



UNION Connection

Union United Methodist Church Irmo, South Carolina

Here's A Picture for You

I went on our recent mission trip to Ecuador wondering what I would be doing at the work site in Machachi. We had a great medical group going and they didn't need me, even seeing an average of 130 patients a day. Since I'd just had knee surgery, I knew I wouldn't be working with the construction folk, mixing and pouring concrete. We also had a stellar VBS team who showed a lot of love to about 40-45 new kids each day. So, I decided I would be the photographer.



Years ago after a trip to Haiti, my wife, Cynthia, bemoaned the fact that we go on mission trips and take pictures, but we are the ones who enjoy the pictures. She ordered a portable printer and on the next trip she took photos of the people there and gave them a print. It was a hit!

I packed two portable printers, supplies and my cameras thinking, "This will be the easiest work I have ever done on a mission trip." Oops, forgot one of the rules: When you make yourself available for God to use, don't make assumptions about what God has planned for you!"

I printed about 200 portraits of the children who came to our VBS sessions. Then there were the photos of family groups and adults, another 50 plus. And what a blessing to see the delight on faces as they received their photo! Sure, it's just a small thing, but if you're poor, in a remote town in the Andean Mountains, you may not have many photos to share.

There's not space here to fully share how our team saw God at work in Ecuador. We are all grateful for the support of our Union congregation, with prayers and finances, and donations of medicine and other items! We took four extra suitcases of medicine and supplies for the clinic.

I do want you to know about a young lady named Mayita, who was our translator in the VBS area. She joyously shared Christ's love. Her story I learned from a newsletter from SIFAT, the local mission agency who hosted us.

Mayita is 23 and will be graduating soon as a high school teacher. "If not for SIFAT and the mission teams, my life would be totally different," she said. Because of glaucoma, Mayita's dad became blind in his 20s. His children, including Mayita, helped sell candies on the sidewalks to earn money for food.

"When SIFAT brought medical teams, they discovered that my sister and I had eye problems and without surgery, [we] would become blind also. This program got the surgery for us!"

"All we have is because God is so amazing. We never stopped seeing His hand in our lives. My brother is a music and art teacher. My sister is now a doctor and works in a rural area. My brother and I are both part of the praise and worship ministry. All of us want God to use our lives to give to others what has been given to us."



"When teams come, they share their joy and love. It isn't just the food and medical care you bring us, it's the people who come to share with us and love us. It shows these kids that Jesus loves them. I know. I felt it when I was a kid. I remember how happy I was when I felt that someone cared about me."

That's what it's all about, isn't it, my friends? Whether it is on a mission trip, or in classes, small groups or circles at church. Or in Bible studies, or youth meetings, or children's events. Or in the more mundane things like providing and paying for good facilities and raising a budget.

Through it all, we're here to share our love and joy, and let others know that Jesus loves them. Let's keep at it, because God is doing great things through the people of Union UMC. Remember our prayer: Lord, what do you want to do through me?

Blessings to all, Stephen



Our God Is So Big, and So Great

by Betsy Drye, Ecuador Team Member

The story I would like to share is about a 67-year-old Ecuadorian man who came to see me with back pain. He walked in using a broom handle for a cane. I invited him to sit, and he said "no, no". He was in way too much pain to sit. He stood and told the story of leaning over to pick up something off the floor the day before and developing 10/10 pain in his back and down his leg, making it difficult for him to walk.

Observing him while he told his story to the interpreter, I could see that he was putting very little (if any) weight on that left leg and was in obvious agony. He reported that before this incident "yesterday," he was walking completely normally.

I performed a very simple assessment, hoping to get an idea of how to help him. We then got him positioned on the examining table (watching him move, again, with obvious difficulty). I had him perform two very simple exercises, again, really continuing the assessment to see which exercises might give this man some relief.

Following just a few repetitions of these very simple exercises, he told the interpreter (with GLEE) that his pain was gone. He sat up, started crying, and raised his hands in the air, proclaiming a MIRACLE! I was in some disbelief since the exercises he did should not have had this dramatic effect on his pain. I was still figuring out what to do for him!

