

Congregational Fifth Sunday Assembly-

Today, 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 livestreamed 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 25

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

Pam Chapman in the loss of her father, William S. Hancock, Jr.

Robert Faile in the loss of his mother. Rebecca Elizabeth Huffman

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,

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| unday, Janua | ry 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 | Chapel |
| 3:15 PM | Jr. Leaps of Faith Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 5:00 PM | SonZone | Wesley Center |
| 6:30 PM | Disciple 2 Bible Study | LL 11 |
| onday, Janua | ary 30 | |
| 7:00 AM | Man in the Mirror | LL Fellowship |
| 9:30 AM | Needlers | LL 5 |
| 10:00 AM | Day School Chapel Time | Sanctuary |
| 6:00 PM | Jesus in the Gospels Disciple Study | F223 Fellowsh |
| 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 |
| uesday, Janua | ary 31 | |

9:00 AM Banner Babes 9:30 AM

Staff Meeting Upper Room Bible Study 10:00 AM 6:30 PM Sr. Boys Basketball Practice

Wednesday, February 1 6:00 AM Iron Men Bible Study

6:15 PM Adult Handbells Practice Jr & Sr Girls Basketball Practice 6:30 PM 6:30 PM Youth Leaps of Faith Rehersal 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 2 12:30 PM

WOW Bible Study Jr. Boys Basketball Practice 6:30 PM Saturday, February 4

Church League Basketball Games Sunday, February 5

Pancake Supper Tickets 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service Pathfinders Brunch 10:00 AM Sunday School Contemporary Worship Service Jr. Leaps of Faith Rehearsal 5:00 PM

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Sanctuary Sanctuary FMC Gym Wesley Center

GIFTS

2023 Budget - Weekly Goal \$33,300.00

Week 4, Ending 1/22/2023

28,771.20

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Budget Contribution

(from June 12, 2022)

Building Fund Contribution

Building Fund Campaign Goal (through June 30, 2022)

Building Fund Campaign Pledges
Building Fund Campaign Gifts to Date

Memorials

Church Staff **Rev. Stephen Taylor, Lead Pastor** Stephen@unionirmo.org

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, Nursey Director

PRESENCE

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| Worship Update | January 22 |
| Worship: | 404 |
| On-line views: | 123 |
| Sunday School: | 380 |

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

January 29, 2023 www.UnionIrmo.org

"Heads Up!" Luke 21: 20-28

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Trumpet Voluntary

Gordon Young

UMH 881

UMH 71

UMH 94

Pew Bible p. 960

*HYMN Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates **UMH #213**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

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

> 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: Psalm 42: 1-11 Pew Bible p.504

KID'S TALK Rev. Faye Jones

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

Renew your church, Lord, your people in this land. Save us from cheap words and self-deception in your service. In the power of your Spirit transform us, and shape us by your cross. 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY I Will Be a Child of Peace arr. Elaine Hagenburg

> O Holy Father I will be a child of peace and purity for well I know Thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.

*Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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: Luke 21: 20-28

Leader: The Holy Scripture for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Heads Up!" Rev. Stephen Taylor THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #580 *HYMN OF RESPONSE Lead On, O King Eternal

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE March in G John Lee

WORSHIP TODAY

The lovely flowers are given:

"To the glory of God and in celebration of our 19th wedding anniversary." - With all of our love, Joe and Glenna Dean Wildt

> To the Glory of God and in memory of Max Lampl." By Ken, Annette and Jonathan Nash

Acolyte – Jonathan Nash **Lay Reader** – Nick Harman

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Joey Rothfuss, organist; Chancel Choir

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: JANUARY 29, 2023



- 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 Féllowship 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!

- PEP! - Bingo & Board Games - Wednesday, February 8, at 1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! We'd love to have you join us!



- MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK IN Register NOW! We'll meet at Union on Saturday, February 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 on our website: UnionIrmo.org/Youth
- 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.
- Union Day School Updates!- In-house enrollment begins February 13 for currently enrolled families and Union members and March 1 for new families to Union Day School. There are waitlist forms on our website for full and half day programs. You can send completed forms to Helen@UnionIrmo.org.

If you are interested in half-day private kindergarten for your child, we are having a Kindergarten Night on Thursday, February 9 from 6-7 p.m. You can sign up for more information on our website. We're also having an Open House for everyone on Sunday, March 5, from 2:30-4 p.m. There is a sign up link for the Open House as well on our Day School page of UnionIrmo.org.



- The Wilson Circle 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.

- PEP! February Event! Thursday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the FMC Gym. Join us for a catered meal and a time of fellowship. More information will be on the sign up sheets. Sign ups and payment are due by Sunday, Feb. 12. Any questions or to get involved, please contact Phyllis Plyler at phyllisplyler@gmail.com.
- * 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 **CCLI#1197820 ONELICENSE # A-713187



- Pancake Supper Tickets on Sale Next Sunday! - Our 24th annual Pancake Supper is

Lake Murray Salkehatchie. Contact Brian Wisnewski (newlifepresident@gmail.com) or David Renaker (DRenaker@ firstreliance.com) for more information.

- Strategies for Parenting with Mental Health in Mind Learn more about 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 as we dive deeper into Strategies for Parenting with Mental Health in Mind at Union on Sunday, February 26 from 5-7 p.m. 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 brief parent seminar, which will be followed by more extensive parent breakout sessions for further discussion.
- 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! LIFE HACKS 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 on our website: UnionIrmo.org/Youth

- 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!

February 21, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the FMC Gym. Ticket sales start Sunday, Feb. 5, in the narthex. Tickets for adults are \$6, children (3-10) are \$5, children 3 and under are free, with a \$20 maximum per family. Plan to get tickets before the event to save a few dollars at the door. This fundraiser is sponsored by the New Life Class and funds go to support the class's mission projects which include Epworth Children's Home (Stoke Cottage), Sharing God's Love and

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: | |
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| Pastors | |
| Prayer Team | |
| Prayer Requests | |
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MARCH 12TH - TEA PARTY Name (optional)

Little Ladies Circle for ages 4-5th grade Devotions, fellowship and fun *we meet on the playground or Chapel for weather

Please join the

NIKKI CIRCLE

2023 MEETING DATES

JANUARY 29TH - 4PM

FEBRUARY 26TH - 4PM

(RSVP WWW.UNIONIRMO.ORG)

MAY 7TH - 4PM