



The Union Connection

March 3, 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.

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



Lori Sewell, Chair

Thank you for
attending our latest **Linger
Longer!**

Our next
Linger Longer
event will be on
March 24th,



Karen Bauman, Chair

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

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.**



Birthdays:

- 4 - Michael Hayes
- 5 - Marty Julian
- 6 - Susie Hayes
- 7 - Allen Whitehurst
- 8 - Carol Hicks

Anniversaries:

No Anniversaries

Palm Sunday following worship.

Stay tuned!



Serving March 10th

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman
Joe Wells

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Ellen Paris



Tuesday Bible Study

This study has finished and will begin another study sometime after Easter.

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.

As we draw closer to Holy Week, please keep in mind our opportunities to come together in worship and fellowship.

March 24th

Palm Sunday 10:30am

March 28th

Maundy Thursday 7pm

March 29th

Good Friday 7pm

March 31th

Sunrise service 7am

Breakfast between services

Easter Worship 10:30am



**NOT this week
but NEXT week
we will
Spring Forward
into
Daylight Saving
Time!**

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead next Saturday before you go to bed.

Phone Tree Troubles

We are still hearing



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

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?!

It's not too late to join in the fun of singing in a choir!

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 03/03

Foolishness Wiser Than Wisdom

Exodus 20:8-11
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Synopsis:

Our first reading for this week comes from Exodus 20, right in the middle of the Ten Commandments. God reminds the Hebrew people

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
[click here](#)

Sunday
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Worship service

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



News to watch for!

Coming in March
Snacks for school kids



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!

Links of Interest

[UCC website](#)

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[DoC General Church](#)

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that when he created the heavens and the earth, he labored for six days and on the seventh day, he rested.

If God is worth of rest on this day, He has named the Sabbath, then surely, we too, need to rest on our Sabbath day. That may not be on Sunday but one day per week, we need to recharge our soul with sitting in the presence of God.

God's Prophet, Isaiah, tells us in Isaiah 55:8-9: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

In fact, in 1 Corinthians 1, we are told that God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. We need to trust in God's wisdom and strength.

Pastor Mark



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Give up board games for Lent

Healing Drum Circle

Ministry Team meeting

Carpet Project

DW meeting

Holy Week services



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.



DW News

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

All women of the church are welcome to join us.