He hopped off the table, tested this left leg, which had been so painful, by stepping up onto the stepstool with the left leg, and then the right! He was a very happy man, giving hugs all around, and proclaiming God's goodness.



We were all in tears by the time he left. There is no reason that man should have become pain free as quickly as he did, without a Divine intervention. His faith enabled his healing. Who am I to question it? We watched with teary eyes as he walked out of the clinic WITHOUT the heavy reliance on that old trusty broom handle cane. He instead was relying on the goodness of his God!

Anyone who knows me, knows how fearful I was to go into this mission trip. I did not fear for my safety. I did not fear for my health. I feared I would not be "good enough" to properly serve the people of Ecuador. I signed up for this trip thinking I would be assisting a nurse or doctor in the clinic. I have some medical background as a PT, I can learn pretty quickly - I got this!

Then I learned I would be doing actual Physical Therapy. As a therapist that has specialized for the last 30 years in something OTHER than orthopedics/general PT, I was very worried about no longer having the knowledge "at my fingertips" that was needed to serve this population. I would not be fast enough, smart enough, or experienced enough with this population to help the patients. Well, God nudged me along the way, to reassure me.

The "nudges" came in the form of a fortune cookie, a very wise pastor, and the miracles that came about through love in my tarp-surrounded treatment room. In the airport in Miami, I opened a fortune cookie that read "May your faith always exceed your fears." That got me to thinking. Where was my faith, that God would make it so "I got this"?

Then our pastor spoke to me about the difference between medical care in the U.S. and in Ecuador: "People in the States expect results, people in Ecuador want to be seen and heard." That turned out to be very true. These patients, most of whom were describing various pains that came about from years of very hard work, responded VERY well to a therapist who wanted to help them, touched them, and interacted with them with love. (And I seemed to remember much more about treatment techniques for this patient population than I ever dreamed I would. That HAD to be Divine intervention!)

The love of God was expressed through this humble servant stepping outside my comfort zone. All I really had to do was trust that God was with me, get out of my own way, and let God do the work. Healing through love - the love of God we are all invited to share. The question is, will I remember this? I hope so.



Thank You!

Thank you, Union Church members and friends, for your donations, purchases, and continued support for the Joy Class and our garage sale. We raised over \$11,000. Additionally, we donated items worth over a thousand dollars to several local nonprofit organizations. With your continued support, and the continued dedication and hard work of the Joy Class, we brought joy and blessings to many families in our community. Our next sale will be in late April. We hope you join us then.

Together we will again share some of the many blessings God has given us.

Wednesdays at Union!

Join us for Supper from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

You must sign up in advance with the bulletin flap or by going on the website! Please bring exact change when you pay at the door.

Food items are being collected for the Blessing Box on Wednesday nights, so bring a canned good with you to dinner!



November Menu

2nd - Turkey, ham & grilled chicken sandwich wraps, wing chips, salad & brownies

9th - Smoked chicken, pasta salad, green beans, salad, roles & cookies

16th - Boneless wings (teriyaki, medium, honey mustard sauces), meatballs, wing chips, salad & banana pudding



Bible Study on 1st Timothy with Rev. Taylor - 6:15-7:15 p.m.

The First Letter to Timothy is one of the three Pastoral Epistles (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus) so called because they give pastoral advice on matters of false teachings, church governance and discipline. They address issues that arose later in the life of the church and reflect a change in the focus of the church from it's original mandate to proclaim the good news of Jesus to all the world. 1st Timothy provides a window for examining how the early church dealt with and resisted cultural changes.

This will be for two more Wednesday nights, excuding Nov. 9th for Charge Conference.



Children's Activities - 6:15-7:15 p.m.

We have some fall fun, thanksgiving activities and more for kids 4-10 years old. We meet in LL 11, so on your way to Bible study, you can leave your kids with us for our own time of study.

Youth Bible Study will also take place Wednesday evenings in the Underground.



Greetings Union Family!

