



The Union Connection

Week of January 12, 2025

**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

Ministry Teams

**If you would like to be a part of any
or all of the Ministry Teams,
let Becky, Lori and/or Charlie know.**



**Charlie Canary,
Chair**

**The Christian Action
Ministry Team**

We are once again collecting socks, gloves, mittens and hats for local needs.

There will be new opportunities to serve as the hands and feet of Christ in our community.



**Greeting Card
Ministry**

If you enjoy sending cards to others, you could be a part of this church ministry. Below are names and addresses of individuals who would appreciate receiving a card from someone in the church:

Martha Compton
800 Freemason
Parkway,
Room 1126
Franklin, IN 46131

J Compton
800 Freemason



Lori Sewell, Chair

**The
Discipleship Ministry
Team**

The holidays are behind us and it is a new year. It is time to come together in service to our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.

How will you grow in your discipleship this year?



It's a **New Year** and it's time to sign up as **Worship Leader.**

We need volunteers for January 19th and all of February.



Birthdays:
No Birthdays

Anniversaries:
No Anniversaries



**Becky Canary,
Chair**

**The Spiritual Life
Ministry Team**

Our prayer for you for this year is that you will grow in your spirituality.

Are you reading your Bible, reading a Christian devotion, spending time in prayer?

Lean into your spiritual growth.

Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents

Jesus tells the story of being good stewards of what God has given to us in this parable.

There have been multiple occasions recently where lights have been left on - sometimes, all day - only to be discovered when it gets dark. Please check to make certain that ALL lights are out and doors locked before leaving the church.

**What's
coming up?**

Parkway,
Room 1125
Franklin, IN 46131

Ray Von Burg
183 S. Smock Dr., Rm
403
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

Ralph Duckworth
862 E 125 S
Franklin, IN 46131



**Serving
January 19th**

Elder:
John White
Joe Wells

Deacons:
Greeter -
Michael
Hayes

Offering -
Ashley
Hayes



Sermon 1/12

Is He the One?

Isaiah 43:1-7
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Synopsis:

The Hebrew people had been wondering for years – maybe decades or even centuries – when this chosen one of God – would appear. As John the Baptist began sharing his message of repentance, the idea again came to the forefront of their thoughts and they wondered if John could actually be the Messiah, the One.

He told them good things, things that they might surmise God would be telling them. But he constantly reminded them that he would not be worthy to untie the thong of the sandals of the One who would follow.

John was doing a good work, the work of God. He understood what God was about to do within this people. After John had baptized Jesus, God, himself spoke to those who were nearby. Unfortunately, most of

Sunday
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Worship Service

Monday
6:30 p.m.
Ministry Teams
meet

Tuesday
No Bible Study

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

Wednesday
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Bible Study

January

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**Visit This Week's
Calendar Online**
[click here](#)

News to watch for!

In January

Ministry Teams
meet

GriefShare
Support group

Healing Drum
Circle

**Links of
Interest**
[UCC website](#)

[Union Christian
Facebook page](#)

[UCC YouTube/](#)

Communion -
Paul
Lightle

Alternate -
Belinda
Williams

Worship Leader:
TBD

them could not understand God's words because then didn't know God's voice.

Pastor Mark



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No Tuesday Bible Study for now!

Keep watching for info on when the Tuesday Bible Study will start up again.

Wednesday Bible Study

meets at 6:00 p.m. in person and online.

We are about to finish the

Book of Judges and will then study the books of

Ruth and Esther.

If you would like to join us and need a book, let Pastor Mark know.

DW News

Please watch for information about the the next meeting for the

Disciples Women in the coming weeks and a possible daytime gathering.



DM News

The Disciples Men met on **Saturday, January 11th.**

Watch for more information about that meeting.



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