



## **The Union Connection**

**Week of February 9, 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



**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.



**Lori Sewell, Chair**

**The  
Discipleship Ministry  
Team**

We will be holding our Linger Longer for February on the 23rd following worship.

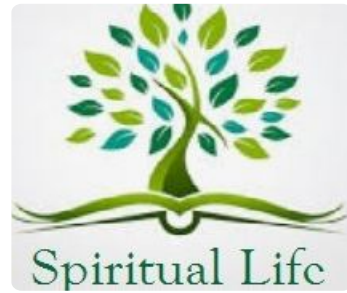
Think about how you might disciple someone you know that needs Christ in their heart and life.



**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.



**Becky Canary,  
Chair**

**The Spiritual Life  
Ministry Team**

Would anyone be interested in a mid-day Lenten Bible study? Let us know.

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.



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

**What's Up?**

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

10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service

6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Healing Drum  
Circle

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

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Parkway,  
Room 1126  
Franklin, IN 46131

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Greenwood, IN 46143

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Parkway,  
Franklin, IN 46131

**Martha White**  
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Franklin, IN 46131

**Carolyn Rogers**  
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Franklin, IN 46131

**Ralph Duckworth**  
862 E 125 S  
Franklin, IN 46131

**New Address**

**Cliff Ronk**  
1070 W. Jefferson St.,  
Apt. C301  
Franklin, IN 46131

**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 2/9**

***The Holy Seed***

**Psalm 138:1-8  
Isaiah 6:1-13**

**Synopsis:**

The Prophet Isaiah paints a very vivid and detailed picture of the scene before him as God gave him a vision of what was to come at some point in the future. It was detailed down to the hem of the Lord's robe as it filled the temple. He told of six-winged seraphs who were attending to the Lord. They covered their faces and their feet while they were flying. Did you ever wonder how they knew just where it

**Monday**  
6:30-8p.m.  
Board meeting

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

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

**Thursday**  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
DW meeting

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

**In February**

Healing Drum  
Circle

Board Meeting

GriefShare  
Support group

DW Meeting

Elder's Retreat

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

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## Serving February 16th

### Elder:

Susie Hayes  
Joe Wells

### Deacons:

Greeter -  
Paul  
Lightle

Offering -  
Belinda  
Williams

Communion -  
Michael  
Hayes

Alternate -  
Ashley  
Hayes

### Worship Leader:

Michael Hayes



### 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.

was that they were flying?

These seraphs were calling back and forth to each other saying, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' Their voices shook the pivots on the thresholds, they were so intense.

And Isaiah tells us his own thoughts as he is witnessing all of this. He says, 'Oh, crap! I'm a goner!' That's my translation into what we might say today. Isaiah said, 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' We are told throughout the Bible that no one sees God and lives, yet Isaiah does.

God also tells Isaiah, "Even if a tenth part remains in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.' The holy seed is its stump." God will make certain that at least a remnant of Israel will survive through whatever it is that befalls it.

Pastor Mark



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### DW News

The **Disciples Women** will meet this Thursday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.



### DM News

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

**Notice:** We will now meet on the second Saturday of odd numbered months.

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