The Chancel Choir is in full swing preparing to lead worship every week! Our rehearsals take place Wednesday evenings from 7:30- 9:00. First, I want to thank all members of the Chancel Choir for their hard work. It is a blessing to work with such fine people and musicians week after week. Union family: we appreciate your kind words and encouragement as we strive to worship the Lord with the spirit of excellence.

On **Sunday, December 11, 2022**, we will present a Lessons and Carols service at 9 a.m. During this service, we will have readings from the nine traditional, scriptural lessons followed by music selections (be prepared to share your voice with congregational singing!). The choral repertoire being performed is sure to inspire and bless those in attendance. Selections will range from literature in the Anglican tradition to contemporary choral music. The Chancel Choir will be joined by an orchestra to lead a dynamic service during Advent. We would love to have you and your family in attendance!

If you are interested in being a reader for that service, please reach out to me at the following email addresses: fturner9210@gmail.com or frank@unionirmo.org.

Peace and blessings, Frank M. Turner



Parenting with Mental Health in Mind

An Event for Parents

November 13th, 5-7 p.m.

[LEARN MORE](#) →

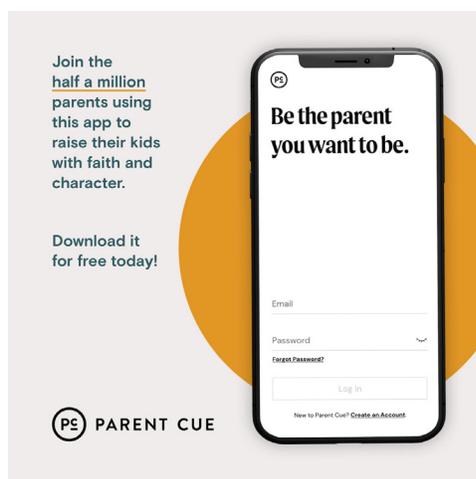
A PHASE Family Ministries Event:

Studies show that anxiety, depression and self harm are on the rise. In fact, one in five kids suffers from an anxiety disorder. Our kids and teens are going through a LOT.

Learn what you need to navigate your kid's mental health. Because one caring, supportive adult can make all the difference in the success of a kid's life.

Join us for Parenting with Mental Health in Mind at Union on Sunday, November 13, from 5-7 p.m. We'll have Beth Hook, LMSW and Lead of Clinical Counselors of LexRich District 5, to share statistics on mental health in kids and adolescents, and we'll share tools with parents to help promote good mental health in their children and families.

Friends are welcome and encouraged! Dinner is provided. Separate activities for children and youth will take place during the parent seminar, which will be followed by parent breakout sessions for further discussion.



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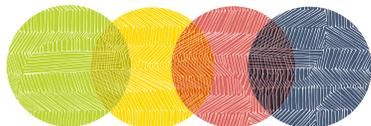
The Parent Cue app is a great parent resource and part of the Phase family. Be sure to sync up with Union by putting in "Union UMC Irmo" when you sign up!

Looking for more resources?

Age specific cards, trifolds, timelines, and *Don't Miss It* books are available.

Get in touch with Suzy at Suzy@UnionIrmo.org or Eleanor at Eleanor@UnionIrmo.org to get yours today!

We are working on setting up a resource center in the lobby of the Education Building, so keep an eye out!



Get to know your child or the child you interact with!

Use the questions below as a jumping off point to spark the conversation!



Preschoolers (Ages 3-5)

- What would you do if you were the boss of our family for one day?
- Tell me your favorite Bible story.
- Who is your favorite friend?
- What makes your friend so awesome?

Elementary-Aged Kids (Ages 6-11)

- What do you like daydreaming about?
- If you could be good at anything, what would you be good at?
- What is one of your favorite memories?
- Who do you like to spend time with the most?

Middle Schoolers (Ages 11-14)

- What is your favorite snack?
- If you could choose three people outside of your family to go on a dream trip with you, who would they be?
- What apps/games are your friends into?
- What is your favorite app/game?

High Schoolers (Ages 14-18)

- What new foods have you tried and loved?
- If you didn't have to sleep, what would you do with the extra time?
- Who do you like spending time with and why?
- Where do you hope to travel or live one day?



Save the Dates!

