

Sharing God's Love- Easter Donation



As we prepare our hearts for the Easter Season, let's remember those who may not be as fortunate. Please consider making an Easter donation to Sharing God's Love in honor or memory of a special person.

All dedications will be placed in the April 9th bulletin insert. To make a donation, please attach a check (made payable to Union UMC with the Easter Donation designation) by placing it in a Easter Lily envelope found in the pew pockets.

Place your written order in the offering plate or bring/mail it to the church office. The deadline to make a donation is Sunday, April 2nd. Forms will also be available in the Church office.

Please print wording as you wish it to appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin insert.

Wednesday Supper Sign Up

5:15-6:15 p.m. in the FMC Gym
RSVP by the Sunday prior at 5 p.m.
Sign ups available online as well

March 22

Ham, red skinned potatoes, green beans, salad, banana pudding

March 29

Chicken bog, salad, banana pudding
(All proceeds from this dinner to go the Zimbabwe mission team)

Cost: \$7.00 per person

Family max: \$30.00

*Pay at the door (exact cash please)

Name:

Total Number Attending:
(Adults & Children)

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

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS As of March 13

Zack Reinhardt, in NICU at Richland Hospital

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, March 19

8:00 AM	Easter Cross Sales	Narthex
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School	
10:00 AM	Day School Brunch Drop-In	Wesley Center
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:00 PM	Basketball Banquet	FMC Gym
3:00 PM	Estate Planning Presentation	Sanctuary
3:15 PM	Jr. Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	LL 11
4:00 PM	Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	LL 11
5:00 PM	ANIKO Youth Fellowship	FMC Gym
5:00 PM	SonZone	Wesley Center
6:30 PM	Disciple 2 Bible Study	LL 11

Monday, March 20

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 Meeting	LL 13 Conference Rm
6:15 PM	Disciple 1 Bible Study	F227 New Life
7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213

Tuesday, March 21

All Day	Joy Class outing	Off Premises
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
12:00 PM	Sarah Circle Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	LL 14 Pauline Younginer

Wednesday, March 22

6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	FMC MultiPurpose Rm
5:15 PM	Wednesday Night Supper	FMC Gym
6:15 PM	Adult Handbells Practice	Narthex
6:30 PM	Children's Activities	LL 11
6:30 PM	English as a Second Language (ESL)	F222
6:30 PM	The Methodist Way	LL Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Youth Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	LL 10 Choir Room

Thursday, March 23

12:30 PM	WOW Bible Study	LL 11
6:30 PM	Kitchen Committee Meeting	FMC MultiPurpose Rm
7:00 PM	Praise Band Practice	Chapel

Friday, March 24

6:00 PM	Virtual Women's "IF" Conference	Chapel
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Saturday, March 25

6:00 AM	Men's freestyle basketball	FMC Gym
9:00 AM	Virtual Women's "IF" Conference	Chapel
2:30 PM	Ivy Green HOA Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 26

9:15 AM	Sunday School	Sanctuary
10:30 AM	Confirmation Sunday - ONE Worship	Sanctuary
3:15 PM	Jr. Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Holy Land Interest Meeting	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

GIFTS

2023 Budget - Weekly Goal \$35,100.00

Week 11, Ending 3/12/2023

Budget Contribution	38,603.73
Memorials	175.00
Building Fund Contribution	6,095.00
Endowment Fund	0.00
Cemetery Fund	0.00
Easter Lily Donations - Sharing God's Love	605.00
Sharing God's Love - Non Designated	73.00
UMCOR	0.00
UMVIM - Earthquake Relief	25.00

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)	335,745.25

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PRESENCE

Worship Update	March 12
Worship:	388
On-line views:	110
Sunday School:	367

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KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace
Fourth Sunday in Lent



A Journey
of Stones

A Lenten
Sermon Series
Feb. 26-April 9, 2023

March 19, 2023

www.Unionlrmo.org

"A Journey of Stones: Hearts of Stone" Luke 11: 37-46

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* J.S. Bach

***HYMN** Lord of the Dance UMH #261

***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: Ezekiel 36: 22-28 Pew Bible p.790

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

God of mercy, you sent Jesus to seek and save us all. We confess that we have strayed from you. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as good when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love and ignored your truth. Change our hearts by your Spirit and in your presence renew our love and joy. Amen.

