



The Union Connection

July 16, 2023

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

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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



Charlie Canary, Chair

Stock the Trailer!

Looking forward to serving God through serving you; from the Christian Action Ministry Team!

We will be collecting **BIG**
canned goods in
conjunction with the



Lori Sewell, Chair
The Discipleship Ministry
Team update:

No Linger Longer in June

Looking ahead, plans are underway for a July 23rd **1930s Birthday Bash!**

More info to follow.



Karen Bauman, Chair

The Spiritual Life Ministry invites you to participate in our journaling program and "Sharing your Story".

We hope you are enjoying your Faith Story journaling. Please know if you are not

Johnson County 4-H Club, beginning now through July 5th. Please bring your canned goods or monetary donations to church to be gathered.

Watch this spot for coming news about Operation Fast Track and donations for back to school items.



The Wednesday evening Bible study will return on July 26th with a substitute study (not yet determined) until we return to the Torah in early September.

You can still join us on Wednesday evening via Zoom. If you need the link, send me a message.

Blessings!

Pastor Parky

**KINDOM
OF GOD
WITHIN US
AMONG US**

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville



Serving July 16th

Elders:

Deb Stubbeman
John White

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

David Bauman

Serving July 23th

Elders:

Joe Wells
Susie Hayes

Deacons:

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

Worship Leader:

Flora Smith

Links of Interest



comfortable sharing, that is fine. Use this exercise as a time of reflection and thankfulness.

Every story matters...

Sermon 7/16

A Hundredfold

Isaiah 55:10-13
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Synopsis:

It seems that the irony of this parable from Jesus about the Sower and the seeds is that seeds are sown on land. Jesus had to get into a boat and shove out into the lake to share the story.

How many of you have sown seeds before, maybe flower seeds or grass seed? I know that our farm members have sown many seeds and they would probably tell you the same story. If you've put down grass seed, does it grow and flourish or does it simply grow a few new blades of grass and seem to die off at the end of summer?

The same is true for those who plant corn or beans. Sometimes there is not enough rain for a great yield. Once in a while, just after the crops are planted, there is too much rain, washing the seeds down to the corner of the field where they crowd each other out.

Are your Gospel seeds sown on dry soil and unable to take root? Have your seeds been sown where they wash together with everyone else's; crowding out the ability to grow?

Pastor Mark

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Healing Drum Circle
1930s Birthday Bash!

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