



Union Day School Updates!

In-house enrollment begins **February 13** for currently enrolled families and Union members.

Open enrollment begins **March 1** for new families to Union Day School.

There are waitlist forms for full and half day programs on our website. You can send completed forms to Helen@Unionlrmo.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 register for this event on our website.

We're also having an **Open House** for everyone on **Sunday, March 5**, from 2:30-4 p.m. You can register to receive more information about this event on our website, at Unionlrmo.org/union_day_school

Please join the **NIKKI CIRCLE**

2023 MEETING DATES

JANUARY 29TH - 4PM

FEBRUARY 26TH - 4PM

MARCH 12TH - TEA PARTY

(RSVP WWW.UNIONLRMO.ORG)

MAY 7TH - 4PM

Little Ladies Circle for ages 4-5th grade
Devotions, fellowship and fun

*we meet on the playground or Chapel for weather

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

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES: As of February 1

Congratulations to Olivia Madeleine DiPietro, who was baptized on Saturday, February 4. Olivia was born on February 1, 2022 to Nicholas Gibson DiPietro and Katherine Elise Doerring DiPietro. Grandparents are Erik and Lora Lee Doerring and Mario and Sherry DiPietro.

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.unionlrmo.org

Sunday, February 5

8:30 AM	Pancake Supper Tickets	Narthex Table
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Pathfinders Brunch	FMC MultiPurpose Rm
10:00 AM	Sunday School	
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:15 PM	Jr. Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	ANIKO Youth Fellowship	FMC Gym
5:00 PM	SonZone	Wesley Center
6:30 PM	Disciple 2 Bible Study	LL 11

Monday, February 6

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
6:00 PM	New Life SS Class Men's Prayer Mtg	LL 13 Conference Rm
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, February 7

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	Sr. Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	UWF Board Meeting	LL 14 Pauline Younginer

Wednesday, February 8

6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	FMC MultiPurpose Rm
10:00 AM	Rosa Hook Circle Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
12:30 PM	PEP! Bingo and games	LL Fellowship Hall
6:15 PM	Adult Handbells Practice	Narthex
6:30 PM	English as a Second Language	F222
6:30 PM	Jr & Sr Girls Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	Safety & Security Team Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Youth Leaps of Faith Rehersal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	LL 10 Choir Room

Thursday, February 9

11:00 AM	Heritage Circle Meeting	FMC MultiPurpose Rm
12:30 PM	WOW Bible Study	LL 11
6:00 PM	Kindergarten Night	Wesley Center
6:30 PM	Engage Team Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Jr. Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym

Friday, February 10

12:00 PM	Etude Winterguard Group	Wesley Center
6:00 PM	Joy Class Valentine Gathering	FMC MultiPurpose Rm

Saturday, February 11

All Day	Etude Winterguard group	Wesley Center
8:00 AM	Church League Basketball Games	FMC Gym
3:00 PM	Parent's Time Out	F111 - Nursery
6:00 PM	Middle School Lock In	FMC Gym
7:00 PM	Mastersingers	Sanctuary

Sunday, February 12

Until 8 AM	Etude Winterguard Group	Wesley Center
Until 9 AM	Middle School Lock In	FMC Gym
8:30 AM	Pancake Supper Tickets	Narthex Table
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School	
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Disciple 2 Bible Study	LL Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Zimbabwe Planning Mtg	LL 11
3:15 PM	Jr. Leaps of Faith Rehersal	
5:00 PM	High School Night of Service	FMC Gym
5:00 PM	SonZone	Wesley Center
6:30 PM	Disciple 2 Bible Study	LL 11

GIFTS

2022 Budget - Weekly Goal \$33,300.00

Week 5, Ending 1/29/2023

Budget Contribution	19,179.25
Memorials	250.00
Building Fund Contribution	3,322.75
Endowment Fund	300.00
UMCOR	100.00

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)	304,551.10

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Taylor, Lead Pastor

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Rev. Archie Bigelow, Jr., Retired Pastor

Rev. Lee Cothran, Jr., Retired Pastor

Suzy Broadus,

Director of Ministries to Children & Families

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Michelle Cochcroft,

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Helen Kline, Day School Director

