



"Lord, what do You want to do through me?"

Name:

Address:

City/State:

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I/We plan to give:

Weekly for 52 weeks (1 year):

\$

Monthly for 12 months (1 year):

\$

For an annual total of \$ _____ towards our mission and ministry.

I/We understand that this pledge can be changed at any time.

Signature:

Date:

Thank you for contributing to our Grace in Action Stewardship Campaign!

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

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS As of November 14

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathy to the following families at the loss of their loved one

Hannah Majewski and Susan Vinson in the loss of their aunt, Marjorie Britt Lambert

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

Sunday, November 27

Table with 3 columns: Time, Activity, Location. Includes TLCS Set up, Altar Flower Sign-Up, Traditional Worship Service, etc.

Monday, November 28

Table with 3 columns: Time, Activity, Location. Includes Man in the Mirror, Needlers, Day School Chapel Time, etc.

Tuesday, November 29

Table with 3 columns: Time, Activity, Location. Includes Banner Babes, School Christmas program rehearsal, Staff Meeting, etc.

Wednesday, November 30

Table with 3 columns: Time, Activity, Location. Includes Iron Men Bible Study, School Christmas program rehearsal, Advent Wednesday Suppers, etc.

Thursday, December 1

Table with 3 columns: Time, Activity, Location. Includes School Christmas program rehearsal, WOW Bible Study, Jr. Boys Basketball Practice, etc.

Friday, December 2

Table with 3 columns: Time, Activity, Location. Includes PEP! School Walk-thru Bethlehem/ Planning Mtg, Traditional Worship Christmas Set up, etc.

Saturday, December 3

Table with 3 columns: Time, Activity, Location. Includes Men's Basketball - Freeplay, Church League Basketball Games, Traditional Worship Christmas Set up, etc.

Sunday, December 4

Table with 3 columns: Time, Activity, Location. Includes TLCS Set up, Altar Flower Sign-Up, Traditional Worship Service, etc.

GIFTS

2022 Budget - Weekly Goal \$33,300.00

Week 47, Ending 11/20/2022

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Budget Contribution, Memorials, Building Fund Contribution, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Building Fund Campaign Goal, Building Fund Campaign Pledges, Building Fund Campaign Gifts to Date.

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Suzy Broadus,

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Coord. Of Contemporary Worship

Jake Cosentino, Production Manager

Amy Gustafson,

Director of Communications and Promotions

Helen Kline, Day School Director

Leslie Kulp, Assistant Day School Director

Steve Ragan, Asst. Facilities Manager

Joey Rothfuss, Organist

Erin Schoolmeester, Administrative Assistant

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PRESENCE

This information is unavailable at this time

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KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

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"Expect the Unexpected!" Matthew 24: 36-44

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying J.S. Bach

*HYMN: I Want to Be Ready UMH #722

*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:

Holy God, today we make room for You in our hearts and minds. As we prepare for the arrival of Your Son, remind us that we wait with purpose. We are excited about the redeeming grace that the coming King will bring to the world. Our souls magnify you Lord, and our hope-filled spirits rejoice! All praises to You, Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Lighting the Candle of Hope Nick and Cathy Harman

"For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." Isaiah 60: 2-3

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

All: Lord, show us ways to share your gift, the gift of Hope. Amen.

KID'S TALK Suzy Broadus

Children's Church Dismissal

Friendly Reminder: Children ages 3yrs-Kindergarten only

Children's Church takes place in the FMC 222 just outside the Sanctuary.

Children are to be picked up from this location following the service.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree John Leavitt

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit, and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell, The glory which now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

*Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 24: 36-44

Leader: The Holy Scripture for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Pew Bible p. 903

SERMON

“Expect the Unexpected!”

Rev. Faye Jones

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH #196

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

arr. Wayne L. Wold

WORSHIP TODAY

The lovely flowers are given:

“Thanksgiving to God for the family & friends
He has blessed me with.”

