

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.

Share with:

- Pastors
 Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

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
Building Fund Campaign Gifts to Date (from June 12, 2022)	296,604.60

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.

Check out our calendar at
 UnionIrmo.org
 for a complete listing of events,
 services, & activities!

PRESENCE

<u>Worship Update</u>	<u>January 15</u>
Worship:	404
On-line views:	120
Sunday School:	333

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KNOW Christ,
 SHARE Faith,
 SHOW Grace

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

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"Meeting God in Prayer"

Welcome

Music

Announcements

Ministry Moment- 2022 Year in Review: Ministry & Worship

First Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Music & Offertory

Prayer

Children's Church Dismissal

Friendly Reminder: Children ages 3yrs-Kindergarten only

Children's Church takes place in F222 just outside the Sanctuary. Children are to be picked up from this location following the service.

Second Scripture: Philipians 4: 4-9

Sermon: "Meeting God in Prayer"

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 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.

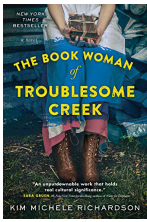
- **Man in the Mirror** is starting a new study book called *Guardrails* by Andy Stanley on Jan. 30. Join us on Monday mornings at 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to take part in studying this new book.

- **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>

- **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 or Becky Dixon at 803.361.5046 or 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.

- **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 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!

- **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!

Sermon Notes
"Meeting God in Prayer"
Philippians 4: 4-9



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.