

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.
Nursery provided for dinner & bible study.

March 20

Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad

Cost: \$7.00 per person

Family max: \$28.00

\*Pay at the door (exact cash please)

Name:

Total Number Attending:
(Adults & Children)



Children's Palm Procession
next Sunday, March 24.

All of our children are invited to process into the Sanctuary at the beginning of both services.

At 9 a.m. worship the children will gather in the Narthex and receive a Palm branch.

At 11 a.m. worship the children will gather in the Education Building and walk down the sidewalk together into the Sanctuary.

Parents of children 4 & under are invited to join us and help our littlest ones at both services.

Please join the NIKKI CIRCLE
2024 SPRING MEETING DATES
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

As faithful stewards, we promise to support the Church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.
CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES:
As of March 14
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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GIFTS

2024 Budget - Weekly Goal \$36,118.00

Week 10, Ending 3/10/2024

Budget Contribution 40,723.52

Building Fund Contribution 4,167.66

Weekly Schedule

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

Sunday, March 17

Until 9:00 AM	Etude Flag Line	WC Gym
8:30 AM	Youth Easter Egg Fundraiser	Narthex Table
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation	
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Jesus in the Gospels Class	LL Fellowship Hall
3:00 PM	Jr. Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:30 PM	Youth Free Play Basketball	FMC Gym
4:45 PM	SonZone	EB 205-7
5:00 PM	Youth - ANIKO	FMC Gym
5:00 PM	Disciple 2 Class	F 222
6:00 PM	Disciple 1 Class	F 223
6:30 PM	Healing Service	Sanctuary

Monday, March 18

7:00 AM	Man in the Mirror	LL Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM	Bridge Card Group	LL Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Needlers	LL 5
2:00 PM	Pickleball Intro Class	FMC Gym
6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
6:00 PM	Disciple 4 Class	F 223
6:00 PM	New Life SS Class Men's Prayer Meeting	LL 13
6:00 PM	Safety & Security Team Meeting	LL 14
7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 AM	Banner Babes	LL 11
9:30 AM	Church Staff Meeting	F 223
10:00 AM	Upper Room Bible Study	LL 14
12:00 PM	Sarah Circle	LL Fellowship Hall
3:00 PM	Tea with the Pastor	LL 3
6:00 PM	Pickleball - Open Play	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	GriefShare	LL 3 Commons Rm
6:30 PM	Witness at the Cross Bible Study	LL Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 20

6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	FMC MultiPurpose
5:15 PM	Family Night Supper	FMC Gym
6:15 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Narthex
6:30 PM	Youth Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	LL 10 Choir Room

Thursday, March 21

12:30 PM	WOW Bible Study	LL 11
6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	PEP!	LL Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Praise Band Practice	Chapel

Friday, March 22

6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
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Saturday, March 23

6:00 AM	Early Morning Basketball- Men's Free Play	FMC Gym
9:00 AM	Worship Team to decorate Sanctuary	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt	FMC Gym
2:00 PM	Ivy Green HOA	LL Fellowship Hall

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3:00 PM	Jr. Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
3:30 PM	Stewardship Committee Meeting	LL 14
4:00 PM	Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Nikki Circle Meeting	Playground- Kitchen
4:30 PM	Youth Free Play Basketball	FMC Gym
4:45 PM	SonZone	EB 205-7
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KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace
Fourth Sunday in Lent



March 17, 2024
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"A Heart in the Right Place"

Luke 8: 4-15

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lead Kindly Light

arr. Dale Wood

\*HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH #133

\*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.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

Lord, we know Easter is coming soon and while we anxiously wait, there will still be difficult days between now and then. There is nothing perfect about us, yet you beckon us with hands that soon will be scarred. You see our flaws with compassionate eyes as we struggle to rid our lives of distractions. As the cross looms ahead, may our eyes and our focus be on You and You alone for our redemption and salvation. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Pew Bible p. 721

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

KID'S TALK

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

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Create In Me a Clean Heart
Based on Psalm 51: 10-12

arr. Victor C. Johnson

\*Doxology:

