

## ATTENDANCE

November 28, 2021

9:00 am

(We are passing the attendance pads in the pews. However, if you prefer to record your attendance here, you may place it in the basket in the Narthex.)

Names of family members attending:

Number of family members attending:

Member:

Visitor:

Phone Number:

Email:

As faithful stewards, we promise to support the Church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

### CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

As of November 22

Home

### IN MEMORIAM

Barbara "Barbie" Igo

Your pastors want to give you care and be in prayer for you. If you or someone in your family is in the hospital or having surgery, please let us know.

## SERVICE

For a complete listing of events for the month, please visit our website: [www.unionirmo.org](http://www.unionirmo.org)

### Sunday, November 28

9:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School	
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Ladies Leaps of Faith rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:30 PM	Jr. Leaps of Faith rehearsal	F 222 John Wesley
5:00 PM	SonZone	EB 205-7
6:00 PM	Disciple 3 Bible Study	LL 14 Pauline Younginer
6:00 PM	Disciple 1 Bible Study	LL Fellowship Hall

### Monday, November 29

7:00 AM	Man in the Mirror	LL Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Bridge Club	LL Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Disciple 3 Bible Study	LL 14 Pauline Younginer
6:00 PM	Disciple 1 Bible Study	LL Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213
8:00 PM	Men's Over 40 Basketball	FMC Gym

### Tuesday, November 30

9:30 AM	Church Staff Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM	Upper Room Bible Study	LL 14 Pauline Younginer
6:00 PM	Youth Basketball Practice	FMC Gym

### Wednesday, December 1

6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	FMC Multi Purpose Rm
6:15 PM	Adult handbell practice	Narthex
6:30 PM	Youth Leaps of Faith practice	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 2

8:00 AM	Pipe organ tuning	Sanctuary
10:00 PM	PEP! trip to Newberry Opera House	Off Premises
12:30 PM	WOW Bible Study	LL 11 Joy Class
6:00 PM	Cub Scout Tiger Den Meeting	EB 211 - 213
6:00 PM	Youth Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	Cub Scout Arrow of Light Meeting	EB 205-7
7:00 PM	Band practice	Chapel
8:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213

### Friday, December 3

9:00 AM	PEP!	LL Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	TLCS	FMC Gym

### Saturday, December 4

8:00 AM	Youth Basketball Games	
6:00 PM	TLCS	FMC Gym

### Sunday, December 5

9:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School	
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Ladies Leaps of Faith rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:30 PM	Jr. Leaps of Faith rehearsal	F 222 John Wesley
6:00 PM	Disciple 3 Bible Study	LL 14 Pauline Younginer
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6:00 PM	TLCS	FMC Gym

## GIFTS

2021 Budget - Weekly Goal \$31,600.00

Week 46 & 47, ending	11/14/21	11/21/21
Budget Contribution	\$29,783.50	\$23,528.40
Memorials	\$890.00	\$700.00
Stay the Course Capital Campaign	\$6,080.00	\$5,118.00
Cemetery Fund	\$0	\$0
Epworth	\$0	\$100.00
Endowment	\$0	\$0
Sharing God's Love	\$0	\$330.00
Healing Guatemala	\$0	\$0
Aldersgate Special Needs	\$0	\$0
UMCOR	\$0	\$0

Capital Campaign Goal (through May 31, 2022)	\$402,000.00
Capital Campaign Pledges	\$345,148.00
Capital Campaign Gifts to Date (from June 1, 2021)	\$156,537.50, \$ 161,655.50

UUMC offers electronic giving [www.unionirmo.org](http://www.unionirmo.org)  
Click on the GIVE tab.



## CHURCH STAFF

**Rev. Stephen Taylor, Lead Pastor**  
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**Rev. Dick Holliday, Retired Pastor**

