

## 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).

Share with:

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Pastors

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Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

Name (optional)

## 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
<b>Building Fund Campaign Gifts to Date (from June 12, 2022)</b>	<b>304,551.10</b>

**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.*

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

## PRESENCE

<b>Worship Update</b>	<b>January 29</b>
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"

Welcome

Music

Announcements

First Scripture: Philippians 2: 1-4

Music & Offertory

Prayer

Second Scripture: Matthew 7: 9-12

Sermon: "The KISS Gospel"

Communion

*\*Gluten Free Station is set up to the far left of the Sanctuary\**

Benediction

Music

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for 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 1 p.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: [UnionIrmo.org/Youth](http://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](mailto:AndreaMarie6368@gmail.com).

- **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](mailto:hsimpson@simpson-cpas.com) or Becky Dixon at 803.361.5046 or [rebeccadix@earthlink.net](mailto:rebeccadix@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@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 on our website: UnionIrm.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** 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@ UnionIrm.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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in celebration of Olivia Madeleine DiPietro's Baptism and first birthday given by her grandparents Erik and Lora Lee Doerring.

Sermon Notes  
**"The KISS Gospel"**  
 Matthew 7: 9-12



## 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@UnionIrm.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 UnionIrm.org/union\_day\_school

Please join the  
**NIKKI CIRCLE**

### 2023 MEETING DATES

JANUARY 29TH - 4PM

FEBRUARY 26TH - 4PM

MARCH 12TH - TEA PARTY

(RSVP WWW.UNIONIRMO.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