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Union United Methodist Church Irmo, South Carolina

Union's Pre-School Day School Initiative

After many discussions, over the past four years, the UUMC Church Council voted at its April 26 meeting to establish a committee to research and prepare for the addition of full day care, including infant and toddlers, to our existing Pre-School program. They set a goal of providing this ministry by the fall of 2022.

A task group consisting of Ann Copelan (Leader), Marian Hanna (Pre-School Advisory Committee), Kathy Horne (Pre-School Director), Suzy Broadus (Staff) and Tim Livingston have diligently worked on DHEC requirements, program and logistics, and finances. Their reports to the Council over the summer indicated that with some adjustments to our present facilities the additional program was possible and feasible.

The Task Group brought to our attention that everything needed to be prepared by February of 2022. That's when registrations for the fall session will begin, and prospective parents will want to see/tour the places where their children would be cared for. Already, our facility staff had made some changes required by DHEC, such as awnings over all exits and other safety items.

The group also informed us we would need, per regulations, an additional commercial grade playground, with a cost of about \$60,000. And we need additional approved furniture and other items, with a cost of about \$30,000.

After careful projections, the team also estimated that the staffing "start-up" cost came to \$40,000. The advice from other churches who have done this is that it will take 4 to 5 years for the program to become self-funding.

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For those start-up years, the church will need to supplement the salary budget.

The Trustees, the Staff Parish Relations Committee and the Finance Committee have all reviewed the Task Force's plans and projections and have given their overwhelming endorsement. The UUMC Church Council has also been updated and has approved continuing with the Fall 2022 start date.

I mentioned a challenge investment goal of \$130,000 in my sermon on, September 12. I spoke on Proverbs 22:6 "Bring up a child in the way he/she should go, and when they are older they will not depart from it." We have an excellent ministry with our Pre-School. It has served us and our community well for years. Now is the time to step it up to the next level.

The Finance Committee and Church Council are looking at directing some reserves to this need. And we have had an anonymous donor contribute \$30,000 to this project! I believe we can all pitch in and make this happen. I believe our adult Sunday School Classes, who raise money for a lot of good missions, can contribute to this. A special restricted account has been set up for the Day School project, so each one of us can contribute something – simply by putting "Day School" on your check or envelope.

Let's pull together and support this new ministry for our Pre-School and church. Keep this in your prayers, especially praying for the Task Group. And pray for those God will bring to our church through this ministry. Praying together, working together, giving together, and celebrating together – that's what we're all about, for the glory of God.

Blessings to all, Stephen

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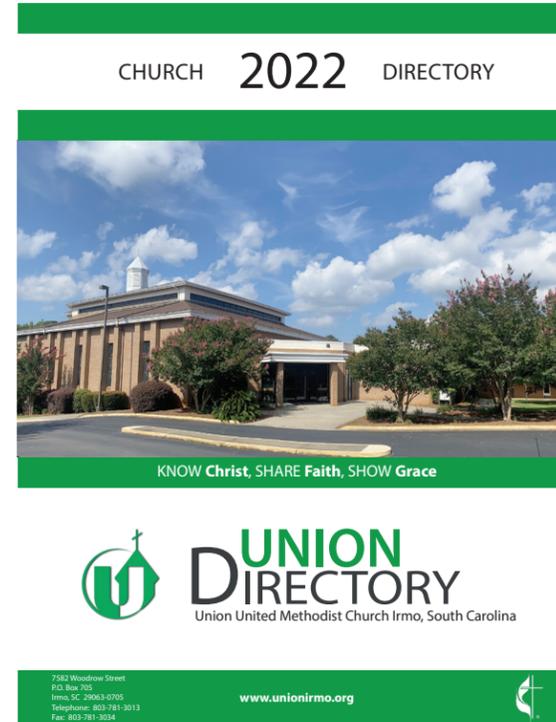
It's time for a new Directory. The dates for photos are October 11-16 and November 4-6.

You may begin signing up ONLINE through October 8th, Monday through Friday ONLY. There will be someone at a table in the Narthex, to help if you have any questions with signing up or are not able to sign-up online today, also October 3rd and 10th. If you have any questions please contact Nan Gray at nancgray@aol.com.

