



UNION Connection

Union United Methodist Church Irmo, South Carolina

A Different Beginning

Lent comes early this year. Ash Wednesday is on February 14th and Easter is celebrated on March 31st, a fifth Sunday for March. On top of that, the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is the same day as Valentine's Day. We will be celebrating the love in our lives at the same time we solemnly confront our own mortality!

In staff meeting we decided we could handle this confluence of events. Instead of making the sign of the cross with the ashes on the person's forehead, we could stencil with ashes the shape of a heart. Or, we can advertise Date Night for Valentines at the church's Ash Wednesday service. Right? This year, "instead of roses or chocolates, give the gift of ashes." (Guess we got a little off track in staff meeting....)

After our jesting, we came the realization that there is something fitting about Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day being together. We begin the season of Lent reflecting on our mortality, "remembering that we are dust and to dust we shall return." Such reflection leads to a couple of considerations: What impact or legacy will our lives have? and, What is our hope of salvation?

The first question leads us directly to Valentine's Day – for it is love, the love of God that binds us to God and that we share with one another that will live on beyond our death. A good legacy can be composed of many things: stories, good deeds, faithfulness, achievements, resources, life lessons and lives impacted. But the most significant legacy comes from the love we leave along the way.

You may know the wonderful quote from Maya Angelou: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Or here's one from *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Belsinger, "Nobody cares whether your institution/group survives, they only care if your institution/group cares about them." And don't forget the words of Jesus: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

As Ash Wednesday leads us to reflect on the significance of our short lives, we can ask ourselves, How do I make others feel? Do others experience care from me? and, Can others readily see the love of Christ in me and my actions?

And that other question, about the hope of our salvation? You don't get to Resurrection Morning without making the journey from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday, to the night of betrayal in Gethsemane, and to the cross. Likewise, the journey to confidence in the Lord begins with confession and humility as we acknowledge our need before God – we cannot save ourselves.

I invite you to join the Lenten journey at Union. There are Bible Studies planned - one on Tuesday nights and another on Wednesday nights following the Wednesday night family supper. Rev. Jones is preparing a special healing service for March 17. And, our theme for the season will be Nurturing a Healthy Heart, causing us to ask another question: How is it with your soul?



Blessings for a Lenten season filled with reflection, spiritual healing and growth, encouraging fellowship and most especially, love. May the love of God, experienced in Christ Jesus our Lord, overflow in our hearts. Amen.

Stephen

A Completed Church Celebrates

Partnership between Union UMC, Irmo, and Chitenderano UMC, Zimbabwe, finishes new sanctuary

By Allison Trussell

CHITENDERANO, Zimbabwe—In a service filled with joy and faith, two churches celebrated the dedication of Chitenderano United Methodist Church on September 24.

A week earlier, a United Methodist Volunteers in Mission team of 12 from Union UMC, Irmo, arrived to help finish the church and with preparations.

Another team from Union visited in 2022 to roof the church and had left money to finish the church. The team was invited back for the Sept. 24 dedication. Nine of the members—Victor Caldwell, Chris Elvis, Robin Landers, Chris Lindler, Tim Livingston, Lora McKinney, Jim Miller, Marjorie Rehlander and Allison Trussell—were able to make the return trip. They were joined by the Rev. Faye Jones, Dana McAdams and Scott Rehlander.

The Rev. Honest Sithole and his congregation greeted the team Sept. 16 with hugs, songs and dinner. The team was housed with members of the congregation and treated as part of the family for the week.

The Sept. 17 Sunday service, led by the Union team, offered the Zimbabweans a glimpse into how Americans worship. Rev. Jones, the associate pastor at Union, preached on the Holy Spirit and how it lives in each person. The Rehlanders introduced Children's Church to the congregation, and Livingston offered a Sunday school-type lesson on faith. Communion by intinction was offered, and Lindler took great delight in showing the children how to dip their pieces of bread into the juice. The service was a blend of Union's traditional and contemporary services; the Zimbabweans seemed to especially enjoy the song "Days of Elijah."

Following the service and in the week following, the team and the congregation began the final work on the church: painting the interior and exterior, installing 30 new pews and commemorative plaques, and cleaning. The team also brought two computers—one for the church and one for the secondary school—and soccer balls for the primary and secondary schools.

"The finishing of the church was a big dream, which has come to realization because the church was too big for local people to finish alone," Sithole said. "Union UMC are good life partners for Chitenderano church."