Leslie Kulp, Assistant Day School Director

Steve Ragan, Asst. Facilities Manager

Joey Rothfuss, Organist

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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 29
Worship:	498
On-line views:	341
Sunday School:*	85
*(those not in the Sanctuary for Unity Sunday)	

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

February 5, 2023
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“The KISS Gospel” Matthew 7: 9-12

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Prelude in D minor* BWV 554 J. S. Bach

***HYMN** I Come with Joy UMH #617

***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: Philippians 2: 1-4 Pew Bible p. 1069

CONFESSION AND PARDON:

**All: Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
we have failed to be an obedient church.
we have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news! Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love towards us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

OFFERTORY *Keep Your Lamps!* arr. Andre Thomas
Traditional Spiritual
Derreck Webber, percussionist

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary, 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over,
the time is drawing nigh.

***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 7: 9-12** Pew Bible p. 883

Leader: The Holy Scripture for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “The KISS Gospel” Rev. Stephen Taylor

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christ invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with one another. To receive, come forward as the ushers direct you. Once you are served, you may pray at the altar, or return to your pew.
Gluten Free Station is set up to the far left of the Sanctuary

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
The Pastor Continues ... The Great Thanksgiving
Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
The Pastor Continues ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith
Congregation: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
The Pastor Completes the Thanksgiving.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION MUSIC: *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Moses Hogan
Frank Turner, bass
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me arr. Mark Hayes
Joey Rothfuss, piano

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** One Bread, One Body UMH #620
***BENEDICTION**
***POSTLUDE** *Brethren We Have Met to Worship* Arr. Kenon Renfrow

WORSHIP TODAY

The lovely flowers are given: “All Glory and Honor to God as we celebrate Billy’s 82nd birthday on February 8th.” - With Love, MB	Crucifer – Daniel Leuthner-Barrineau Acolyte – Reeves Barrineau Lay Reader – John Bowen
“To the Glory of God and in memory of our daughter, Alice on her birthday.” - By Lewis and Arlene Milligan	MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS Joey Rothfuss, organ & piano; Chancel Choir; Derreck Webber, percussionist; Frank Turner, bass

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: FEBRUARY 5, 2023

- **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! Come join us for fun, fellowship, BINGO prizes, and possibly board games!

- **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: Unionlrmo.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.

* 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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- **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!** - You don’t want to miss this one! It is **February 16,** at 6:30 p.m. in the FMC Gym. Come watch some of your Union friends participate in PEP’s version of the Newlywed Game; “The Not So Newlywed Game”! We will have a catered meal from Olive Garden of lasagna, salad, and breadsticks. Cost is \$15 per person. Sign up and payment will be in Sunday School classes and are due by Sunday, February 12th. Please contact Phyllis Plyler at phyllisplyler@gmail.com for any questions.

- **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@unionlrmo.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 on our website: Unionlrmo.org/Youth



- **Palestine in the Time of Jesus and Now** - On **March 2** at 7 p.m. in LL11, Pastor Mary Anderson will be our guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Leona Hydrick Circle. Pastor Anderson is in her 40th year serving in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is currently serving as the Interim Pastor at Pilgrim Lutheran in Lexington. She is Cathy Harman’s sister and was one of Pastor Faye Jones’ professors during her seminary years. The first two weeks of November 2022, she and her daughter, Elise, traveled with a group to Israel/Palestine. During this evening program, Pastor Anderson will share pictures and stories of what she discovered traveling around the desert wilderness of the Dead Sea, the land of Galilee, Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

- **Do you joyfully share with people about your love for God and His work at Union?** Join the ENGAGE TEAM! We are taking a different approach in welcoming God’s people into our loving faith community as well as our journey to draw closer to God! If you are interested, please contact Bob Wolff (robertwolff52@gmail.com) or Linda Steadman(lindacst@aol.com).

- **Directories are available!** If you did not have your picture taken for the directory and signed up on the waiting list to get one, you may come by the church office and get one.

- **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@Unionlrmo.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!

- **The February newsletter is out!** If you are interested in receiving this publication in your mailbox (email or post!), please call the church office, or fill out the form on our website.

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@Unionlrmo.org.

Share with:

☐ Pastors

☐ Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

Name (optional)