

Be the parent you want to be when it comes to your kid and technology.

Parenting in a Tech World

Next Sunday,
October 8, 5-7 p.m.

All parents, grandparents and other adults interested in supporting our children and youth are invited.

We will start with dinner in the FMC Gym, then children and youth will head to breakout groups. Adults will stay for large group time of information and then break out into groups for futher discussion and ideas.

Nursery will be provided for kids 3 & under. Let us know if you need the nursery - suzy@unionirmo.org.

Family Night Gathering!

Supper Sign Up

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

Wednesday, October 4

BBQ, coleslaw, baked beans, salad, rolls
Sweet tea, lemonade, water

Be sure to stay and help assemble
Snack Pack boxes to feed the 110 kids our
Martha Circle supports each week!

Check out our weekly email,
or our website under "Missions,"
to see Snack Pack's current needs.

Cost: \$7.00 per person
Family max: \$28.00
*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 UPDATES:
As of Sept. 27

David Gatti, Prisma Richland

Jo Mooney, Lexington Extended Care

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.

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PRESENCE	
Worship Update	Sept. 24
Worship:	443
On-line views:	199
Sunday School:	367

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GIFTS

2023 Budget - Weekly Goal \$35,100.00

Week 39, Ending 9/24/2023

Budget Contribution	21,978.24
Memorials	200.00
Building Fund Contribution	4,023.25
Aldersgate Special Needs Offerings	0.00
Epworth Children's Home	20.00
Sharing God's Love	0.00
Jan's Van	0.00

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)	525,368.98

SERVICE

For a complete listing of events for the month, please visit our website: www.unionirmo.org

Sunday, Oct. 1

Until 3:30 PM

8:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

11:00 AM

12:30 PM

2:00 PM

3:00 PM

4:00 PM

4:45 PM

6:00 PM

6:00 PM

6:00 PM

6:30 PM

Monday, Oct. 2

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

9:30 AM

6:00 PM

6:00 PM

6:30 PM

7:00 PM

Tuesday, Oct. 3

9:00 AM

9:30 AM

10:00 AM

6:00 PM

6:30 PM

6:30 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 4

6:00 AM

5:15 PM

6:30 PM

7:30 PM

Thursday, Oct. 5

12:30 PM

6:00 PM

6:30 PM

7:00 PM

Friday, Oct. 6

5:00 PM

6:00 PM

6:00 PM

Saturday, Oct. 7

11:00 AM

Sunday, Oct. 8

8:30 AM

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9:00 AM

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12:00 PM

2:00 PM

3:00 PM

4:00 PM

5:00 PM

6:00 PM

6:00 PM

6:00 PM

8:00 PM

Youth Fall Retreat

Arty Party Sign Up

Traditional Worship Service

Sunday School & Confirmation

Contemporary Worship Service

Troop 95 Meeting

Basketball Practice

Junior Leaps of Faith Rehearsal

Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal

SonZone

Disciple 1

Disciple 2

Jesus in the Gospels - Disciple

Jesus in the Gospels - Disciple

Man in the Mirror

Bridge card players

Needlers

Basketball Practice

New Life SS Class Men's Prayer Meeting

Disciple 4 Class

AA

Banner Babes

Staff Meeting

Upper Room Bible Study

Basketball Practice

Griefshare

UWF Board Meeting

Iron Men Bible Study

Union Family Night & Supper

Youth Leaps of Faith Rehearsal

Choir Rehearsal

WOW Bible Study

Basketball Practice

Leona Hydrick Circle

Praise Band Practice

"If" Women's Retreat- Meet up

"If" Women's Retreat- Session

Basketball Practice

Parent's Time Out

Arty Party Sign Up

TLC Sign Up & T-shirt Pre-Sale

Traditional Worship Service

Sunday School & Confirmation

Contemporary Worship Service

Jesus in the Gospels - Disciple

Basketball Practice

Junior Leaps of Faith Rehearsal

Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal

Parenting in a Technological World

Disciple 1

Disciple 2

Jesus in the Gospels - Disciple

Joy Class Garage Sale Set-Up

Off Premises

Narthex Table

Sanctuary

Sanctuary

LL Fellowship Hal

FMC Gym

Sanctuary

Sanctuary

EB 205-7

F 223

F 222

F 227

LL 11

LL Fellowship Hall

LL Fellowship Hall

LL 5

FMC Gym

LL 13 Conference Rm

F 223

EB 211 - 213

LL 11

F 223

LL 14

FMC Gym

LL 3 Commons Rm

LL 14

FMC MultiPurpose

FMC Gym

Sanctuary

LL 10 Choir Room

LL 11

FMC Gym

EB 203-204

Chapel

Off Premises

Chapel

FMC Gym

F111- Nursery

Narthex Table

Narthex Table

Sanctuary

Sanctuary

LL 11

WC Gym

Sanctuary

Sanctuary

FMC Gym

F 223

F 222

F 227

FMC Gym

UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace

October 1, 2023

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Imitating Christ"