"It was a blessing to reinforce and strengthen the many relationships we made in 2022. The way they celebrated the most normal task of painting a wall was incredible. It really drove home the fact that we should be more thankful for the simple things in life. Celebrate everything." - Chris L.



"More important than helping the people of Chitenderano is getting to know them and their way of life. That connection made between us further emphasizes the "family" that is United Methodism and Christianity." - Allison

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." - Colossians 3:23

"When I got to Chitenderano and started painting, I kept thinking 'Do your best. You're working on God's house.' After seeing the joy on the people's faces and hearing the songs they were singing as they helped paint, I realized we **were** painting God's house." - Vic



I have learned that dreams can become possible when we all come together to pray, plan, organize and work hard. As our partnership grew, the people of Chitenderano began to believe and trust us, and our church was eager to see this project through." - Chris E.

With monies left by the first team added to their own fundraising efforts, the congregation was able to wire the church, tile the floor, and have the altar furniture built and installed before the team arrived. The church in partnership with Home Is Best, a group of those who once worshipped or who had parents and relatives who worshipped at the church but were no longer in the area, raised money for the labor costs. Families and friends were invited to purchase pieces of furniture as well as pews, and the Union team brought brass plates to be fixed to the items. In addition, the congregation at Union raised money to purchase 20 pews.

"There was symbiosis in whatever we were doing. The tripartite was working as a team and in harmony," Sithole said.

Ground was broken for new sanctuary for Chitenderano in 2012 after Cyclone Eline hit the area, damaging the old sanctuary's roof. Church leaders feared for the safety of their members. Sithole arrived in 2020 oversaw work to the gable level. The Rev. Lloyd Nyarota, who grew up nearby and is a close friend of Landers, approached Landers about a partnership to roof the church. Union UMC enthusiastically agreed and the 2022 team roofed the church and built the altar area.

The labors of so many were celebrated during the Sept. 24 service presided over by Bishop Eben Nhwatiwa, bishop of the Zimbabwe Episcopal Area.



"The kingdom of God does not come with observation, nor will they say, 'Here it is! or There it is!' For Remember the Kingdom is within you." -Luke 17:21

"I see (the kingdom of God) in the people of Chitenderano." - Robin

"Until the lion tells his side of the story, the tale of the hunt will always glorify the hunter." African Proverb - Marjie



"Kindness is the universal language that can be spoken by everyone, so lead life with kindness." - Dana



"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" - Psalm 133:1 - Tim



"The dedication of the people here was awesome. Their faith, hope and charity are examples of one of the greatest achievements you can have in a life." - Jim



Following a procession from the old sanctuary to the new and the uncovering of a church plaque, Nhiwatiwa cut the ribbon and unlocked the door, allowing the congregation and special guests to enter.

Local, district and national leadership offered words of welcome and recognition of special guests in the crowd of more than 400, including the pastors who preceded Sithole and village leaders.

Caldwell, team co-leader, thanked the Zimbabwe leadership for their unwavering support and noted that Irmo is to Columbia as Chitenderano is to Mutare. He also officially presented a banner given to the church by Union's Banner Babes, a group that designs and creates church banners. The congregation of Union made bracelets as an outward symbol of their partnership. Those were handed out during the Sept. 17 service. Landers thanked the congregation for the love the team had received and Mukoyi for his leadership. A photo album of pictures that were taken the previous year was then presented to him, with a promise of a Volume 2 that will cover this trip and the dedication.

Landers recalled that in 2022, she and Caldwell asked Sithole to make a wish list and to dream big. On that list, among other things, was a vehicle. Sithole serves three churches on this circuit and travels the distance between them either on foot or by bicycle. The team learned on this trip that the church has raised about \$3,000 toward the vehicle.

Elvis, team co-leader, then stepped forward. "With the help from Union United Methodist Church, let me invite Rev. Sithole to receive this matching gift to be used for church work."

The service was paused for several minutes as deafening celebrations broke out. Congregants cheered their pastor, ululated, clapped hands, beat drums and shakers, and hugged. After jumping into Nyarota's arms, Sithole broke into song, "Praise God, Alleluia. Praise God, Amen." Team members gleefully joined in with their voices and hugs.

Nhiwatiwa extended appreciation to South Carolina Bishop Jonathan Holston before beginning his sermon based on Exodus 36:1-7 and addressing the discord that is currently surrounding the church.