Nov 12 -
11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Dec 10 -
11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Each month our nursery team offers childcare for infants through 1st grade.

We ask for \$10 per child to cover the cost of a meal and some supplies for the 3 hours. Please RVSP by the Wednesday before to andreamarie6368@gmail.com, and include any allergies when you sign up.

Add our newest Phase event to your calendar -
Parenting with Mental Health in Mind
on November 13th, 5-7p.m.
See page 4 for more information



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30 from 4-6 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fun! There will be games, hot dogs, crafts, and trunks with treats! This is a free event for ALL ages! We'll see you there!



Wednesday Night Activities!!

Come together November 2nd, 9th and 16th, after Wednesday supper we will have activities for kids 4-10 years old. We will have some fall fun, thanksgiving activities and more.

We will meet in LL 11, so on your way to Bible study, you can leave your kids with us for our own time of study.



BE BOLD



Son Zone!

SonZone has been having a great Fall. Sunday nights from 5-6 p.m. our 4th and 5th graders have been considering some big, bold questions. For example: Why does bad stuff happen? And how did the world come to be? We made stuff, played games, and challenged each other. We have also undertaken a mystery mission each week at home, that helps us continue to Be Bold.

We will be off for Trunk or Treat (10/30) and The Phase Event (11/13), otherwise we will see you Sundays!

Check out our pumpkin carving skills too...





Be Bold

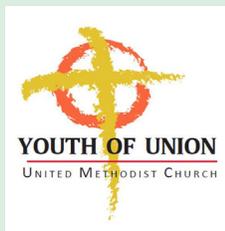
Youth of Union had a fantastic Fall Retreat at Lookup Lodge on September 30 - October 2. Sixty-four were in attendance at this retreat, and we had such an incredible time together forging new relationships, building on old friendships, playing games, engaging in shenanigans of all kinds, eating too many snacks, staying up too late, and of course spending time together in beautiful worship.

We were blessed to have Charlie Conder lead the retreat sessions, along with the Youth of Union Worship Band leading worship. Sessions began with worship songs, followed by a talk, followed by breakout into small groups for discussion time. Between sessions, we hiked at Table Rock State Park, went paddle boarding, battled in pedal boats, slid wildly down the water slide into the icy lake, played field games, told silly stories, had a karaoke party, and went exploring. Our whole weekend together and in the presence of God was both spiritually refreshing and heart-warming! We all look forward to our winter retreats together!



Sundays at Youth - YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

Join us on Sunday Mornings for GOSPEL FOUNDATIONS at 10 a.m. Classes will begin in the Underground then are divided by Middle School (6-8 grades) in the Teal Rm & High School (9-12 grades) in the Yellow Rm.



This is a GREAT series that dives into the entire Bible and its grand narrative of redemption from the beginning to now. Our students NEED Biblical knowledge to navigate this world - we highly encourage students to participate in this great series!



Confirmation classes have started and are held on Sunday mornings from 10-10:50 a.m.

If your child is interested in being involved, reach out to Eleanor at Eleanor@Unionlrmo.org

[ANIKO = Greek word for BELONG]

ANIKO Sunday Evening Youth fellowship is a place for ALL students to belong! ANIKO Youth Fellowship meets on Sunday evenings from 5-7:15 p.m. beginning in the FMC Gym for group games and dinner, followed by worship, large group teaching, and small group breakout sessions in the Underground.

Sunday evenings are dynamic, fun and laid-back gatherings where we "do life" together as a Christian community, and where everyone has a place. This time is so valuable in building relationships with each other and developing that "village" that helps to guide each of our students on their faith journey.

Crucial Kitchen Help Needed -

Weekly help needed for Sunday night Youth Dinners:
Cook, & Food Prep/Cleanup

Monthly help needed: Two cooks for Youth Pancake Breakfast, which takes place the last Sunday of each month in the Underground during Sunday School hour.

If you are able and willing to volunteer in any way - weekly or occasionally - please contact Eleanor Cannon at Eleanor@unionlrmo.org OR Signup at Unionlrmo.org/Youth. Everyone is welcome to sign up to help!

