



## The Union Connection

**February 25, 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

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## Ministry Teams

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### 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.

We are requesting donations of bulk snacks such as boxes of goldfish,



**Lori Sewell, Chair**

We are having a **Linger Longer** today, Feb. 25th following worship. Nachos and hot dogs are on the menu. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

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**Karen Bauman, Chair**

We are now in the midst of the Season of Lent. There are Lenten devotionals available in the Narthex. Please take either or both to

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.

We missed the first scheduled Sunday for taking the Week of Compassion Offering. That is OK, we will take it the next two Sundays - Feb. 25 and Mar. 3.

Information will be in the bulletin each of those weeks and you can take an offering box to fill with change, if you like. They are in the Narthex.

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



**Birthdays:**  
No birthdays

**Anniversaries:**  
No Anniversaries



### Serving March 3rd

**Elders:**

John White  
Susie Hayes

**Deacons:**

G - Belinda Williams  
O - Michael Hayes  
C - Terrie Ferguson  
A - Paul Lightle

**Worship Leader:**

Donna Wisehart



### Tuesday Bible Study

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

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

We continue our study of the Books of the Torah, with the book of *Deuteronomy*, on Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

guide you through your spiritual walk in preparation for Easter.

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

### Phone Tree Troubles

We are still hearing reports of the church phone messages where there is no message played when answered.

Remember, you should answer with "Hello" to make sure that it triggers the message.

If that doesn't work, please let me know.  
Pastor Parky

MARCH 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
25	26	27	28	29	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	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

**Visit This Week's Calendar Online**  
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**Sunday**  
9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.  
Worship service

**Tuesday**  
10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Study

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



## Who likes to sing?!

### 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

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.

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### Sermon 02/25

### I Have Bad News & Good News

**Genesis 17:1-7**  
**Mark 8:31-38**

#### Synopsis:

When God spoke to Abram, when Abram was only a mere ninety-nine years of age, God told of the plans that He had for this servant. To Abram, this may have sounded like a 'bad news-good news' scenario.

Study

**LOOKING FORWARD**

### News to watch for!

**Continue in Feb.**  
Snacks for school kids

Give up board games for Lent

Healing Drum Circle

**Coming in March**  
Ministry Team meeting

DW meeting



**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.

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### Links of Interest

[UCC website](#)

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### **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!

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As Jesus journeyed throughout the region of Galilee, he and his disciples were on their way to Caesarea Philippi as he spoke with them about what would take place when they got to Jerusalem. Jesus said, 'the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.'

To his disciples, this most likely sounded like another 'bad news-good news' scenario. For us, we now know that it was absolutely Good News!

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.

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