He recalled his parents' struggle to send him to school before the church provided a scholarship for him to have a bright future. For him to be what he is today, he said, is because of the United Methodist Church.

"It is true that challenges come and very big ones, but it does not mean that you can abandon your family because a brother is not cooperating. ... In life, there is not any problem which cannot be solved when people group together."

After the service, the dignitaries, friends and families were invited to lunch. The team from Union left shortly afterward to return to Harare.

"Luke 17:21 says, 'The kingdom of God does not come with observation, nor will they say, 'Here it is!' or 'There it is!' For remember the Kingdom is within you.'

"I see [the kingdom of God] in the people of Chitenderano," Landers said.



"The new church brought us together as a UMC family in Chitenderano, from its inception. We made new friends and revived old friendships. The love of Christ was felt." - Rev. Lloyd Nyarota

"Unity and oneness mean something different after being with the people of Chitenderano. Both words were just actions before; now, unity and oneness becomes a state of being for me...the way God designed it to be!" - Rev. Faye



"A highlight was the chance to deepen relationships with the people we met last year as well as the talks with Florence and the painting with church members." - Lora

"If you do not find nice people here you are not finding them anywhere." - Scott





WARM Project

Thank you to the 33 youth and adults who spent two days after Christmas serving on Union's WARM team. The Winterization and Repair Ministry (WARM) team repaired windows, doors, floors and ceilings, and carted away over 100 bags of yard debris for four families in the community.

Coordinators, Chris Elvis, Chris Lindler and Wallace Steadman saw this as an opportunity to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus and to get to know others in the family of Christ. Thanks to some highly skilled team members, eager volunteers and hard-working youth, everyone contributed to a meaningful week.

One homeowner, Ms. Ruby, said it best through her tears, "What a blessing." Yes, it was! We were all blessed!





Easter Egg Hunt



Save the Date! The BIG hunt is coming!

Help us pray, package and plan for our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23rd at 10 a.m.

Watch the bulletin and social media for more details.

Eggs will be handed out on March 3rd for the congregation to fill for our church hunt.



Save the Date!

February 10 - 11-2 p.m.

April 20 - 11-2 p.m.

June 15 - 11-2 p.m.

August 3 - 11-2 p.m.

October 12 - 11-2 p.m.

November 23 - 11-2 p.m.

Do you need a break or need to get things done around the house and childcare is so expensive? Check out our Parent's Time Out this year.

We are offering 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every other month for infants through 1st grade. We ask for \$10 per child to cover the cost of a snack and some supplies for the 3 hours.

RSVP by the Wednesday before to Andrea Williams at: andreamarie6368@gmail.com be sure to include any allergies when you sign up.



SonZone!

We are back and warming up the new year with some great games, lessons and of course snacks!

All 4th and 5th graders invited to join us on Sunday night from 4:45-6 p.m. in the Education Building upstairs.

Check out our schedule to see what we have going on!

Feb. 4	Be Bold! - 1
Feb. 11	Super Bowl - NO SonZone
Feb. 18	Long School Weekend - NO SonZone
Feb. 25	Be Bold! - 2
March 3	Be Bold! - 3

Please join the NIKKI CIRCLE

2024 SPRING MEETING DATES

FEBRUARY 25TH - 4PM

MARCH 24TH - 4PM

APRIL 28TH - 4PM

Little Ladies Circle for ages 4-5th grade
Devotions, fellowship and fun

Meet on the playground or Wesley Center for weather

More info email mgcochcroft@gmail.com or smarant9@hotmail.com



Who wants to go to summer camp?

I do! I do! That is where we are heading for Vacation Bible School this summer!

Mark your calendars for Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God. We will head that way June 16 -19.

Will you join us? There will be opportunities for group leaders, welcome team, craft leaders, traffic team, recreation leaders, snack packers, and more! Watch for more information on volunteering and registration for these days of fun!



The 2024 South Carolina United Methodist Basketball Tournament was a success!

