

Ministry Budget Commitment for 2024:

I/We believe in the future of our church and want to be a part of its success. I/We will endeavor to give to the Annual Operating Budget in the following way:

Amount: S			
Per: (circle one)	Week	Month	Year
One Year Total:			

Building Campaign Commitment for 2024:

I/We will give to the Union UMC Building Campaign in the following way:

Per: (circle one)	Week	Month	Year
One Year Total:			

These are a statement of intent and may be altered as circumstances warrant.

Name & Contact Information

Full Name:

Address:

Email:

Thank you for contributing to our Growing & Giving Stewardship Campaign!

Use your phone to scan the QR code to access the commitment form online:



As faithful stewards, we promise to support the Church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. **CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES:** As of Dec. 13

IN MEMORIAM We extend our sympathy to the following family at the loss of their loved one

Richard Furman Jackson September 16, 1943 - December 13, 2023

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.

CHURCH STAFF Rev. Stephen Taylor, Lead Pastor Stephen@unionirmo.org **Rev. Faye Jones, Associate Pastor** Faye@unionirmo.org Rev. David Anderson, Minister of Visitation David@unionirmo.org **Rev. Dick Holliday, Retired Pastor Rev. Paul Van Dine, Retired Pastor Rev. Eric Shepard, Retired Pastor** Rev. Archie Bigelow, Jr., Retired Pastor Rev. Lee Cothran, Jr., Retired Pastor Suzy Broadus, Director of Ministries to Children & Families Ned Calvert, Facilities Manager Eleanor Cannon, **Director of Youth and Leisure Ministries** Michelle Cochcroft, Coord. Of Contemporary Worship Jake Cosentino, Production Manager Jenny Gantt, Assistant Day School Director Amy Gustafson, **Director of Communications and Promotions** Leslie Kulp, Day School Director Steve Ragan, Asst. Facilities Manager Joey Rothfuss, Organist Erin Schoolmeester, Administrative Assistant Frank Turner, Director of Music Ministries Stacie Vandervelde, Dav School Finance Susan Vinson, Church Administrator Thomas Walsh, Assistant Director of Youth Ministries Eli Waltemire, Director of Finance Andrea Williams, Nursery Director

Presence					
Worship Update	Dec. 10				
Worship:	549				
On-line views:	235				
Sunday School:	379				

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GIFTS 2023 Budget - Weekly Goal \$35,100.00

This information is unavailable at this time.



KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace Fourth Sunday of Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PRELUDE

*HYMN

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 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 SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Lighting the Candle of Love

"When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

We light this candle as a symbol of Love, awaiting the One who is coming to restore humanity and who will bring peace to our weary world. Lord, manifest your joy in our hearts and help us to grasp more of your overwhelming love.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

forever, Amen.

Children's Church Dismissal Friendly Reminder: Children ages <u>3yrs-Kindergarten</u> 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

*Doxology: 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: Luke 1: 26-28 Leader: The Holy Scripture for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God!

Weekly Schedule

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

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Sunday, Dec. 17				
8:30 AM	Basketball Tournament Sign-Up	Narthex		
8:30 AM	Pathfinder Class BBQ Pre-sales	Narthex		
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary		
10:00 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation			
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary		
2:00 PM	Basketball Practice	FMC Gym		
6:00 PM	The Living Nativity	Sanctuary		
7:00 PM	Youth - Christmas Movie Night	FMC Gym		
6:00 PM	Disciple 1	F 223		
6:30 PM	Jesus in the Gospels - Disciple	LL 11		
Monday, Dec. 18	Jesus III tile Gospels Disciple			
7:00 AM	Man in the Mirror	LL Fellowship Hall		
9:00 AM	Bridge card players	LL Fellowship Hall		
9:30 AM	Needlers	LL 5		
6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	FMC Gym		
6:30 PM	New Life Men's Prayer Meeting	LL 13		
7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213		
Tuesday, Dec. 19				
9:30 AM	Staff Meeting	F 223		
10:00 AM	Upper Room Bible Study	LL 14		
12:00 PM	Sarah Circle	LL Fellowship Hall		
	Basketball Practice			
6:00 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	FMC Gym LL 14		
6:00 PM				
6:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall		
Wednesday, Dec.				
6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	FMC MultiPurpose		
9:00 AM	DOC Manager Training	FMC MultiPurpose		
3:00 PM	Jungle Two's Christmas Program	FMC MultiPurpose		
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	LL 10 Choir Room		
Thursday, Dec. 21		000 :		
8:00 AM	Hikopaths Day Hike	Off Premises		
10:00 AM	Christmas Eve Prep-Contemporary Team	Sanctuary		
6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	FMC Gym		
7:00 PM	Praise Band Practice	Sanctuary		
Friday, Dec. 22				
All Day	Office Closed	FMC C		
6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	FMC Gym		
Saturday, Dec. 23				
6:00 AM	Men's Freeplay Basketball	WC Gym		
Sunday, Dec. 24		N		
10:30 AM	Pathfinder Class BBQ Pre-sales	Narthex		
11:00 AM	Contemporary Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary		
5:00 PM	Traditional Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary		
Monday, Dec. 25				
All Day	Office Closed			
7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213		
Tuesday, Dec. 26				

