



The Union Connection

Week of January 19, 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**

Paper Shower

For January and February, we will be having a paper shower of paper towels, toilet paper, tissue boxes, kitchen napkins, soft soap for restrooms, etc.

Any excess will go to the food pantries.

Thanks



**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



Lori Sewell, Chair

**The
Discipleship Ministry
Team**

It is time to come together in service to our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.

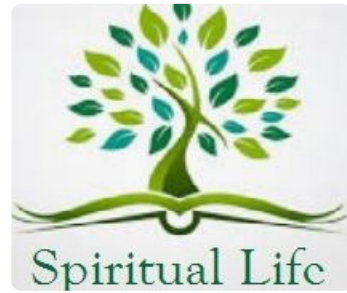
How will you grow in your discipleship this year?

Think about how you might disciple someone you know that needs Christ in their heart and life.



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

Please volunteer for **February** and **March**.



**Becky Canary,
Chair**

**The Spiritual Life
Ministry Team**

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

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

Lent is coming and devotionals will be available.

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.

Please check to make certain that **ALL** lights are out and doors locked before leaving the church.

**What's
coming up?**

Sunday
9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

J Compton
800 Freemason
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 26th**

Elder:
Susie Hayes
Karen Bauman

Deacons:
Greeter -
Judy
Wells

Birthdays:
19 - Mike Wallace
23 - Pam Bridges

Anniversaries:
19 - Terrie & Glen
Ferguson



Sermon 1/19

On the Third Day

Isaiah 62:1-5
John 2:1-11

Synopsis:

Last week, we heard from Luke about the baptism of Jesus and the true beginning of His ministry on earth. This week, from John's Gospel, we don't see anything about the baptism of Jesus but the author of John speaks to John the Baptist speaking about Jesus as Jesus is walking by. 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'

The author of John repeats three narratives, three days in a row, to speak to the witness of Christ being the Lamb of God. Then, that third day, when Jesus had gone to Galilee to find Philip, there was a wedding in Cana. Mary, the mother of

10:30 a.m.
Worship Service

Monday
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

Tuesday
No Bible Study

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

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

Saturday
8:00 a.m.
DM meeting

January						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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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	

**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/](#)

Offering -
Mark
Graham

Communion -
Terrie
Ferguson

Alternate -
Carole
Graham

Worship Leader:
Donna Wisehart



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 will finish the **Book of Judges** and begin the overview of the books of **Ruth and Esther** on Jan. 22nd.

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

Jesus was there and you know the story of Christ's very first public miracle – turning water into wine.

We will look at the parallels from the Gospel of John about why this took place on the third day, an obvious precursor to Christ's resurrection on the third day following his crucifixion.

Pastor Mark



DW News

Please watch for information about the next meeting for the

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

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DM News

The Disciples Men will meet on **Saturday, Jan. 25th**

We will be making plans for our annual **Ladies' Valentine Day Dinner.**



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