- Vickie Williams

Crucifer – Melissa Majewski

Acolyte – Gabe Keller

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Frances Webb, organist; Chancel Choir

“To the Glory of God and in memory of
Homer B. Tisdale, Emma Katherine Tisdale,
Arnold & Pauline Soberg, and David Soberg.”

- Anna Bess Tisdale

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NOVEMBER 27, 2022

- **Building Bethlehem - Final Set Construction!** - Today, Sunday, Nov. 27 - 1-5pm - We need all hands on deck because this is when EVERYTHING comes together! Help us bring our backyard Bethlehem to life. We will need trucks, small trailers, and ladders if you have them. No special skills needed, just a willingness to help.

- **SonZone** - All 4th and 5th graders join us on Sundays from 5-6pm in the Education Building. Yes, we will meet today, **Nov. 27** for some Game Night Fun! Then be sure to join us **Dec. 11** for our Christmas party (bring a Christmas Ornament for our White Elephant exchange). Hang out with us on **Dec. 18** following the Living Nativity for a movie night and dinner. Enjoy your Christmas and New Year's and we will gather back together **Jan. 8** in 2023.

- **Christmas “Special Donations” for Sharing God’s Love for 2022** - Christmas “Memorial Donations” are being accepted **thru Dec. 11**. 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

- **The Living Christmas Story - Kitchen Volunteers Needed!** - Help us feed the 200+ TLCS performers each night. We need five volunteers for each of the three nights, from 4-7:30pm. If you're interested, reach out to Gene Springfield at genespringfield@gmail.com.

- **The Living Christmas Story Flyers & Posters are now available!** - Please stop by the narthex and grab a handful of posters to place and share everywhere you can think of. This is our 29th year of bringing Bethlehem to Irmo, and we need your help to get the word out! Be sure to add it to your own calendar as well, either by signing up to play a role, or by driving through. Bethlehem comes to life **Dec. 2-4**, from 6:30-9 p.m.

- **Volunteers Needed for the Day School TLCS Walk Through** on Friday, **Dec. 2**. We need your help to make this walkthrough the best ever and help these children engage with the story of Jesus’ birth, by offering the village, shops, inn, and manger. Sign ups are in Sunday School classes.

- **PEP! 2023 Planning Lunch** - Plan to attend lunch after the Day School Walk Through on **Dec. 2** to plan activities.

- **Parents Time Out - Dec. 10th**, 11-2p.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: AndreaMarie6368@gmail.com

- **Zimbabwe Interest Meeting** - On **Dec. 11** at 3pm in room LL11, join us for an Interest meeting about a Return to Zimbabwe mission trip Sept. 14-30, 2023. Union has been invited back for the dedication of Chitenderano UMC by Bishop Eben Nhwatiwa on Sept. 24. During the week before the church is dedicated, we will work to complete the sanctuary. All interested persons must have international mission experience, 21 years of age or older and be willing and able to lodge in primitive conditions for several days. Please contact Robin Landers at 803.730.0858 or Hatcliffe2012@gmail.com for questions and an application form. Limited spaces. Cost: \$3,000.

* 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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- **Youth of Union CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held in the FMC Gym on **Dec. 11** from 5-7pm. Dress in fun festive attire, and bring a \$5 gift to exchange. We'll have food, games, music, gift exchange, all sorts of activities and lots of fun times together! Friends are always welcome!

- **The Wilson Circle Book Club** is meeting on second Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us on **Dec. 13** to discuss *Rewired: An Unlikely Doctor, a Brave Amputee, and the Medical Miracle That Made History* by Ajay Seth. Anyone who wants to participate in (or listen to) the discussion is invited, even if you haven't 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 rebeccadix@earthlink.net.

- **The Living Nativity** will be presented by the Union Praise Band on Sunday, **Dec. 18**, at 4pm in the Sanctuary. This is a service with songs and children participating in the story of Jesus' birth. We are looking for children ages 4-18 to participate. There are no speaking parts, you just need to be willing to participate. If your child or youth is interested, please fill out the form on our website or by reaching out to Michelle at mgcochcroft@gmail.com.