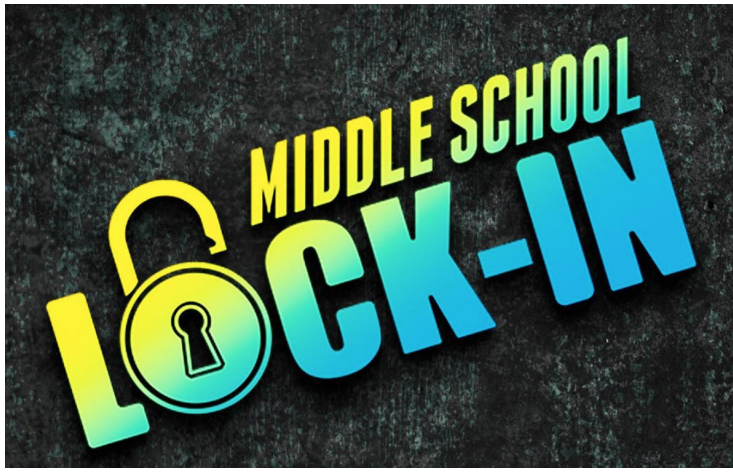
Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who gave their time throughout the weekend and to everyone who came out and supported our many Union teams!

Our 8-9th grade Junior Girls and our Senior Girls were both runners-up in the Championship game and our 12th grade Senior Boys won the Championship!

It was a great weekend of basketball, fellowship, and worship with teams from across the state and we could not have made it happen without your support.

- Eleanor and Thomas





Middle School ONLY Lock in at the church on Saturday, March 2nd!

This will be an overnight of shenanigans and fun!
We'll have dinner and go on a few adventures before heading back to Union to turn on a movie and hang out!

We'll attend 9 a.m. worship together and go to Sunday School in the Underground. Parents may plan to pick up students after Sunday School.
Look out for the sign up soon!



High School ONLY winter retreat to Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg Feb. 16-19!

We'll stay together in a mountain house where we'll cook, play games, and just hang out and have amazing fellowship together. Of course, we'll also visit areas of Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg as well! The purpose of the retreat is fellowship and spiritual renewal!

There are LIMITED spots available for this trip, so sign up today! You can sign up by typing in this link or on Union's website: <https://union.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2051829>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PARENTS: We need your help!

Each Sunday we have a meal for our Youth and we need YOUR help to make these meals happen!

Sign up at the link below to help prepare and serve a meal on a Sunday evening. We do ask that each parent signs up for at least 1 meal each year.

There are plenty of spaces open, so let's get them filled!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C-0D48AEA92AA5FDC25-sunday2#/>



25th ANNUAL Pancake Supper



FUNDRAISER

at Union UMC, FMC Gym
7582 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063

February 13th, 2024
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Ticket sales
will begin Jan. 28.

\$6 for Adults
Children (3-10) \$5
Children 3 and under are free
\$20 maximum per family

www.UnionIrmo.org

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Tickets At the Door

\$7 for Adults
Children (3-10) \$5
Children 3 and under are free
\$24 maximum per family

Sponsored by the New Life Class: Funds support the class's mission projects to include Epworth Children's Home (Stoke Cottage), Sharing God's Love and Lake Murray Salkahatchie.

Contact Brian Wisnewski, newlifepresident@gmail.com or
David Renaker, DRenaker@firstcommunitysc.com for more information.

Ash Wednesday

Service at 7 p.m.

February 14

Ashes to go

At Loveland Coffee
7-11 a.m.

GriefShare®

Grief Support Group

***Help and encouragement
after the death of a loved one***

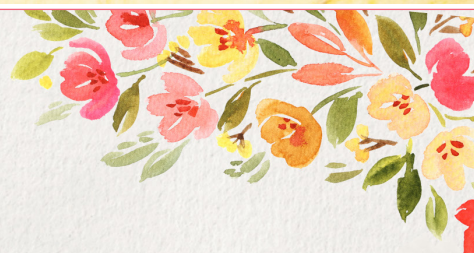
At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us!

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
February 20 - May 21, 2024
In the Commons Room

Union United Methodist Church, 7582 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063

Sign up by going to GriefShare.org, use the FindAGroup link and register under the Union link. Or by calling the church office at 803.781.3013

griefshare.org



Grits, Grace & Gratitude

JOIN THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
for a Ladies Brunch

Saturday, February 17 at 10 a.m.
in our Family Ministry Center

All ladies 4 & up are invited

Nursery available for ages 3 & under

RSVP by February 12
on UnionIrmo.org



Witness At The Cross

A 6-week Lenten Bible Study. View the crucifixion through the eyes of those who were present at the crucifixion of Jesus - Those such as the bystanders and scoffers, the two criminals crucified with Jesus, Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, John the Beloved, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.