To sign up go to www.ucdir.com

Enter our church code **sc215**

Enter our church password **photos**



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Holy Communion

Sign up for Pictures for Church Directory

Disciple 1 Bible Study

Disciple 3 Bible Study

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Adult handbell practice

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Youth Leaps of Faith practice

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UMW Fall General Meeting

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the United Methodist Women.

Read more on page 8.

Jan's Van



Jan's Van

On Wednesday, September 15, 2021, Jan's Van (The Lexington Medical Center's Mobile Mammography Van) was at Union United Methodist Church in Irmo, SC. Jan's Van had reserved 19 spaces for ladies to receive a mammogram and because they have had such a great response, Jan's Van has been scheduled for 2022, on Wednesday, September 28. Mark your calendars! Spaces are limited, so be sure to contact Jane Davis at janedavis@yahoo.com, to make your reservation.

Jane Davis was inspired to bring Jan's Van to Union United Methodist Church because Jan's Van is named after Jan

Croft, who was a big part of Jane's life. Many of the ladies that helped with establishing Jan's Van, would call her "a great friend" as well. Jane stated, "Jan had a huge faith and she had been in Bible study with her for like 25 years and they were also neighbors." Jane had joined Sarah's Circle, a group at Union United Methodist Church, because of her and they became great friends. "She felt that Jan was admirable when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, because she fought really hard. After the passing of Jan, about two and a half years ago, she still left a huge hole in our hearts," Jane said.

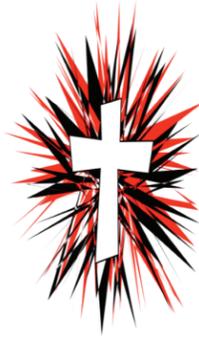
Jane knew that some women were forgetting about scheduling their mammograms and some were just, too busy to go. She really wanted to help people by making sure they scheduled their appointments and reminding them to get checked. In doing so, this allowed Jane and her volunteers from Union to reach out into the community. Stacie Atkinson, one of Jane's volunteers stated, "Jan's Van at Union United Methodist Church created a door that opened this program to the community at large and so we were able to go to local apartment complexes and talk to the apartment managers about the importance of being involved and spreading the word."

Jan's Van has been scheduled to return to Union United Methodist Church, on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. Spaces are limited, so be sure to contact Jane Davis at janedavis@yahoo.com, with any question and to make your reservation.



SonZone is back!

All 4th and 5th graders join us on Sunday from 5-6 p.m. We will gather upstairs in the Education Building and then move outside for some games and get to know each other time.



Save the Dates!

October 16th, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
November 13th, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
December 11th, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Children from infant to 1st grade \$10 per child, includes lunch or dinner.
(Let us know of any allergies, when you sign up.)
RSVP the Wednesday before to: Stacy.burggraf@gmail.com

YAMS

Join us for a Hayride at the Vinson's Farm Sunday October 17, at 4 p.m.! Contact Alex Vinson 803.319.2364 for address or more info.



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Photographer on campus
Disciple Bible Study
Cub Scout Wolf Den Mtg.
New Ventures Circle Mtg.

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Parents Time Out
Children ages infant to 1st grade \$10 per child, includes lunch or dinner. (Let us know of any allergies, when you sign up.)
See page 5, for more dates.



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Zimbabwe team ticket sales begin Oct. 17th in the Narthex.
The Zimbabwe team will be hosting a Supper on Wednesday, November 3rd. To read more about the Zimbabwe Trip...
Continue reading on page 10.

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Jr. Leaps of Faith rehearsal & Ladies Leaps of Faith rehearsal
If you like to dance, you are invited to join one of the Leaps of Faith Liturgical dance groups. We welcome all ages from 4K to Senior Adult!
Find out more on page 8.



Trunk or Treat!

Join us October 24th, at 5 p.m. for fun, food and games! Bring your trunks and decorate them with all the silly, scary, and awesome Halloween fun you can find. Treats bags will be given to each child at our designated tailgate tent. If you would like to donate treats to fill the bags, please leave them in the church office by October 17th. They need to be individually wrapped. Enjoy a hotdog meal with your family while you check out the festive trunks and fun games. Don't forget to invite your friends and have your picture made in your costumes!