YOUTH OF UNION

Toy Drive

FOR SHARING GOD'S LOVE CHRISTMAS SHOP!

Our toy drive has begun! Please bring new, unwrapped toys for the infant thru 18 year old kids. Gift cards are welcome!

We will be collecting through Nov. 13th.

Drop-off Location:

**Collection bins will be
in the narthex**

For more information, contact Eleanor at Eleanor@Unionlrmo.org



Union Basketball Registration is Open Now!

All Boys & Girls in grades 5-12 are invited to play Union Basketball!!

We focus on the mechanics of the game, teamwork, character building, and faith! All player levels are welcome - our coaches teach our players how to play the game! Friends and non-members are welcome to come play!

For questions, email Eleanor Cannon at Eleanor@Unionlrmo.org. You can sign up today by going to Unionlrmo.org/Youth and clicking the link!

Learn what every parent needs to navigate their kid's mental health.

Visit page 4 to learn more about *Parenting with Mental Health in Mind*, our next Phase event.

November Happenings



Cemetery & Columbarium Reservations Start Monday, Nov. 7th

Information about Union's Columbarium & Memorial Garden is now available in the Narthex and the church office. Application forms will be available and reservations will start on Monday, November 7th.

Charge Conference - Nov. 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

ICON WORKSHOP - Mary & Child

Taught by the Rev. Kelly Ayer. Rev. Taylor invites you to join him and Kelly on Friday, November 11, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, November 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Fee of \$50 includes all materials and pizza lunch on Saturday. Kelly will teach about religious icons and guide participants in painting their own. To register, contact Erin in the church office via email at Erin@UnionIrm.org or 803.781.3013.

PEP! - People Enjoying People!

Bingo & Board Games - Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! We would love to have you join us!

November Event! -

Thursday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the FMC Gym. Our speaker will be author and travel expert, Tom Poland. We will have a catered meal by Tim Scott. Sign ups and payment of \$15 per person are due by Sunday, November 13.

Any questions about these events or to get involved, please contact Phyllis Plyler at phyllisplyler@gmail.com.

Wilson Circle Book Club

Meets on the second Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our fall dates and book we will be discussing are below. Anyone who wants to participate in (or listen to) the discussion is invited, even if you have not read the book. Listening to others share their opinions and impressions of the book just might whet your reading appetite!

If you have questions, contact Harriet Simpson at 803.530.5060 or hsimpson@simpson-cpas.com or Becky Dixon at 803.361.5046 or rebeccadixon@earthlink.net.

- **Nov. 8** - *The Water Keeper*, Book 1 of the Murphy Shepherd series by Charles Martin
- **Dec. 13** - *Rewired: An Unlikely Doctor, a Brave Amputee, and the Medical Miracle That Made History* by Ajay Seth



YAMS Hayride -

Join us on Sunday, November 13, at 4 p.m. for a Hayride & fire at the Vinsons. This is always one of our favorite events and we would love for you (or any young adults you know) to join us! Contact Alex Vinson (803-319-2364) for address or more info!

Thanksgiving Dinner -

Please join us for our 10th Annual Thanksgiving dinner. If you don't have family plans, come join your Union church family and make new friends too. We will be having Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 24, from 12-2 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room near the gym.

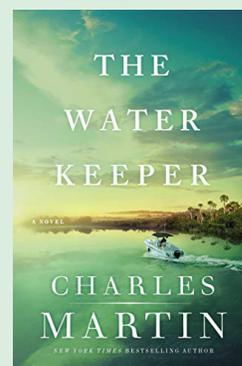
We furnish the meat and ask you to bring a side dish or two. Call Judy Keating 803.781.5799 or 803.917.2798 or Joy Bouknight at 803.413.1029 for more information and get your name on the list.

Meet Rev. Lloyd Nyarota

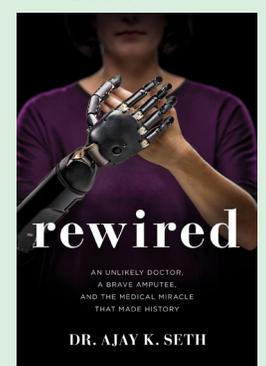
Union is welcoming the Rev. Lloyd Nyarota as a guest preacher on Sunday, November 20, at both services.

