** for
their regular monthly
meeting.

All women of the church are
welcome to join us.