Children's Sunday School!

Our children have been meeting in person and have a great time each week. We taking precautions to keep our kids and teachers safe, such as social distancing, masks, and hand sanitizers. We are so excited to have more and more families coming in person, that we are trying to open our four age levels Sunday school classes again. This means we need more teachers too. If you have been thinking about wanting to get involved now is a great time. Contact Suzy Broadus if you are interested. suzy@unionirmo.org

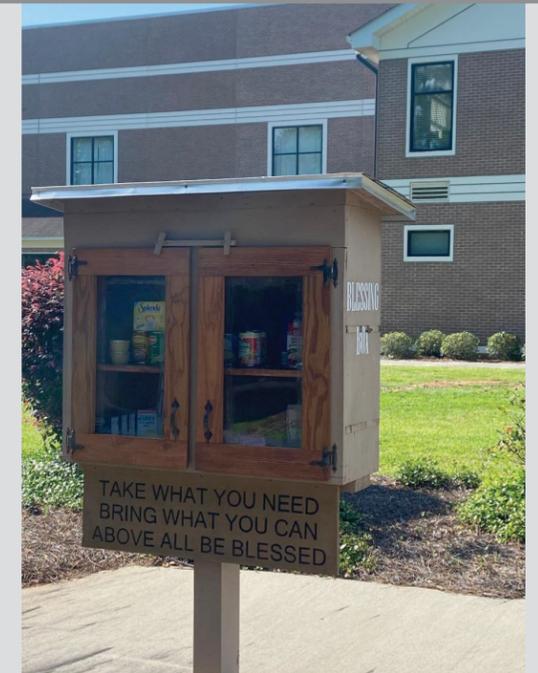
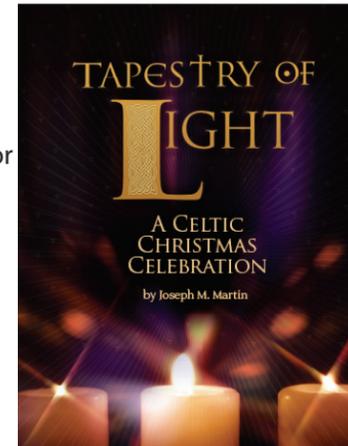
Tapestry of Light A Celtic Christmas Celebration

December 19, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

The joy and hope of Christmas are celebrated in this Celtic-styled cantata.

We hope that you will mark your calendars and join us for this Christmas Celebration Concert.

More details coming soon!



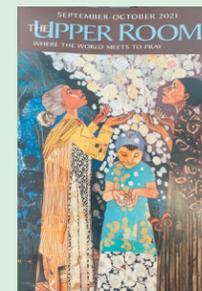
The Blessing Box

The Union UMW Circles need your help keeping the Blessing Box stocked. Canned fruit, tuna, ravioli or jelly would be good. Thank you for helping!



Consecration Sunday, October 24th

Pray for a Spirit-led response as we bring our estimate of giving cards to the altar. Consecration Sunday commitments fund Union's Ministry budget for the coming year.



UPPER ROOM Books are available in the Church Office Reception Area for anyone who would like one. Cost is \$1.00 for large print or small print.



Youth Events

Join us weekly on Sunday evenings for fellowship, ministry, food & fun!

The new schedule is as follows:
Middle School Students - 5-6 p.m.
Dinner for ALL Youth - 6-6:30 p.m.
High School Students - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Middle School Students should report to the Underground to sign in. High School Students should report to the FMC Gym to sign in.

See more upcoming events on UnionIrmo.org. Type "Youth" in the search bar.

**Note that the LAST Sunday of each month is Pancake Breakfast in the Underground at 10 a.m.
**Friends are always welcome at EVERY event!

Important Communication Info. - Stay In The Know!

JOIN OUR TEXTING PLATFORM TO GET UP TO DATE TEXT MESSAGES ABOUT ALL THINGS YOUTH OF UNION!

