



The Re-Connection

April 2025

The Re-Connection will be sent out on the last Friday of each month with information pertaining to the next month.

Encourage humankind toward Christ-centered living through loving, learning, listening, and leading.

The Union Re-Connection is the monthly 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 what's going on 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



Lori Sewell,
Chair



Becky Canary,
Chair

The Christian Action Ministry Team

Greetings from the
Christian Action
Ministry team.

Our mission is to take
the message of Jesus
to anyone who needs
a lift or boost in life.

This can be in
many ways.
Most of us think of it as
only physical needs
like food,
clothing, shelter,
personal care items,
etc.

We also need to
consider emotional
and personal needs
that may be missing in
their lives.

Our last ministry
project was for
US at UCC.

Our paper shower was
a huge success for
stocking up our paper
and toiletry needs.
So much so, that we
were able to send a
large quantity to local
food pantries.
THANK YOU!

After our
Ash Wednesday
service, at the
prompting of
Pastor Mark,
we have decided **not**
to give up something
for Lent but to
ADD something.
It may be anything you
might want to do to
show our love for one

The Discipleship Ministry Team

The Discipleship Ministry

is off to a good
start this year.
We have begun
our monthly
Linger Longer
gatherings and have a
game night and snack
sharing event
scheduled on
Friday the
4th of April
at 6:00pm.

The goal of our
ministry is to bring
church members
together with activities
that promote
fellowship and
comradery with our
church family.

Last summer we
attended an
Indianapolis Indians
baseball game and in
December we
organized a trip to
Newfields to view the
beautiful light
display.

If any of you have
suggestions for
activities you would
like to have us
explore in the future,
just let one of us know.

Your Discipleship
ministry is led by Lori
Sewell with additional
members including:
Lisa
Wallace, Dave
Bauman and John
White.

The Spiritual Life Ministry Team

Revitalization Sunday April 6th

Come celebrate the
changes made
at UCC.
We are excited to
celebrate some
“sprucing” up that has
taken place, new
carpet, new pew
covers,
door signs,
carpet cleaning
and the new
“Gathering Room”
It’s kind of an out with
the old and in with the
new Spring Cleaning.

Holy Week
Apr. 13 - Palm Sunday
bring a lily to share

**Apr. 17- Maundy
Thursday**
at Tabernacle CC with
Community choir

April 18 - Good Friday
at UCC 5-7pm
Twelve Stations
of the Cross

April 19 - Prayer Vigil
7 am to 7 pm in
The Gathering Room
at UCC

**April 20 - Sunrise
Service**
pitch in breakfast.
7 am followed by

**April 20 - Holy Easter
Worship Service**
10:30 am

Check out the many
“study” opportunities
offered at UCC.
**Tuesday Morning
Bible Study Group**
10am in the fellowship

another.
 Maybe it would
 be visiting,
 our **greeting card**
 ministry,
 phone calls, volunteer
 to take someone to an
 appointment, volunteer
 at a food pantry,
 school, or local library.
 Just about anything.
LETS TRY IT
 this year.
Happy Easter



April Birthdays:
 13 - Lisa MacPhee
 19 - Bart Weddle
 21 - Nancy Hunt

April Anniversaries:
 No Anniversaries



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

We would love to have
 any and all of you join
 us.



**Joint
 Disciples of Christ
 in Johnson County
 Maundy Thursday
 worship service**

For those who would
 enjoy sharing their gift
 of voice,
 there will be a
joint choir at the
Maundy Thursday
 service.

See Pastor Mark for
 the music and
 tentative practice
 schedules.



DW News

The **Disciples Women**
 will meet on Thursday,
 April 10th at 6:30 p.m.
 in the church
 fellowship hall.



DM News

hall
 Check with
 Judy Wells

**Wednesday Evening
 Bible Study Group**
 6pm in the fellowship
 hall & online.
 Check with
 Pastor Mark

Sunday morning
 groups meet
 at 9:30 am

Need devotional or
 study materials?
 There are numerous
 books and resources
 to check out in our
 library. See Susie
 Hayes or the minister
 to fill your needs.

The Gathering Room
 is OPEN for business
 April 6th!

Come relax, read,
 pray, listen to music,
 write in your journal,
 small groups
 welcomed....

April						
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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			

**Visit the Church
 Calendar Online**
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**News to watch
 for!**

In April

Healing Drum
 Circle

Board Meeting

Palm Sunday
 Worship

Martha Compton
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Parkway,
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J Compton
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Parkway,
Room 1125
Franklin, IN 46131

Nancy Hunt
Compass Park,
GA 2350,
890 Freemason
Parkway,
Franklin, IN 46131

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1070 W. Jefferson St.,
Apt. E117
Franklin, IN 46131

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490 Red Skelton, Apt
109
Franklin, IN 46131

Ralph Duckworth
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Franklin, IN 46131

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1070 W. Jefferson St.,
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The Disciples Men
will meet on Saturday,
March 8th at 8:00 a.m.
at
Bob Evans restaurant.



Thinking Ahead...

I can honestly say that I was excited about and blessed to abundance at the Elder's Retreat held at the end of February. I believe all four Elders, along with myself, grew spiritually and in relationship with each other and God

I am feeling that God has some huge plans in store for UCC in the coming months and years. It takes hard work, something each of us know how to do.

We will be continuing our effort to create a Five-Year Vision Plan in the coming months. It is my hope that this plan could be approved and implemented by July 1, 2025 that will detail our strategies through June 30, 2030.

You may be asked to be a part of these planning sessions. I hope you will first of all, pray about your response, and then secondly, if God is asking you, I hope you will say 'Yes.'

Maundy
Thursday Service
(at Tabernacle)

Good Friday
Service
(Stations of
the Cross)

Easter Sunrise
Service

Breakfast
Fellowship

Easter Worship
Service



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