There will be a meet and greet with Rev. Nyarota during the Sunday School hour in the Commons Room. Plan to stop by and say hello.

November Book -



December Book -



Union United Methodist Church of Irmo, SC
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DECEMBER 2-4, 2022, 6:30-9:00 P.M.

Casting Call! -

Now is the time to choose your role! Shepherds, shopkeepers, soldiers, greeters, traffic, baby Jesus, and more! This opportunity is for everyone. Please scan the QR code and complete the online form as soon as possible.



Building Bethlehem - Set Construction Begins!

Many people will be needed to help construct our backyard Bethlehem. Construction will take place on all the weekends in November. Dates and times are listed below. We will need trucks, small trailers, and ladders if you have them. No special skills needed, just a willingness to help.

Saturday, Nov. 5 - 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 13 - 1-5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19 - 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

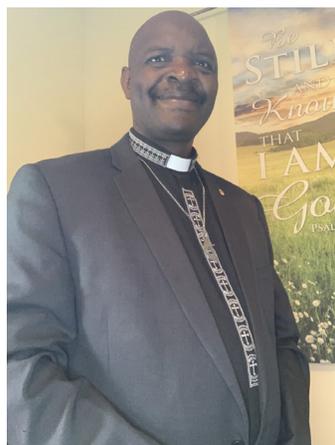
Sunday, Nov. 27 - 1-5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10 - 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Living Christmas Story Posters & Flyers

Posters and Flyers will be available starting the first Sunday in November in the narthex. Please pick some up and distribute in your neighborhood and take to businesses, your offices, retirement homes and other places you can think of to be posted. We need your help to spread the word about this Christmas gift to our community.

Union Welcomes Guest Preacher Rev. Lloyd Nyarota on Sunday, November 20



The Rev. Lloyd Nyarota is married to Tazvionepe and they are blessed with two children; Lloyd Jr. Tinotenda Nyasha (24) and Lorraine Tinovimba Chiratidzo (18). Rev. Nyarota was born in Mavhezha, Zimbabwe and was raised in the Chitenderano village. He is the third child in a family of six; four girls and two boys. He was raised by his grandmother from his mother's side in Chitenderano under very hard circumstances. Due to the 1960's-70's wars of Liberation, he didn't start school until he moved to stay with his mother and other siblings in Rusape where he went to Vengero primary and high schools.

Rev. Nyarota responded to the call to ministry as he was finishing high school. He started his ministry in August 1989 as a lay pastor serving 16 churches. In 1992, he started theological training at United Theological College in Harare, Zimbabwe and in 1994, he was temporarily withdrawn from school to serve seven rural churches. He shortly returned to complete his studies and was ordained in the Zimbabwe Annual Conference in 1995. There he served several circuits and also became the first District Council on Ministries director of the newly created Bulawayo Midlands district from 1997-2000.

Lloyd attended Africa University for further his studies where he graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity and a Masters in Peace, Leadership and Governance. When he graduated, he served congregations in Mutare and at the Nyakatsapa Mission. In July 2005, he was appointed to serve as the first Area Projects and Communications coordinator responsible for organizing all mission partnerships and projects in the Zimbabwe episcopal area. He worked with many annual conferences, churches and general agencies of the United Methodist Church supporting several projects including the South Carolina construction of Hatcliffe UMC in Harare.

He was tasked to develop a model for community development within the United Methodist Church in Zimbabwe in 2012. With funding from the Norway Conference, he became the first Director of Chabadza Community Development Program while working with many communities to fund and implement sustainable projects. He has a passion for justice and ecumenical relationships. He has written several articles and has also published a book entitled, "Religious Leadership in National Political Conflicts". He was appointed to Canada in September 2015.

Currently, Lloyd is completing his PhD studies at the Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society, running as the Episcopal candidate for the Zimbabwe Annual Conference and living with his family in Canada while serving an ecumenical appointment in The United Church of Canada. Rev. Nyarota loves his people of Zimbabwe and The United Methodist Church. He believes in a world-wide connectional church.