MINISTRY MOMENT: Day School Sunday

COMMISSIONING OF NEW STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER, Barbara Hammett

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 *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* Gilbert Martin
Johnnie Felder, guest conductor

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.	See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
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Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.	Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.
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***Doxology:** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***SCRIPTURE: Luke 11: 37-46** Pew Bible p. 948
 Leader: The Holy Scripture for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "A Journey of Stones: Hearts of Stone" Rev. Stephen Taylor

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart UMH #500

***BENEDICTION**

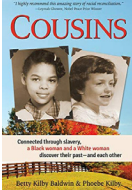
***POSTLUDE** Sent Forth by God's Blessing Welsh Hymn Tune

WORSHIP TODAY

<p>The lovely flowers are given: "In loving memory of David Hammond. Miss you so much. With love, Mary" - Mary Hammond</p> <p>"To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Mary M. Derrick, a kind, gracious and loving Christian mother." - George and Jean How</p>	<p>Crucifer – Alissa Stansell Acolyte – Gabe Keller Lay Reader – Roy Copelan</p> <p>MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS Joey Rothfuss, organist; Chancel Choir; Johnnie Felder, guest conductor</p>
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Please don't forget to turn off or mute electronic devices before you enter for worship. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MARCH 19, 2023

 **The Wilson Circle Book Club** is meeting on second Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us 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 rebeccadix@earthlink.net.

- Estate Planning Seminar! - The Endowment Committee is sponsoring an Estate Planning Seminar in the sanctuary **today, March 19th** at 3:00 PM with an estate planning attorney on site. This is a great opportunity for adults both young and old to learn about the need for estate planning and things to consider when planning for that future day. The topic of charitable giving will also be covered, providing information on ways to include charitable causes alongside of providing for your loved ones. The meeting will be live streamed and stored on the Union Live YouTube channel for those who are not able to attend in person. This is a subject we tend to put off until "later." Stop procrastinating and join us for this important seminar.

- NEXT Sunday is Confirmation Sunday! - Plan to be here at **10:30 a.m. for ONE Worship Service** to celebrate our youth who will be confirmed into the church. Sunday School will be at 9:15 a.m. next Sunday.

- Easter Eggs Returned: Thank you all for taking empty eggs to fill for our Easter Egg Hunt! **Please return filled eggs by March 26.** Be sure eggs are filled with individually wrapped candies, sticker, toys etc. There are plastic tubs in the narthex for you to place your bags in. We will need the eggs no later than March 26 for us to use April 1st at our Easter Egg Hunt.

- Join the Reverends Stephen and Cynthia Taylor for a Holy Land Pilgrimage, departing **January 30, 2024.** The 11-day Journey Through the Bible trip focuses on the holy places connected with Jesus' life and ministry, and also includes several sites mentioned in the Old Testament. Extensions to Egypt will also be offered. An interest meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, **March 26** at 4 p.m. Come and learn if this trip of a lifetime will work out for you.

- Parents Time Out - April 8, 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.

- Save the date and save your treasures for the Joy Class Garage Sale on Saturday, **April 29, 2023!** Pick ups and drop offs will be from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24th, through Thursday, April 27th.

* 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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- COLLEGE GRADS: If you would like to be recognized as Grads on Graduate Sunday, **June 4**, please email Eleanor Cannon at Eleanor@unionirmo.org with your graduation information. Please include the name of the institution from which you are graduating, as well as the diploma/degree earned and your following plans.



