

## 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)

### GIFTS

2022 Budget - Weekly Goal \$33,300.00

**Week 46, Ending 11/13/2022**

Budget Contribution	23,194.88
Memorials	0.00
Building Fund Contribution	6,644.13
Sharing God's Love	500.00
Endowment	0.00
Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry	0.00
Healing Guatemala	0.00
UMCOR: Hurricane Ian Relief	0.00
<b>Building Fund Campaign Goal (through June 30, 2022)</b>	<b>402,000.00</b>
Building Fund Campaign Pledges	407,526.00
<b>Building Fund Campaign Gifts to Date (from June 12, 2022)</b>	<b>207,524.90</b>

**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.*

Check out our calendar at [UnionIrmo.org](http://UnionIrmo.org) for a complete listing of events, services, & activities!

### PRESENCE

*This information is unavailable at this time*

### UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

November 27, 2022  
[www.UnionIrmo.org](http://www.UnionIrmo.org)

## "Expect the Unexpected!"

Welcome

Music

Announcements

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

Music & Offertory

Prayer

Kid's Talk with Rev. Stephen

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.

Scripture: Matthew 24: 36-44

Sermon: "Expect the Unexpected!"

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Music

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for 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](mailto: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.

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

- **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.

- **Parents Time Out - Dec. 10th**, 11-2 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: Andrea-Marie6368@gmail.com

- **Zimbabwe Interest Meeting** - On **Dec. 11** at 3pm in room LL11, there will be an Interest meeting regarding a Return to Zimbabwe mission trip Sept. 14-30, 2023. Union has been invited back for the dedication of Chitenderano UMC by Bishop Eben Nhiwatiwa 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.

- **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 rebeccidix@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/pilows 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

## Grace in Action

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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!*