



## **The Union Connection**

**Week of January 26, 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](mailto: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

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### **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.**

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**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.

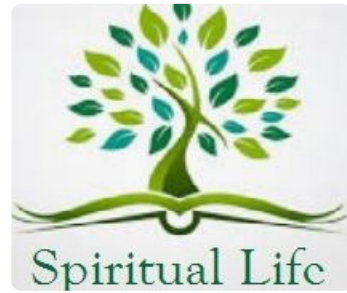
How will you grow in your discipleship this year?

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



January is almost done 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 soon.

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  
February 2nd**

**Elder:**  
Susie Hayes  
Joe Wells

**Deacons:**  
Greeter -  
Ashley  
Hayes

**Birthdays:**  
01 - Paul Lightle

**Anniversaries:**  
No Anniversaries



**Sermon 1/26**

***The Firmament  
Proclaims***

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6  
Psalm 19:1-14**

**Synopsis:**

Our sermon scripture for this week comes from a Psalm of David, as King David is telling of God's beautiful creation and how God's love shines through all that has been created. He paints a beautiful picture of what a day – even most days – in the life of the Israelites was like under the watchful eye of God Almighty.

From our celebration scripture, the first reading of the day, we see where Nehemiah, a governor of Persian Judea during the Second Temple period and also a Prophet of God, is telling the story of when Ezra, a scribe, had been told to bring the book of the law of

10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service

**Tuesday**  
No Bible Study

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

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

January						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			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	

**Visit This Week's  
Calendar Online**  
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**News to watch  
for!**

**In January**

GriefShare  
Support group

**In February**

Healing Drum  
Circle

GriefShare  
Support group

Board meeting

Disciples Men's  
meeting

Valentine's Day  
dinner

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

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Offering -  
Paul  
Lightle

Communion -  
Belinda  
Williams

Alternate -  
Michael  
Hayes

**Worship Leader:**  
John White



**No Tuesday Bible Study for now!**

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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

We are studying the books of **Ruth and Esther**. You can join us online via Zoom.

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



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Moses to the town square.

The people of Israel had not heard a reading from the book of Moses for a long time. There is speculation that it might have been 600 years but it is also possible that the Hebrew people had ignored it for many of those years. It had been over 500 years since King David had written Psalm 19 until the writings of Nehemiah.

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, Feb 8th** at Bob Evans in Franklin.

We will be hosting our annual **Ladies' Valentine Day Dinner** on Sunday, February 16th following worship.

We will be moving our monthly meetings to odd numbered months beginning in March.