Classes will be led by Eleanor Cannon and held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning **February 20**. *This class is for adults of all ages.*

Book purchase will be necessary - cost is \$15 (financial aid is available). Please sign up online or email Eleanor for more details at Eleanor@unionirmo.org. https://www.unionirmo.org/uwf_event

101 CHRISTIANITY & METHODISM

UMC 101

Join Rev. Taylor for an introductory class on the United Methodist Church. Perfect for new folk, those considering membership to Union, or as a refresher course. Three Sundays beginning **February 25**, in the MultiPurpose Room, next to the FMC Gym, 10:10-10:50 a.m.

We're welcoming new members at both services on Sunday, March 17

If you're thinking about joining the Union family, this would be a perfect opportunity! Please get in contact with Erin at Erin@unionirmo.org about your desire to join.

PEP! - People Enjoying People!

Bingo & Board Games -

Wednesday, **February 14**, at 1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! We would love to have you join us!

February Event! -

Thursday, **February 22**, at 6:30 p.m. in the FMC Gym. We'll have a catered Italian meal and a performance by the Soldiers of Faith gospel quartet. Sign up sheets will be in Sunday School boxes. Cost is \$15 per person. Sign ups and payment are due by Sunday, **February 18**.

Any questions about these events or to get involved, please contact Phyllis Plyler at phyllisplyler@gmail.com.



Family Night Gatherings are coming soon!

Join us on Wednesday evenings for supper starting **February 21** and continuing through March 20.

Keep an eye out for menus and sign ups!

Wednesday Bible Study on *The Holy Mystery*

A four-week study in the United Methodist Church's understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

This study will be based on the Book, *The Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion* by Gayle Felton. This will be an exploration of the this book which has been adopted as the an official interpretive and teaching document for the United Methodist Church.

Join us after supper from 6:30-7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday from **February 21-March 13** and learn about the history of Holy Communion.



A SERVICE OF HEALING at Union UMC

7582 Woodrow St. Irmo, SC 29063

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

6:30 P.M.

You're invited to A Service of Healing at Union UMC

Out of his compassion, Jesus healed people to restore and reconcile the brokenness they experienced. Even now, the church is called to be a place to embrace this work. The purpose of this healing service is to provide a space for healing and wholeness to happen, where hope is renewed, and depleted bodies, minds and souls are touched in an atmosphere where we are confident that God will meet us and fill us! Come, seeking prayer for yourself, or pray for someone else. Come let God's healing love surround you.

This service is open to the public and all are welcome.

For more information please connection with us at:
unionirmoquestions@gmail.com

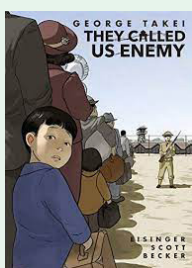
The Wilson Circle Book Club

CORRECTION: The books we will discuss at our February and March 2024 meetings have changed. We will discuss *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei on **February 13** and *Daughter of Cana* by Angelia Hunt on March 12.

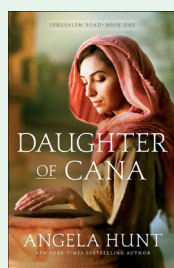
The author of the book for February, George Takei, starred in the movie, *Star Trek*, as Hikaru Sulu, helmsman of the USS Enterprise. In *They Called Us Enemy*, Takei shares his memories of the years he spent with his family in US-run internment camps during WWII.

These meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the regular meeting of the Wilson Circle which begins at 12:00 p.m. If you are attending the Book Club but not the circle, please plan to arrive at 1:10 p.m.

February
Book -



March
Book -



"IF"

Women's Weekend



Save the Date and join us in person for
Jennie Allen's Virtual "IF" conference
April 19th & 20th
Union United Methodist Chapel

Memorials - November 27 - January 27

Memorials received in memory of:

Dr. Dave Gatti By: Connie and Bob Warren, Alrene and Lewis Milligan, Carroll and Richard Dent, Alice and Jack Martin, Jeanette and Jerry Coulter, The John Rowland Sunday School Class, Midlands Antiques Study Club, Jane and Bob Long, Vernon Williams, Judy Mann Cook, Ann and Ned Wallace, Dr. and Mrs. R. Johnston May, Harriet and Ted Simpson, Mary and Jerry Howard, Anne and David Elam, Cathy Renaud Saleeby, Jan and Joseph McAlhany, Jean and Ken Peaden, Betty and David Moxley, Paulette and Wayne Dutton, Deborah and David Bruner, Annie and Joe Mac Bates, Dr. and Mrs. Lee Thomas, Amberly West Homeowners Associations, Jean and George How, Roy Dunlap, Ruth and Franklin Jenkins, Resel and John Bourne, Susan and Olin Powell, Sandra Johnson, Julia and Wayne Henry, Kathy and Russ Tedeschi, The Wilson Circle, Jackie and Bob Hall, Gaye Fann, and Marian Pender

