

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...

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

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

As of March 9

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.

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

PRESENCE

<u>Worship Update</u>	<u>March 12</u>
Worship:	388
On-line views:	110
Sunday School:	367

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KNOW Christ,
 SHARE Faith,
 SHOW Grace
 Fourth Sunday in Lent
 March 19, 2023
www.Unionlrmo.org

"A Journey of Stones: Hearts of Stone"

Welcome

Music

Announcements

Baptism: Annie Elaine Berks

Andrew & Marian Berks, parents

Rusty & Marian Hanna and David & Nancy Berks, grandparents

Ministry Moment: Day School Sunday

Children's Church Dismissal

Friendly Reminder: Children ages 3yrs-Kindergarten only

Children's Church takes place in the Wesley Center this Sunday. Children are to be picked up from this location following the service.

First Scripture: Ezekiel 36: 22-28

Music & Offertory

Prayer

Second Scripture: Luke 11: 37-46

Sermon: "A Journey of Stones: Hearts of Stone"

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 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: Andrea-Marie6368@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.

- 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@UnionIrmo.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.

- 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 ccelvis3@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).



- 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.

- 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.

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)

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!!

"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	Friday 6:00-9:00pm Dinner and Session 1
Friday 5:45-6:00pm Registration at Union UMC	Saturday 8:30-9:00am Light breakfast and fellowship
Friday 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.