Office Closed

UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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"Love Wins" Luke 1: 26-28

Savior of the Nations Come Mary Bonnett Chancel Chimers

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The Apostles' Creed

arr. Moklebust

UMH #240

UMH #881

UMH #71

All: Lord, we are ready to receive more of your love, Praise be to God!

Inhabit our hearts, Redeemer God, as you once inhabited human flesh. Be here among us with all of your wisdom, all of your power, all of your mercy, and all of your love, that we might learn to be like God from our God who came to be like us. Holy and worthy are you, now and

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

arr. Howard Helvey UMH #94

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DECEMBER 17, 2023

- **The Living Nativity** is <u>TODAY</u>, **Dec. 17**, at 6 p.m. Join us for this service led by our Union Praise Band and watch our children participate in the story of Jesus' birth.

- Youth Christmas Movie Night will be held <u>tonight</u> Dec. 17. We will be watching the timeless classic, *Elf*, and will have hot chocolate and other goodies and activities. This will begin directly after the Living Nativity in the FMC Gym. Dress cozy and bring blankets/pillows to crash on the floor together! Friends are welcome!

- **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**. We need a host of volunteers (50+ people) who aren't Basketball parents, as well as good representation of Union as spectators! If you're interested in and willing to volunteer by selling wristbands, running a scoreboard or in another way, please 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. https://union.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1937085

- Youth: Sign up NOW for Revolution 24!!! - Jan. 26-28 - This will be an incredible weekend of worship, fellowship, and fun! We will lock-in at the church the entire weekend and head downtown to the Township Auditorium for sessions. Worship will be led by SONS the Band and the word will be brought by Reggie Dabbs. The theme this year is We are One, based on Ephesians 4:2-6. Cost is \$100. Deadline to register (and get a t-shirt) is Dec. 28! Sign up today at the link below or on our website! Financial assistance is available as always, reach out to Eleanor at eleanor@unionirmo.org if needed. https://union.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2028154

- **The Living Christmas Story** – <u>**Thank you!**</u> - The 30th edition of TLCS started with a celebration on Wednesday, November 29, that included prayers for the rainy weekend forecast and God delivered! A total of **3,617 visitors** drove through Bethlehem and **169 dayschool students** walked through Bethlehem to become part of the story! While TLCS has come and gone, the blessings will continue.

With gratitude and love we put away our "Backyard Bethlehem" for another year, but not before thanking the many people who made it possible. This church-wide ministry involved people of all ages from newborns to our most senior members. We are grateful to all who helped. Volunteers prepared, repaired, and washed hundreds of costumes, laid miles of electrical wiring, placed lights, directed traffic, fed the cast and crew, assigned cast members, helped publicize the presentations, and did many other jobs, large and small, that were necessary for Union's presentation of the story of our Savior's birth. This was truly a church-wide ministry! And judging from all the comments of appreciation from people who traveled through our "backyard Bethlehem" it was worth every hour spent in our labor of love!

* 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 Christmas Eve Services

December 17, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Union United Methodist Church

Irmo, SC

Contemporary Candlelight at 11 a.m. Traditional Candlelight at 5 p.m.

Happy New Year!

December 31 -New Years Eve

9 a.m. - Traditional worship 11 a.m. - Contemporary worship Join us as we finish 2023 in worship! THIS CHRISTMAS WE ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER DONATING TO OUR SNACK PACK PROGRAM AND HELP US FILL THE BELLIES OF THE CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY....

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Snack Pack provides nutritional food for students who do not have enough to eat through the weekend. A growing need for the basics of a healthy meal has been identified in the district.

The hope in supplying nutritional food is not only to fill a hungry belly, but also to give children the focus to be ready to learn come Monday morning with out the worry of hunger.

117 children each week Total Cost: \$852 per week

AVERAGE

COST/WEEK:

14 food items for

each child

\$7.28 per food bag

per week

Stop by our Giving Tree in the Narthex for specific items we're collecting.

SCAN HERE FOR SIMPLE SHOPPING OR DONATE ON OUR 'GIVE' PAGE

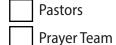
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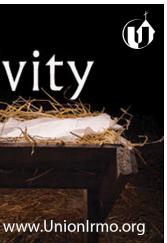
Congregational Concerns

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:



Prayer Requests...



THE SNACK PACK MISSION

Union is currently feeding 117 children per week at one school in our district.



Name (optional)