



### Congregational Fifth Sunday Assembly-

On January 29th, instead of adult classes meeting during the Sunday School hour, your pastors are asking everyone to gather in the Sanctuary at 10:10 a.m. for a State of the Church report.

With so much happening in the United Methodist Church, we want everyone to know what's happening at Union, what our congregation's role is as an inclusive church, and what roles we feel God is calling us to fulfill. It will be a time to acknowledge and celebrate the growth in our ministries, and to look forward to faithful service in the midst of changes.

Everyone, Sunday School participant or otherwise, is invited.

Children's Sunday School classes and the Nursery will continue as usual.

The 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service that Sunday will be in the Chapel.

This assembly will be live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person.

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

#### CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS As of January 17

Several church members are sick with Covid-19.

#### IN MEMORIAM

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

**Charlotte Ann Williams**  
April 16, 1933 - January 11, 2023

**Mae Hutto Guerry**  
March 11, 1933 - January 14, 2023

*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, January 22

8:30 AM	Directory Pick-Up	Narthex Table
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School-all ages	
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:15 PM	Jr. Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
3:30 PM	Alaska Trip	LL Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM	ANIKO Youth Fellowship	FMC Gym
5:00 PM	SonZone	Wesley Center
6:30 PM	Disciple 2 Bible Study	LL 11

##### Monday, January 23

7:00 AM	Man in the Mirror	LL Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Needlers	LL 5
10:00 AM	Day School Chapel Time	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Jesus in the Gospels Disciple Study	F223 Fellowship
6:15 PM	Disciple 1 Bible Study	F227 New Life
6:30 PM	Church League Basketball Games	FMC Gym
7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213

##### Tuesday, January 24

9:00 AM	Banner Babes	LL 11
9:30 AM	Staff Meeting	F 223
10:00 AM	Upper Room Bible Study	LL 14 Pauline Younginer
6:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Sr. Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
7:00 PM	TLC'S Wrap Up Meeting	LL 14 Pauline Younginer

##### Wednesday, January 25

6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	FMC MultiPurpose Rm
6:15 PM	Adult Handbells Practice	Narthex
6:30 PM	Jr & Sr Girls Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	Youth Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	LL 10 Choir Room

##### Thursday, January 26

12:30 PM	PEP! January Event	FMC Gym
12:30 PM	WOW Bible Study	LL 11
6:30 PM	Jr. Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym

##### Friday, January 27

All Day	Youth - Revolution	Off Premises
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##### Saturday, January 28

All Day	Youth - Revolution	Off Premises
8:00 AM	Church League Basketball Games	FMC Gym

##### Sunday, January 29

All Day	Youth - Revolution	Off Premises
8:30 AM	Directory Pick-Up	Narthex Table
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Unity Sunday - All Adults	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School - Children	
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:15 PM	Jr. Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	SonZone	Wesley Center
6:30 PM	Disciple 2 Bible Study	LL 11

#### GIFTS

2023 Budget - Weekly Goal \$33,300.00

#### Week 3, Ending 1/15/2023

Budget Contribution	42,573.94
Memorials	0.00
Building Fund Contribution	6,218.25

Building Fund Campaign Goal (through June 30, 2022)	402,000.00
Building Fund Campaign Pledges	407,526.00
<b>Building Fund Campaign Gifts to Date (from June 12, 2022)</b>	<b>296,604.60</b>

#### CHURCH STAFF

**Rev. Stephen Taylor, Lead Pastor**  
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**Rev. Faye Jones, Associate Pastor**  
Faye@unionirmo.org

**Rev. David Anderson, Minister of Visitation**  
David@unionirmo.org

**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

**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

**Barbara Tanner,** Finance

**Frank Turner,** Director of Music Ministries

**Susan Vinson,** Church Administrator

**Thomas Walsh,** Assistant Director of Youth Ministries

**Andrea Williams,** Nurse Director

#### PRESENCE

Worship Update	January 15
Worship:	404
On-line views:	120
Sunday School:	333

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# UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace  
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Lord, show me ways  
to share your gift.

Union United Methodist Church

January 22, 2023

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## "Meeting God in Prayer" Philippians 4: 4-9

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** *Standin' In the Need of Prayer* Arr. McChesney  
*Mary Bonnett Chancel Chimers*

**\*HYMN** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us UMH #381

**\*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.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18** Pew Bible p.1038

### MINISTRY MOMENT: 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW: MINISTRY & WORSHIP

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

**We give thanks to you, great merciful God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules overall. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### 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.

#### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS:

**Akua L. Olu-Clark and Avery J. Murray**  
**Alice Van Dine**

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**OFFERTORY** *Come Follow Me* Joseph M. Martin

Take up thy cross and follow me. All who hunger, all who suffer, all who sorrow,  
all who would be free.

Come, faithful seeker of the Light, The path is steep, the road is long, but with my love  
my voice is calling in the night. I'll keep you strong.

Walk with me: I'll be your guide, follow me, Then my grace will lead you home.  
come follow me. Come follow me.

Come, weary pilgrim, take my hand. Come follow me, O faithful one,  
I'll lift you up and help you stand. until the final race is won,

All who seek the promised land, follow me, until the great Amen is sung!  
come follow me. I am the Way, the Truth, the Life. Follow me.