Text: YouthofUnion (all one word - NO spaces)
To: 84576

*Open a new text message. In the "to" space, where you would enter a phone number, you enter 84576.

In the space where you would write a message, you enter YouthOfUnion.
Send message and await the automated response.*

BE SURE TO CLICK THE LINK AND COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION! This is VERY important!

Contact: Eleanor Cannon
Director of Youth and Leisure Ministries
eleanor@unionirmo.org

Youth Mission Project: Sharing God's Love Christmas Toy Drive

Please support the Youth of Union mission project to build Santa's Toy Shop at Sharing God's Love for families who are unable to manage Christmas for kids without help. Please bring new and UNWRAPPED toys for any age to the collection bins in the Narthex or Underground between the dates of October 10 thru November 14. Donations will be delivered to SGL on the week of November 15th to put in Santa's Shop for families.

For questions, contact Eleanor Cannon at Eleanor@unionirmo.org or 912-332-2606.



Youth Scavenger Hunt Photos



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PEP October Event

Join us in the FMC for a Halloween "Howling" good time.

Read more on page 9.

Trunk or Treat

Will we drive thru, or walk thru or even "dance through"?! Contact Suzy with questions.

Read more on page 4.

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Joy Class Garage Sale

Union's Joy Class hosts a bi-annual garage sale in April and October to benefit local missions.

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Youth & Family Skate Party

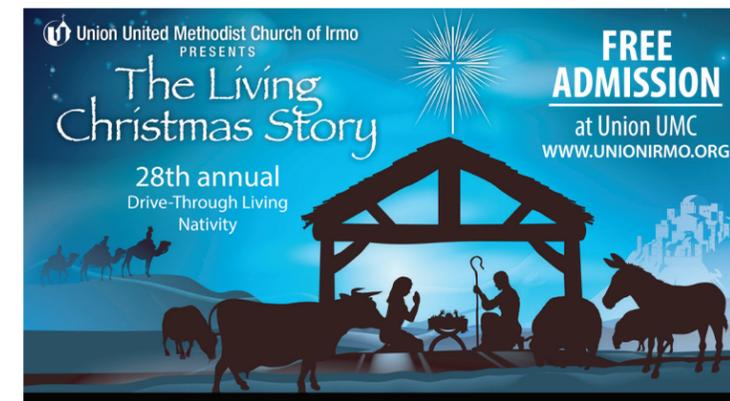
From 1-3 p.m. at Skate Station USA in Lexington! Contact Eleanor for more details.

Basketball registration closes October 5. Please register by this date!

Teams are available for girls and boys in 5th-12th grades. Friends/Non-Union members are always welcome and encouraged to join! Basketball season runs, October 10, 2021-Mid February, 2022. Mandatory parent meeting to be held on Sunday, October 10, at 3 p.m. There is no fee to play.
Register here: <https://union.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/982767>

Youth and Family Skate Party Sunday, October 31, from 1-3 p.m. at Skate Station USA in Lexington!

All youth and their friends/families are welcome to attend! There is no charge for this event - just a fun way to fellowship together! Hope to see y'all there!



The Living Christmas Story December 3-5, 6:30-9 p.m.

Join in the celebration of the 28th presentation of Union's Christmas gift to our community! The Living Christmas Story (TLCS) is the perfect setup for the audience to enjoy the performance from the safety of individual vehicles. Bethlehem Set construction will take place every Saturday in November. To ensure participant safety during the performance, cast members and supporting roles will be split between two indoor locations when not on Set and everyone will be required to wear a mask while indoors. It is even more important than in previous years to sign up to reflect your commitment to participate in Scene

Construction and Performances. Based upon commitments received by Oct. 17, we will confirm if we build and cast Scenes for a full Production. To offer this special performance of TLCS 2021, we need help in the following areas: scene construction and take down, cast members, scene coordinators, and traffic. To sign up, please see the link listed below or reach out to Vic Caldwell (Vrc-four@hotmail.com) or Glenna Dean Wildt (gdwildt@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Thank you!
TLCS SIGN UP: www.shorturl.at/lmsJ6 IMPORTANT: The first TLCS Set Construction date has been moved from Saturday to Sunday, November 7, starting at 2:00. We need several pickup trucks and a lot of extra hands ready to help! No special skills are required!