Transportation Angels

If you have a temporary, or longer term, need for transportation to and from medical appointments, or help picking up medication or groceries, then the Transportation Angel team members are ready to serve you!



Please contact Gail Elfert at 803.466.2403 or celfert@aol.com, and let her know what kind and when you need assistance. The earlier you give us notice, the easier it is to get you matched with someone who is available at the time you need. If you have trouble reaching Gail you can contact Rev. David Anderson at the church at david@unionirmo.org or 803.781.3013.

Jan's Van

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, Jan's Van (The Lexington Medical Center's Mobile Mammography Van) was at Union United Methodist Church in Irmo, SC. Jan's Van had 19 ladies come to receive a mammogram. Since they have continued to receive such a great response, Jan's Van has been scheduled for 2023, on Wednesday, October 18. Mark your calendars! Spaces are limited, so be sure to contact Jane Davis at janesdavis@yahoo.com, to make your reservation.

A special thank you to everyone at Union for your generous support - both monetary and emotional. Jan Croft would be ever so grateful for each and every one of you! Jane Davis was inspired by her friend, Jan, to bring Jan's Van to Union UMC, and it is named in memory of Jan, who lost her courageous battle with metastatic breast cancer.

Thanksgiving Food Collection for Union's Blessing Box

Fall brings to mind cooler weather, harvest and Thanksgiving tables and altar tables decorated with cornucopias overflowing with food! This year we will decorate the altar with non-perishable food items that will be used to replenish the Blessing Box at Union which has proven to be a true BLESSING for our neighbors in need.

A large box to collect non-perishable food items will be located in the narthex and in the church office until **November 13th**. Please consider donating items that are suitable for the Blessing Box such as:

Cereal	Instant Grits	Instant Oatmeal
Canned Chili	Canned Ravioli	Canned Tuna
Canned Chicken	Jelly	Peanut Butter (smooth)
Noodles & Sauce	Canned Soup	Canned Corn
Canned Green Beans	Mac & Cheese (pkt. or cup)	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Prepared Rice Packets	Tang (instant drink mix)	Tea Bags

We give thanks for the opportunity to share Christ's love through the gift of food at this time!

Sponsored by Traditional Worship Team

Memorials - September 24th – October 24th

Memorials received in memory of:

Carol Preston By: Frances McDonald and Phyllis and Zonnie Pendarvis

Henderson Guerry By: Jane and Bryan Graham

Roger Carter By: Kathleen Mustard and Rosemary Giesy

Jackie Able By: Susan and Tim Vinson, Jerry Kent Clark, Judy Weston, Aline Leitner Fellowship Class and Pat Swygert

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

Jackie E. Able
March 21, 1939 - October 6, 2022

Bill & Donna McElveen in the loss of their daughter,
Michelle Chavis

Brian Majewski in the loss of his mother,
Mary Claire Majewski

We celebrate the birth of:

Rubi Sophia Upton was born on October 3; born to Blaine and Mai Upton. Rubi has one older sister, Blaire. Her grandparents are Traci and Scott Upton. Her great-grandmother is Judy Weston.

Emery Zemora Grimsley was born October 6. She was born to Zach and Amanda Grimsley. Her grandparents are Stephen and Terri Leszczyszyn.

Year to date, Union has donated \$879.50 to UMCOR for Hurricane Ian Relief. Thank you Union family for helping to support this mission!

Start planning now to join us for Advent Suppers!

We will have dinners and activities for families of all shapes and sizes.

Add these dates to your calendar!

November 30

December 7

December 14

Sign ups for both dinner and activities will be available starting November 13th.

The December Union Connection Deadline is November 14th.

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

Articles should be submitted to Amy via email (amy@unionirmo.org).

The Church office will be closed November 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving.

Our Ministry Team

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Associate Minister
Rev. Faye Jones

Minister of Visitation
Rev. David Anderson

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Consecration Sunday! **Trunk or Treat!**
Both Services - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. 4-6 p.m. in the Back Parking Lot!

Everyone is welcome!

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