- Vacation Bible School is coming! We are moving and grooving this year with "Ready, Set, Move: Follow Jesus Here, There and Everywhere!" Save the Dates: **June 18-21** from 6:15-8 p.m. Watch for registration in the coming weeks. Volunteers are needed in all areas, from small group leaders, to crafts to traffic flow to recreation. Where do you want to plug in? Let Suzy know at Suzy@UnionIrm.org if you're willing to volunteer!

- Youth M25 Mission Trip - We are headed back to Atlanta to work with M25 Missions again this summer from **June 18-23!** This trip is an incredible week of learning about and working alongside those who are experiencing homelessness in the ATL area. We will serve at soup kitchens, food banks, and just spend time getting to know these people and showing the love of Christ to them through hospitality and games! M25 is based on Matthew 25 parable of the Sheep & Goats/Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' We will sleep and eat at the church, and then travel each day to a different worksite with a packed lunch. We will also have an outing one evening to a fun adventure with just our group!! This trip is open for RISING 7th grade and up. This is sure to be another incredible week of loving our neighbors in the Atlanta community and building relationships.

- Creation Museum & The Ark Encounter Trip - This is a PEP! trip, but is open to all family and friends. We'll be visiting the Kentucky Artisan Center, Stargazer's Planetarium, Jungle Jim's International Market, and Cumberland Falls (where you can do the zipline at the ark for additional fee). Union PEP! and Christian tours are providing a private motorcoach for this adventure. Join us for 4 days: **July 17-20, 2023.** Meals included: 3 Continental Breakfasts, Lunch and 1 Dinner. Price per person: Double: \$825; Triple: \$765; Quad: \$730; Single: \$1019. Deposit of \$200 per person and insurance cost is due at time of booking. Registration deadline is **March 31, 2023.** Final payment is due June 17, 2023. Please contact Faye Bailey at fayebailey424@gmail.com or 803.331.4349 for itinerary, reservation forms and questions.

- SonZone - All 4th and 5th graders join us on Sunday nights for some games, fun and a lesson. Don't miss out on Sunday nights from 5-6 p.m. in the Education Building.

- The Union UMC Missions committee wants to bring back the tutoring assistance program and is seeking individuals who would like to participate. The committee is still working on the details but it would involve only 1 hr. a week. If you are interested in this outreach opportunity, please contact Chris Elvis at cclvis3@gmail.com or (803) 528-5384.

- 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).

- New around here? We're so glad to see you! Welcome to Union! We hope you are blessed today as we worship The Lord together. Please feel free to stop by our welcome center to get a visitor packet. We'd love for you to stay for fellowship following our services or join us for Sunday School classes at 10 a.m. If you have any questions about Union, our congregation, or the sermon, feel free to ask a pastor or contact us another way. We're so glad you're here and hope to see you again.

"IF"
Women's Weekend



Join us in person as we join Jennie Allen's Virtual "IF" conference
 March 24th & 25th
 Union United Methodist
 7582 Woodrow Street
 Irmo, SC

Friday
 4:30-5:30pm
 Meet & Mingle at Craft & Draft Irmo
 7583 St Andrews Rd
 Irmo, SC 29063

5:45-6:00pm
 Registration at Union UMC

6:00-9:00pm
 Dinner and Session 1

Saturday
 8:30-9:00am
 Light breakfast and fellowship

9:00am-12:00pm
 Sessions 2 & 3

Tickets for this event are \$45 and can be purchased from Eventbrite. There is a link on our website to connect you to the Eventbrite page.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

EASTER EGG HUNT!

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST AT 10 A.M.

At Union UMC
 7582 Woodrow St. Irmo, SC 29063

Families with children up to 5th grade will hunt together.

Meet us in the FMC Gym for crafts and games before the big hunt!

Parents, the **SIPS Coffee truck** will be here for you to purchase your morning coffee (or tea or hot chocolate) to help keep up with all the fun!!

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@UnionIrm.org.

Share with:

Pastors
 Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

Name (optional)