Leaps of Faith is looking for additional dancers

If you like to dance, you are invited to join one of the Leaps of Faith Liturgical dance groups. We welcome all ages from 4K to Senior Adult! No dance experience necessary!! This is such a wonderful opportunity to become part of a small group, get some great exercise, have fun, and learn to worship with mind, body, and soul. The start date, practice times, and locations are listed below. Please direct any questions to Linda Caldwell 803.422.2989 or Gloria Stansell 843.475.5978.

- Junior Leaps: Sundays 4:30 p.m. (Room 222)
- Youth Leaps: Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- Adult Leaps: Sundays 4 p.m.-5 p.m. (Sanctuary)



People Enjoying People

Join us Thursday October 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the FMC for a Halloween "Howling" good time. Costumes are invited but not required. Bring an appetizer to share!

For more info, please contact Phyllis at Phyllisplyler@gmail .com.



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Zimbabwe Fundraiser

#Raise the Roof, will be held in the FMC. There will be a dinner, entertainment, and silent auction.

See page 10, for more details.

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Martha's Market

A much-anticipated community-wide event hosted by the Martha's UMW Circle to raise funds for local missions.



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Parents Time Out

Children ages infant to 1st grade \$10 per child, includes lunch or dinner. (Let us know of any allergies, when you sign up.)

See page 5, for future dates.

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Youth Mission Project: Sharing God's Love Christmas Toy Drive

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United Methodist Women

Our Purpose - United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

The Vision of United Methodist Women - Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. On behalf of Union's United Methodist Women, we want to welcome you. We look forward to working with you, with our many circles, project and Bible Studies. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please call the church office or contact one of the following officers:

President

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Nancy Nelson-Embler, nancy.realtyagent@gmail.com

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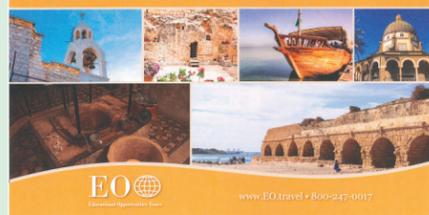
Connie Warren, connieswarren33@gmail.com



Join Revs. Stephen & Cynthia Taylor

Journey through the Bible

February 15 - 25, 2022



For more information, contact Rev. Taylor at stephen@unionirmo.org Brochures with more information on the trip are available in the Church Office Reception Area. Registration cut off date is October 25.

Leaving a Legacy for Union's Future: Union United Methodist Church Endowment Fund

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to provide a revenue stream to enhance and expand the ministries of Union UMC. This could be funds for facilities improvements which draw people to our campus or funds to enable a new community outreach ministry; we are only limited by our imagination. A gift to the Endowment Fund is a permanent gift which means the principal gift cannot be spent. The gift will maintain its buying power because the principal will grow by the inflation rate. The income from the principal, as well as the appreciation of the principal, provide the revenue stream to enhance and expand Union's ministries. There are many ways for you to remember the Endowment Fund in your estate planning. If you would like to know more about how you can make a gift to the Endowment Fund, then please speak to one of the Endowment Committee members below or contact the Church office at susan@unionirmo.org and request that one of the Committee members reaches out to you.

Endowment Committee members

Charles Ayers
Tony Chapman
Becky Dixon

David Elam
Ken Hubbard
John Mendenhall

Lewis Milligan
Jon Rychener
Rob Thompson



The 2022 flower calendar for 9:00 a.m. worship is now in the Narthex. Cost is \$42.50 per vase.