Tedi Neely Butler By: Elizabeth and Charles Lorick, Sandra Reese Bartley, Kathy and Charles Hogan, Dr. and Mrs. R. Johnston May, Lynn and Kea Rada, Rhett H. Richardson, Karen and John Cooper, and Reva and Jim Miller

Billy McCathern By: Connie and Bob Warren, Pam and Lewis Knudsen, Jean Eng, Evelyn and Claude Evans, Susan and Brian Amick, Rebecca and David Lambert, Harriett and Blake Williams, Joan and Orris Bickley, Vernon Williams, Judy Weston, Arlene and Lewis Milligan, Robert Blease, Edie Hall, James Locicero, Carolyn Poindexter, Dr. Dennis Newton, Jr., Eugenia Manning, Kathy and Phil Spotts, The Aline Leitner Fellowship Sunday School Class, Kathy and Leon Hogan, Ann and Ned Wallace, Dr. and Mrs. R. Johnston May, Harriet and Ted Simpson, James Leitner, Amy Bramlett, Marcie Stern Baker, Betty and David Moxley, Kay and Gilbert Webber, Gail and Charles Elfert, Jean and George How, Ruth and Franklin Jenkins, Jackie and Bob Hall, Lynn and Marsh Willis, and Marian (Huggins) Kitrell and Lynn McElmurray

Bo Ellisor By: Suzanne Newell Williams, James Leitner, and Jean and George How

Richard Jackson By: Arlene and Lewis Milligan, The Joy Sunday School Class, and Priscilla Heiting

Keith and Lesley Berkeley By: Jackie and Bob Hall

Bryan Graham By: Joan and Orris Bickley, Roberta and Bob Ferrell, Arlene and Lewis Milligan, Bob and Connie Warren, Annie and Joe Mac Bates, Joan and Thomas Goff, Wallis and George Riser, Judy Weston, Dr. and Mrs. Ted Simpson, Joann and Ray Wessinger, Lynn and Marsh Willis, Fay Davis, Johnnie and Neal Barronton, Julia and Bill Long, Patricia Swygert, Betty and Lloyd Carson, Aline Leitner Fellowship Sunday School Class, Laura and Jimmy Derrick, Olivia and J. Locklier, Elaine and Al Wade, Lynda and Brooks Mills, Barry and Bill Lide, Donna McLeod, and Bob and Scott Moseley (Irmo Insurance Agency Inc.)

Ron McCathern By: Dr. and Mrs. Ted Simpson, Lynn and Marsh Willis, and the Aline Leitner Fellowship Sunday School Class

Taylor Kirton By: Reva and Jim Miller

We extend our sympathy to the following families at the loss of their loved one:

IN MEMORIAM

Ron Weston McCathern
May 3, 1957 - December 23, 2023

Virgil Bryan Graham, Jr.
March 28, 1941 - December 28, 2023

Andrea Williams, our nursery coordinator,
in the loss of her son, **Michael Campbell**

Emily Taylor Kirton-Davis
March 12, 1991 - December 24, 2023
Daughter of Kim Kirton

David Humphries in the loss of his sister,
Wynona Gibso

ROSEBUD **(in celebration of the birth of)**

Dawson William Seel was born December 26.
He was born to Alex and Erin Seel. His brother is Jonah Seel. His proud and excited grandparents are Doug and Betsy Smith and Laurie Seel.



We're happy to introduce our new Finance Director, Eli Waltemire!

He joined our Union team in mid-December. We're excited to have him in the office and working with us!

The March Union Connection Deadline is February 14.

The Union Connection is a monthly publication of Union United Methodist Church.

Articles should be submitted to Amy via email (amy@unionirmo.org).

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A Lenten Sermon Series
February 18 - March 17

*Join us in person or online,
to hear each piece of this series!*

Sunday worship times:
9 a.m. Traditional worship
11 a.m. Contemporary worship
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