Philippians 2: 1-11

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Pavanne, Op. 50

Gabriel Faure

Cliff Leaman, soprano saxophone

*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH #400

*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: Exodus 17: 1-7

Pew Bible p.63

CONFESSIO 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

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Michael Hassell

Chancel Choir and Cliff Leaman, soprano saxophone

*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: Philippians 2: 1-11

Pew Bible p. 1069

Leader: The Holy Scripture for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Imitating Christ"

Rev. Stephen Taylor

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Stephen Taylor

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: *Gymnopedie No. 1* Erik Satie
Siciliano J.S. Bach
Cliff Leaman, soprano saxophone

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee UMH #430

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Allegro from Sonata in D minor* Domenico Scarlatti

WORSHIP TODAY

<p>The lovely flowers are given: “In honor of the wedding anniversaries of Dalton and Barbara Parker on October 7 and Mandy and Doug Roberts on October 6.” - Barbara and Parke Parker</p> <p>“To the Glory of God and in honor of my Mom, Kay Brown, on her birthday.” - With love, Sherry</p>	<p>Crucifer – Hart Masincupp Acolyte – Melissa Majewski Lay Reader - Nan Nussler</p> <p>MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS Cliff Leaman, soprano saxophone; Chancel Choir; Joey Rothfuss, organist</p>
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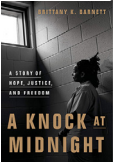
Please don't forget to turn off or mute electronic devices before you enter for worship. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: OCTOBER 1, 2023

- **Man in the Mirror** is starting a new 5-week study on *5 Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith* by Andy Stanley, on Monday, **Oct. 2**, at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend.

- **Parents Time Out - Oct. 7**, 11-2 p.m. Children from infant to 1st grade \$10 per child, includes snack. (Let us know of any allergies, when you sign up.) RSVP by the Wednesday before to: AndreaMarie6368@gmail.com.

- **New Ventures, one of our UWF circles**, is hosting a workshop on **Brain Health**. Marti Colucci (formerly of Leeza’s Care and the daughter of Jim and Jan Buck) will be our presenter. We do not think about our mind until it does not work exactly as it always has. The brain is just like all the muscles in our body and it needs your attention too. This workshop is designed to teach us brain health techniques and have some fun while learning them. All are welcome - men and ladies! The workshop will be Monday, **Oct. 9**, at 6:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Sawyer.



- **The Wilson Circle Book Club** meets **Oct. 10** at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the book, *A Knock at Midnight* by B.K. Barnett. We will be meeting on **Nov. 14** to discuss *The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God’s Mercy* by Tim Keller. The November meeting will also be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Plans for the December meeting are TBD. Please contact Harriet Simpson at 803-530-5060 or Becky Dixon at 803-361-5046 with any questions. All are welcome to join us.

- **PEP! - Bingo & Board Games** - Wednesday, **Oct. 11**, at 1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Come join us for fun, fellowship, BINGO prizes, and board games!

* 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

- **Youth Service Day at Washington Street UMC:** We will be heading downtown to serve a meal and have some good fellowship time with our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness and food insecurity on Sunday, **Oct. 15**. We will meet at the church at 2:45 p.m. and take buses downtown. While there, we will eat, fellowship, and play games with those in attendance and just share the love of Jesus through some good time spent together. Contact Eleanor at Eleanor@unionirmo.org with any questions.



- **Jan’s Van** (the Lexington Medical Center’s Mobile Mammography Van) will be at Union on Wednesday, **Oct.18**, from 9am-4pm! *Sign ups have started in the narthex!* This mission is sponsored by Sarah Circle and named in memory of Jan Croft, who lost her courageous battle with meta-static breast cancer. You can help offset the cost of mammograms that aren’t covered through insurance by donating to “Jan’s Van” at unionirmo.org, click GIVE, or by calling the church office.