**Rev. Paul Van Dine, Retired Pastor**

**Rev. Eric Shepard, Retired Pastor**

**Rev. Archie Bigelow, Jr., Retired Pastor**

**Rev. Lee Cothran, Jr., Retired Pastor**  
Suzy Broadus,  
Director of Ministries to Children & Families

**Ned Calvert, Facilities Manager**  
Eleanor Cannon,  
Director of Youth and Leisure Ministries

**Michelle Cochcroft,**  
Coord. Of Contemporary Worship

**Jake Cosentino, Production Manager**

**Kathy Horne, Preschool/Kindergarten Director**

**Don Kirkindoll, Director of Music Ministries**  
Amanda Lovett,  
Director of Communications and Promotions

**Steve Ragan, Asst. Facilities Manager**  
Joey Rothfuss, Organist

**Erin Schoolmeester, Administrative Assistant**  
Barbara Tanner, Finance  
Susan Vinson, Church Administrator

## PRESENCE

Worship Update	Nov. 21
Worship:	390
On-line views:	104
Sunday School:	343

## UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace  
1st Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

## "A Savior for the Hungry" Luke 1:39-45

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### ADVENT WREATH:

As winter days dim and bow to early darkness, you, God of light, set watch in the night sky and beckon the wise to follow.

When hope hangs low in the human heart, you, loving creator, kindle compassion, breathing life into the early embers of change and empathy.

We light a candle for hope, sending prayers high into the inky heavens and dreams deep into the human soul. As Advent dawns, God of all hope, shine your light on the story of the saints who journeyed before us. May the seeds they planted in the world – peace, joy, love – take hold in our hearts and stretch towards the light.

**All: We light a candle for hope. May it light the way. Amen**

**PRELUDE** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* arr. Jason D. Payne

**\*HYMN** *We Gather Together* UMH 131

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**\*MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Glory Be to the Father* UMH 71  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

**Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. (The Book of Worship 1944, alt)**

### MINISTRY MOMENT - Chrismos for Children

**Children's Church Dismissal**  
**Friendly Reminder: Children ages 3yrs-Kindergarten only**  
Children's Church takes place in the FMC 227 just outside the Sanctuary. Children are to be picked up from this location following the service.

**ANTHEM** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Gustav Holst

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and blood; He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry: "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!" Amen.

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:39-45** Pew Bible p. 932  
Leader: The Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** **"A Savior for the Hungry"** Rev. Sara Relaford

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211 (vv.1,2,4,6)

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**  
*Offering plates will not be passed, but we invite you to continue to support Union's missions and ministries by giving as you exit the sanctuary. There will be baskets to receive your offering. Thank you!*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* POSTLUDE** *St. Petersburg Hymn* Reinhold Gliere

**WORSHIP TODAY**

**The lovely flowers are given:**

"In loving memory of Ruth Adams, whose birthday is Dec.1st. We love you and miss you every day." Mary, Chuckie, Alexis, and Quentin.

"To the Glory of God & in memory of our beloved sister in Christ, Janet Dailey." - Banner Babes

**Crucifer:** Keith Keller  
**Acolyte:** Sarah Wildt

**MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS**  
Chancel Choir; Joey Rothfuss, organ; Don and Natalie Kirkindoll, anthem soloists

*Please don't forget to turn off or mute electronic devices before you enter for worship. Thank you.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

**We have sectioned off the left side of the sanctuary to be the "Safe Distance Section" where masking will be required. Regular seating will be on the right (pulpit side) and in the center of the church where masking is recommended, not required.**

**If you would like to help with the set construction or be in the cast for The Living Christmas Story, there is still a need for volunteers. We will send casting assignments by this weekend and still have many roles that are not filled and would love for you to sign up. To sign up, reach out to Vic Caldwell (Vrc-four@hotmail.com) or Glenna Dean Wildt (gdwildt@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Also, if you have any TLCS corrugated yard signs and would like the new dates on them please let Vic know. Thank you!**

\* Please stand as you are able. Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.  
NURSERY available in the Family Ministry Center: exit the hallway at the front right of the Sanctuary and take elevators to lower level.

UMH-The United Methodist Hymnal  
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**If you haven't already done so, please submit your 2022 pledge card as soon as possible so that Finance can make plans for ministry and missions in 2022. Pledge cards are available in the church office or on-line pledges can be securely submitted by going to [www.unionirmo.org/a\\_future\\_with\\_hope](http://www.unionirmo.org/a_future_with_hope)**

**SURVEY RESPONSE REQUESTED: The finance committee is utilizing the services of Horizon Stewardship to prepare for the next capital campaign (to reduce our debt). We would like your response to the survey found at the following link (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UnionUMC2021>) Survey link is open until November 28, at 12 p.m.**

**Pave the Way**-The Pave the Way campaign for Union Day School has begun!! The engraved brick brochures are located in the narthex and church office. Also, you may use the online brick order form on our website. [https://www.unionirmo.org/pave\\_the\\_way-union\\_day\\_school](https://www.unionirmo.org/pave_the_way-union_day_school) Thank you for your Union Day School donations and purchase of an engraved brick (s) for the sidewalk to our new playground.

