



## **The Union Connection**

**Week of February 2, 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



**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.



**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.



**Birthdays:**  
No Birthdays

**Anniversaries:**  
No Anniversaries



**Greeting Card  
Ministry**

If you enjoy sending cards to others, you could be a part of this church ministry.



**Annual Ladies  
Dinner**

While the men put on this dinner around Valentines Day, the dinner is intended to honor all of the women of the church.

It will be on Sunday, February 16th following worship. We hope you will plan to join us.

**Matthew 25:14-30**

**Parable of Talents**  
Jesus tells the story of being good stewards of what God has given to us.

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



**Please** volunteer to be a worship leader for **March and April.**

Below are names and addresses of individuals who would appreciate receiving a card from someone in the church:

**Martha Compton**  
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Franklin, IN 46131

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**Ralph Duckworth**  
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**Temp Address**  
**Cliff Ronk**  
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Apt. L230  
Franklin, IN 46131



**Serving  
February 2nd**



## Elder's Spiritual Retreat

The Elders and Pastor of UCC will be holding a spiritual retreat to strengthen our own spirituality and begin preparations on the Five Year Visionary Plan.

We intend to include the entire leadership of the church in determining this plan. More about that at a later date.



## Sermon 2/2

### Buffering

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**  
**Genesis 41:25-36**

#### Synopsis:

Last week, during our worship service, we experienced technical issues on several occasions; mostly when a music video was playing. This particular scenario in the technical arena is known as buffering. I mentioned that the sermon title for next week – i.e. today's sermon title should be

## What's Up?

**Sunday**  
9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School

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

**Saturday**  
8:00 a.m.  
Disciples Men at  
Bob Evans

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

### In February.

Healing Drum  
Circle

GriefShare  
Support group

Board meeting

Disciples Men's  
meeting

Valentine's Day  
dinner

Elder's Retreat

**Elder:**

Karen Bauman  
John White

**Deacons:**

Greeter -  
Mark  
Graham

Offering -

Terrie  
Ferguson

Communion -

Carole  
Graham

Alternate -

Judy  
Wells

**Worship Leader:**

Eric Hunt

called "Buffering." And "Voila"!

Buffering can mean a lot, right? It's that in-between moment—waiting for something to load, process, or clarify. If we expand it metaphorically, it could symbolize life's pauses or transitions—those times when you're waiting for inspiration, growth, or the next step to take shape.

"Buffering" on a computer refers to the process of temporarily storing a portion of data (like video or audio) in a designated memory area called a "buffer" to ensure smooth playback, it preloads content to prevent stuttering or delays while streaming media like videos or music.

From our Celebration Scripture reading, we find Joseph, the son of Jacob/Israel, preparing Egypt for a period of famine that will cause many to starve to death, if they don't follow God's plans outlined by Joseph in front of Pharaoh. He was storing up vital data or food supplies to help them survive.

Pastor Mark



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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.

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



**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.

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