- **PEP! Halloween Costume Party!** - On Thursday, **Oct. 19**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for an unforgettable Halloween celebration at our Halloween Party! Please bring a finger food to share. Sign up by Sunday, Oct. 15. Costumes are optional, but the party isn’t! All are welcome! Prizes will be awarded for: most original, best couple, best theme, scariest & more. Be sure to add this to your calendar! Contact Phyllis Plyler at phyllisplyler@gmail.com with any questions.



- **Union ladies of ALL ages** - Fall is here and Christmas is just around the corner! On **Oct. 22**, join the Union United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) for the **Arty Party** after the second service! We will share a pizza lunch and then will split into stations where you can choose whether you want to paint, make Christmas ornaments, learn about flower arranging or how to make your own beautiful bows for any season!!! There is something for everyone and all talent levels! Registration is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and youth (includes lunch) with a \$40 maximum per family. Moms - this is the perfect activity to spend with your girls- youth and children alike on a Sunday afternoon! Registration will be in the Narthex or directly through Libby Tucker- libby@joeytucker.com or 803-920-6497. You must register in advance so that we have the supplies needed! We look forward to a fun afternoon!

- **Trunk or Treat!** - Are you ready for **Oct. 29** at 4:30 p.m.? Set the date aside and get your trunk ideas in place! We had 55 trunks last year, can we make it 70 this year? We will have games, popcorn, snacks, crafts and of course your trunks filled with treats! Because of you we were able to welcome over 300 kids last year! We will have sign up times in October so we can plan for spaces for all of our trunks and games. Let us know you will be able to come by emailing Suzy at suzy@unionirmo.org!

- **Basketball Tournament Help** – We need your help this January as Union is hosting the South Carolina UMC Tournament again! The dates are **Jan. 5-7**. Sign up at the link below to help us make this event run as smoothly as you did last year! Contact Eleanor with any questions at Eleanor@unionirmo.org. Scan the QR on the pews, head to our website, or type in this link: <https://union.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1937085>

- **The Living Christmas Story** (TLCS) will be celebrating our 30th year anniversary of Union providing this special gift to the Community. We have more than 600 volunteer/cast positions to fill across the 3 performances, so we hope you and your family will sign up to participate! You are welcome to participate in more than one performance and in different roles. And we encourage you to invite others to participate with you!

Please put these dates on your Calendar:
TLCS 2023 Performance: Dec. 1, 2, 3 (Fri-Sun) from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. **TLCS Set Construction:** Nov. 4 (Sat), Nov. 12 (Sun), Nov. 18 (Sat), Nov. 26 (Sun).
TLCS Volunteer sign ups are open now through the end of October. Roles will be assigned based upon the order that your signup is received. So please sign up to participate as soon as possible! To sign up, please visit our website, or scan the QR code on the back of the pews and click the “Event Registrations” link. If you have any questions, please email UnionT-LCSCasting@gmail.com.

- **Drivers are needed to bring the Tweety Bird Express back!** The Tweety Bird Express is the golf cart used to transport members from the back parking lot to the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in driving the golf cart on 1 or more Sundays a month, please reach out to Luke Boatright at 803.466.3747 or email: lukeboatright@gmail.com.

JOY CLASS FALL GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, OCT. 14, 2023

TIME: 8AM - 1PM



Union members and friends, we need your unwanted treasures, including: clothes, shoes, toys, baby items (**excluding** baby beds, mattresses, car seats, swings, playpens) bicycles, furniture, crafts, housewares, linens, video and audio tapes, CDs, books, jewelry, sporting goods, hardware, hand tools, **WORKING:** appliances, power tools, lawnmowers, tillers, blowers.
NO: extra large office furniture, armoires, mattresses, box springs or soiled, torn, damaged items.
Since our storage space is very limited, you are encouraged to hold items until the week of the garage sale.

Your dropping off items is very helpful and appreciated.

Donation pickups and drop offs begin Monday, Oct. 9 through Thursday, Oct.12, from 9 am to 6 pm and Friday, Oct. 13. 9 am to 12 noon.

If you need to schedule a pickup, please call as soon as possible during the coming days.



To schedule a pickup or if you have any questions please contact **Charles Ayer at 803-447-0212.**



Thank you for your continued support.

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:

☐ Pastors

☐ Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

Name (optional)

"IF"

Friday Night Lights

Join us for a dinner, worship and small groups as we dig deeper into Jennie Allen's Virtual "IF" conference



FRIDAY OCTOBER 6TH

6PM @ UNION UMC

\$20 PER TICKET

WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM

5PM MEET AND GREET AT

CRAFT AND DRAFT IRMO

EVENT 6-9PM AT UNION UMC