**The Living Nativity** will be presented by the Union Praise Band on Sunday, December 19th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We are looking for children and youth ages 4-18 to participate. December 5th is the last day to sign kids up for The Living Nativity. We will have a costume assignment and measurements on Sunday December 12th immediately following the 11a.m. worship. If your child or youth are interested please contact Michelle Cochcroft for more details: [mgcochcroft@gmail.com](mailto:mgcochcroft@gmail.com) or 803-463-1586. There will not be rehearsals prior to this years service in order to adhere to COVID guidelines, so we will be assigning roles and giving instructions by December 12, 2021.

**Parents Time Out**-December 11th, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Children from infant to 1st grade \$10 per child, includes lunch. (Let us know of any allergies, when you sign up.)  
RSVP the Wednesday before to: [Stacy.burggraf@gmail.com](mailto:Stacy.burggraf@gmail.com)

**SUPPORT UNION BASKETBALL!** Please consider coming out to a game to support and cheer on our Union Basketball teams! Game days and locations vary, so there is surely one that will fit your schedule! Contact Eleanor Cannon for schedules and locations! [Eleanor@unionirmo.org](mailto:Eleanor@unionirmo.org) or 912-332-2606.

**Youth of Union High School Winter Retreat to Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg** - Registration is open now! There are only 20 spots available for this trip - don't miss out! Trip dates are January 14-17, 2022 and cost is \$150 per person for the whole weekend! Register here: <https://union.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1083077>

**Youth of Union Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 12th at 5 p.m.** We'll have games, lots of food, cookie decorating contest, white elephant gift exchange and so much more! This is a great "introductory" event for new students and friends! Plan to be there and bring a guest!

**Youth of Union Christmas Movie Night** will be held on Sunday, December 19th at 6 p.m. (after worship together at 4:30 p.m.) in the FMC gym! We'll have movie theatre candy, popcorn, hot chocolate & pizza! Bring pillows/blankets/bean bags to lay on the floor! This is also a great "introductory" event to invite new students and friends! Don't miss it!

**The presence of the Blessing Box continues to be a needed resource for our community. Thank you for the donation of food items. A collection box has been placed in the Narthex for your convenience. As the weather turns cool, please think of chicken n' dumplings, ravioli with meat, hearty soups and canned fruit.**

**Christmas "Special Donations" for Sharing God's Love- 2021**

Christmas "Special Donations" are being accepted until December 12. These donations can be dedicated "In honor of" and/or "In memory of" and can be any amount. Please denote on your check and envelope: UUMC Christmas Special Donation. The recipient of these monies will be Sharing God's Love, a Christian ministry that helps community families in crisis. Thank you for your loving gifts as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! - Traditional Worship Team

**Children's Sunday School** will be a little different for December 19th and 26th, we will meet at 9:15 a.m. and worship is at 10:30 a.m. Our children will be getting ready for the Nativity presentation during worship on December 19th and we will meet in the Wesley Center. All children will meet together whether they will be participating in the presentation or not. On December 26th, we will meet at 9:15am again in the Education Building in the 2nd & 3rd grade room.

**SonZone** will meet December 12th from 5-6:30 p.m. All 4th and 5th graders invited to join us for our Christmas Party in the Education Building on the 2nd floor. Plan to wear your festive red and green as we enjoy dinner, games and of course our Christmas lesson. We will resume regular gatherings in the new year on January 9th.

**YAMS** - Join us Tuesday December 14 for dinner at San Jose in Ballentine at 6pm! To make it a little more festive for the Christmas season we will do an ornament exchange, so bring an ornament to trade if you'd like to participate!

**Congregational Concerns**

If you have a prayer concern, please write the information below and place it in the offering basket in the narthex. You may also fill out the Prayer Request form on our website.

If you have a family member who is in the hospital and is not listed in the announcements, please contact the church office.

Share with:

- Pastors
- Prayer Team
- Stephen Minister
- Request a Stephen Minister

Prayer Requests...

Name (optional)