**\*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: Philippians 4: 4-9** Pew Bible p. 1071  
 Leader: The Holy Scripture for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Meeting God in Prayer" Rev. Stephen Taylor

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** Spirit Song UMH #347

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** Minuet Finale G. F. Handel

<b>WORSHIP TODAY</b>	
<p><b>The lovely flowers are given:</b>            "To the Glory of God with thanksgiving for the blessing of 58 years of marriage."            - By Mickey and Billy Berrian</p> <p>"Happy 11<sup>th</sup> birthday to Anna Rogers Haile. Glory to God for this precious grandchild. She spreads sunshine wherever she goes."            - By MoMo and Shuggie</p>	<p><b>Acolyte</b> – Sarah Hogan  <b>Lay Reader</b> – Barbara Hammett</p> <p><b>MUSIC &amp; WORSHIP ARTS</b>            Joey Rothfuss, organist; Chancel Choir;            Mary Bonnett Chancel Chimers</p>

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS: JANUARY 22, 2023

- **PEP! - January Event!** - Thurs., Jan. 26, at 12:30 p.m. in the FMC Gym. Join us for assorted soups and sandwiches catered by Carolina Wings and an informative program presented by Mabry Parrott, Outreach Coordinator at Leeza's Care Connection. Sign up in your Sunday School class or contact Phyllis Plyler at phyllisplyler@gmail.com. Sign up and payment are due by today, Sunday, Jan. 22. Any questions or to get involved, please contact Phyllis at the above email.



- **Man in the Mirror** is starting a new study book called *Guardrails* by Andy Stanley on Jan. 30. Join us on Monday mornings at 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to take part in studying this new book.

- **New! English as a Second Language Class Starting** - Union is excited to offer English classes for adult speakers of other languages (ESL). Classes will begin Feb. 8, 2023, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and continue every Wednesday. Classes will focus on beginner and low intermediate levels, but all levels will be welcome. Child care is not provided. Students should enter the rear of the church at the "FMC Gym" door and follow signs to the second floor room F222. Please help spread the word to those in our community who may need this service!

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK IN** – Register NOW! We'll meet at Union on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m., then head to Stars & Strikes for bowling and laser tag, go on a few other adventures, and head back to Union for snacks, fellowship and a movie! Friends are always welcome and invited! Registration closes 2/7/23! Cost is \$30 per person – financial assistance is available! Register here: <https://union.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1595352>

\* 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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- **Parents Time Out - Feb. 11th**, 3-6 p.m. Children from infant to 1st grade \$10 per child, includes lunch. (Let us know of any allergies, when you sign up.) RSVP by the Wednesday before to: AndreaMarie6368@gmail.com.



- **The UWF Book Club** is meeting on second Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us Feb. 14 to discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, a historical novel by Kim Michele Richardson. Then on Mar. 14 to discuss *Hidden Figures: The Untold Story of the African American Women Who Helped Win the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly. On April 11, we'll discuss *Cousins: Connected Through Slavery, A Black Woman and A White Woman Discover Their Past - And Each Other* by Betty Kilby Baldwin and Pheobe Kilby. 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](mailto:hsimpson@simpson-cpas.com) or Becky Dixon at 803.361.5046 or [rebecdix@earthlink.net](mailto:rebecdix@earthlink.net).

- **Wednesday night Lent Supper sign up** is coming! If you and a group of friends, or circle, or Sunday School class would be willing to help serve a meal on Mar. 1, 8, 15, or 22, please reach out to Erin at [Erin@unionirmo.org](mailto:Erin@unionirmo.org).

- **LIFE HACKS CLASS for 11th and 12th grade Students** – Is your student ready for life away from home? Each Life Hacks class helps to be sure our students are prepared to face adulthood! Classes include Vehicle Care & Maintenance (changing tires, checking fluids, etc), Basic cooking (how to prepare a meal), Basic personal finance (including banking, credit cards and loans), Adulting 101 (how to shake hands, how to present yourself at an interview, how to introduce yourself and others). Taught in a very relaxed and fun atmosphere, this is a great way for your student to learn these valuable life skills! Classes begin March 1 and run each Wednesday through March 22 at 6:30pm. Registration closes February 20. There is no cost for this class. Register here: <https://union.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1595590>

- **Volunteer Opportunity!** We are looking for substitutes to volunteer in the church office to fill in for regular volunteers when needed. It would involve answering the phone and doing occasional clerical duties. If you are interested in doing this, please contact the church office at 803-781-3013.

- **Directories are still available** to those who had their picture taken. We will be available each Sunday in January for you to pick up yours or you can pick it up in the church office. Please get yours by the end of January.

- **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](mailto:mgcochcroft@gmail.com) or text 803.463.1586 for more info!

- **UNION BASKETBALL has had EXPLOSIVE growth!** Our program has more than doubled this season! 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!

- **Union** has some well loved bleachers we are looking dispose of. Do you know of a good home? They are ideal for another church, community park/ball field or your backyard. Contact Ned@UnionIrmO.org for details.

- **Personalized offering envelopes** for 2023 are running late. In the meantime, please put your offering in a pew envelope and write your name on it. Thank you!



- **Do you need the help of a TRANSPORTATION ANGEL?** 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 ANGELS team members are ready to serve you! Please contact Gail Elfert at 803.466.2403 or [celfert@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:david@unionirmo.org) or 803.781.3013.

- **Our Blessing Box** continues to be a blessing to those in our community struggling to make ends meet. Please consider picking up a few items next time you're in the grocery store to donate. Items of note: Boxes of grits and oatmeal (not individual packets) do well. However, dried beans and raw veggies are not doing well and we don't want to encourage bugs to come find a snack. There is a collection box in the narthex for your items. Thank you to all for your contributions!

## 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 or you can email it to: [Prayers@UnionIrmO.org](mailto:Prayers@UnionIrmO.org).

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Name (optional)