- **Youth Christmas Movie Night** will be held in the FMC Gym on **Dec. 18** at 6-8pm. We'll watch Home Alone with a hot cocoa bar, cookies, pizza & popcorn! Dress cozy and bring blankets/pillows to crash on the floor together! Friends are welcome!

- **The 2023 altar flower calendar** is now out. Sign up for flowers and recognize a special Sunday in your life by stopping by the table in the Narthex. The cost is \$42.50 per vase.

- **Sanctuary Safe Distancing Area Changes** - Union will continue to provide an area of the Sanctuary set off for safe distancing precautions, however only a portion of the section nearest Woodrow Street will be so designated. Please remember to respect the needs of others and wear a mask when sitting in the Safe Distancing section.

- **Union's Prayer Team** continues to meet the needs of our people and their loved ones. Susan Harrison is assuming leadership of the group. There are several ways to request prayer: 1) using the tear-off section of the bulletin, 2) requesting on Union's website, or 3) emailing prayers@unionirmo.org. You can always request prayer through the pastors. All prayer requests are held in confidence.



- **Meet Jesus Again for the First Time** - Come join new Sunday School friends on a journey of discovery, seeing Jesus through the gospel of Mark. The better we know Jesus, the more we understand about God. The “Class with no Name” meets in the Chapel at 10:10 am, Sundays. Bring a Bible – Rev. Taylor teaches from the NRSV translation but most any translation will work. There's room for you, and a friend!

- **Ensemble Opportunity** for those who love to sing but aren't looking for a permanent commitment. We are looking for a few more people who are interested in joining the Praise Band a few times a year in a “back up choir” role. This commitment has minimal rehearsals and only performs 4-5 times throughout the year. We welcome youth and adults. Please email Michelle Cochcroft at mgcochcroft@gmail.com or text 803-463-1586 for more info!

- **Save the Date:** Union will be hosting the SC UMC Basketball Tournament on **Jan. 6-8, 2023**. We will need a host of volunteers, as well as good representation of Union as spectators! If you're interested in and willing to volunteer, please contact Eleanor Cannon at eleanor@unionirmo.org.

- **REVOLUTION2023** is BACK to a full 3 day weekend event- **Jan. 27-29!** This year's theme for this EPIC Youth Gathering weekend is GLOW, based on John 1:5. We'll have STARS GO DIM as our worship band, and speaker Rev. Nathalie Nelson Parker bringing the Word at the Township Auditorium! We'll lock-in at Union for the weekend to be together for this amazing weekend of fellowship and worship! Cost is \$75 and includes the event and all meals and transportation for the weekend! Friends are always welcome! Don't miss this incredible event! Register now at www.unionirmo.org/youth! Contact Eleanor Cannon for more info!

- **HIGH SCHOOL SKI TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!** Only 24 spots are available for this trip, so don't miss out! Cost for the trip is \$350 and includes transportation, lodging and amenities at Glade Springs Resort, skiing and loads of adventure and fun! Register at www.UnionIrmo.org/Youth

- **UNION BASKETBALL has had EXPLOSIVE growth!** Our program has more than doubled this season! Please plan to come support this wonderful outreach ministry by attending games and cheering on our players! Jr Boys play every Saturday morning at Union, Jr Girls play every Saturday at varying locations, Sr Boys play Monday/Thursday at varying locations and Sr Girls play Tuesday/Thursday at varying locations! Contact Eleanor Cannon for specific times and locations!

- **ATTENTION** all committee chairs, Circle Presidents, Prayer group leaders and other group leaders: You must reserve a church meeting space for 2023 through the church office. Please contact Susan at susan@unionirmo.org and let her know the times, dates, and room you need reserved. The church calendar is updated in real time and available on our website at UnionIrmo.org.

- **Advent season is the perfect time to invite others to join us in worship.** Red Christmas invitation folders are located in the narthex at the welcome center and they are filled with information on upcoming events for people to attend during the season of Advent. Stop by and pick one up today and invite others to join with us in this anticipation of Christ's birth.

Congregational Concerns

If you have a prayer concern, please write the information below and place it in the offering basket. 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)