Memorials - September 1st- 24th 2021

Given in memory of

Ruth Adams: Mary Hammond for the Banner Fund/ Leaps Banner

Belle Blanton: Jean Eng and Daleen Ellis

Virginia Chandler Corley "Jenni": Jane and Darren Davis, Ann and Robert May

Peggy Cureton: Judy Weston, Jean Eng and Daleen Ellis, Aline Leitner Fellowship Class, Kay Brown

Jarret Davitte: Jane and Darren Davis, Mike Cook, Brenda and Phil Teague, Anita Pellicci, Kate and Jim Mills, Chandler Kimsey-Morris, Kay Tyler, Buffy and Will Murphy, Dr. Scott Huebner, Kathrine and Tom Keckeisen, Martin Parham, Pam Head, Marcia Adkins

Charlie Jenkins: Kay Brown

Pam Head: Lindsay and Gregory Weathers, Carol and Michael Braddock, Kimberly and Richard Pittman, Frankie and Bobby Cowsert, Becky and Bob Travis, The Pathfinders Sunday School Class, Amanda and Charles Ayers, Kay Brown, Deborah and David Bruner, The Holder Family and Susan C., Kinsey and Kayne Shirer, Patrick Cobb

Frances Gunter: Rea Brown

James "Jimmy" Allen Hipp: Millie and Phillip Fore

Beth Huebner: Greg Studemeyer

Ted Olmstead: Judy Weston, Scott Huebner

Angie Weeks: Phyllis Vestal

Dr. Eddie Williams: Sylvia and James Southerland

We extend our sympathy to the following families at the loss of their loved ones: IN MEMORIAM

Lou Ann Robertson's mother, **Beth Martin Walters**

Margaret (Peggy) Bass Cureton-Date of death Aug. 28, 2021

Annie Bates sister: **Harriet Cox**

Ted Olmstead-Dec. 6th, 1951-Sept. 4th 2021

Fran Gunter-Dec. 5, 1943 - Sept. 13, 2021

Pam Head-Jan. 24, 1950 - Sept. 14, 2021

BAPTISM-Aug. 29th

Alex Daniel Reinhardt, son of Joe and Sara Reinhardt

ROSEBUDS-Celebrate the births of

August 19th- August Moon Relaford Hoin, son of Rev. Sara Relaford and Rev. Jon Hoin

August 27th- Vivienne Taylor Ford, daughter of Joe and Kelsey (Taylor) Ford, Granddaughter of Rev. Stephen & Rev. Cynthia Taylor

Sept. 20, 2021-Grayson Alan Ruark, Grandparents - Paula & Ross Ruark, Parents - Alan & Tiffanie Ruark, Sisters - McKennah & Eliannah Ruark

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Jake Cosentino

Organist
Joey Rothfuss



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TLCS Costume Repair

Be sure to sign up to help with The Living Christmas Story.

See where to sign up on page 7.

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The Church Office Will Be Closed for Thanksgiving.

We hope that you have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving and if you have family in town, we welcome them to join us at church Sunday!



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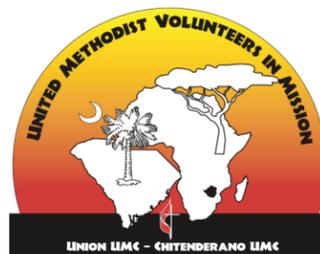
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Save the date: Nov. 3rd at 5:30 p.m. Union Returns to Zimbabwe March 26-April 8, 2022

Return to Zimbabwe fundraiser, #Raise the Roof, will be held in the FMC. There will be a dinner, entertainment, and a silent auction. Bring your family and friends. Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex before and after both services on Oct. 17, 24, and 31. If you have any questions, please email Lora McKinney At lrmckunc@gmail.com



Where is the Need?

Chitenderano UMC, Nyazura, Zimbabwe - Completion of their church which is a vital resource to the community for worship, refuge, and community outreach.

Hartzell High School, Old Mutare Mission Centre, Old Mutare, Zimbabwe. Hartzell is rebuilding after a fire in 2019 destroyed 8 classrooms and their library.

Ishe Anesu, Mutare, Zimbabwe - Afterschool Program that serves 70 children living in extreme poverty.

DEA NATIONAL TAKEBACK National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

October 23, 2021 is the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you. Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.

The Union Connection Deadline: 15th of each month

The Union Connection is a monthly publication of Union United Methodist Church.

Articles should be submitted to Amanda Lovett, Director of Communications and Promotions, by the 15th of each month via email; Amanda@unionirmo.org.



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