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

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

\*SCRIPTURE: Luke 8: 4-15

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Pew Bible p. 941-2

SERMON

"A Heart In the Right Place"

Rev. Faye Jones

PASTORAL PRAYER		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	Near to the Heart of God	UMH #472
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	May the Peace of the Lord Go with You	Charles Yannerella
*POSTLUDE	Sent Forth by God’s Blessing	The Ash Grove

WORSHIP TODAY

<p><b>The lovely flowers are given:</b></p> <p>“To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary M. Derrick, mother, sister, grandmother and friend.” - By George &amp; Jean How.</p> <p>“To the Glory of God and in memory of Bryan Graham, who would have celebrated his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on March 28. We love you and miss you.” - By Jane, Adrienne, Jennifer, and Joseph Graham</p>	<p><b>Acolyte</b> – Gretchen Whaley</p> <p><b>Lay Reader</b> – Nan Nussler</p> <p><b>MUSIC &amp; WORSHIP ARTS</b></p> <p>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.

<b>A warm Union welcome to our new families joining this Sunday!</b>	
Katherine (Kay) Virginia Brown	Karen & Jeff Nates
Carol McCord	Theresa & Oliver Densford
Rene’e Gilkerson	Sarah Densford
Creasie Schlachter	

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MARCH 17, 2024

Everyone is invited to our Service of Healing tonight, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

- **Interested in Pickleball?** Union’s Leisure Team had a successful two weeks of pickleball in the FMC Gym. This week we offer two ways to get involved.
  - **Pickleball Intro Class:** Monday, **March 18**, 2-3 p.m. - Scott and Amy Conley will lead a free Introduction to Pickleball Class. This class is designed for beginners who are ready to have fun learning and laughing together. Wear comfortable clothes and athletic shoes. Paddles and balls are available for the class or you may bring your own. After class, courts are available for class members to team up and practice. Sign up in Sunday School, at the Welcome Desk or church office. Spaces are limited. You may come to play or to watch. Email questions to: UnionlrmoLeisureTeam@gmail.com
  - **Pickleball Open Play:** Tuesday, **March 19**, 6-8 p.m. - The Leisure Ministries Team welcomes adults of all ages and abilities to join us in the FMC Gym to play Pickleball. Brief instructions and slower pace of play offered from 6-6:30. Fast paced play starts at 6:30. Sign up in Sunday School, at the Welcome Desk or church office. Spaces are limited. You may come to play or to watch. Email questions to: UnionlrmoLeisureTeam@gmail.com

- **PEP! - March Event!** - Thursday, **March 21**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a catered meal by The Peanut Man. Our speaker is Officer Christopher Stokes of Irmo Police presenting Safety in the Home and Community. Cost will be \$15 per person, and sign ups are due by Sunday, **March 17**. Sign ups will be in Sunday School boxes. Any questions about these events or to get involved, please contact Phyllis Plyler at phyllisplyler@gmail.com.



- **Easter Egg Hunt!** - Save the Date and plan to join us for our Annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, **March 23**, at 10 a.m.! Families will hunt together for treat filled eggs. Meet us in the FMC Gym for games and crafts! And 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! HAPPY EASTER!!

\* 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  
TFWS - The Faith We Sing Hymnal  
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- **Easter Flowers** - The Union family is invited to bring real flowers Easter morning, **March 31**, for the flowering of the cross outside the Sanctuary. This represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus’ death to joyful celebration of his resurrection.

- **Ladies**, put **April 8** on your calendar! The New Ventures circle will be hosting a speaker on self defense. Lindsey Dellinger is a licensed women self defense instructor with an organization called SASS Go. Lindsey will share with us ways to prevent assault and abuse, as well as a few self defense tips in case we find ourselves in that type of situation. All ladies 15 y.o. & up are invited. Invite a friend if you’d like. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information on the SASS Go program, their website is https://www.sassgo.org/. If you have questions about the event, please email keith.doris55@gmail.com.



- **The Wilson Circle Book Club** - The book we will discuss at our **April 9** meeting is *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother’s Will to Survive* by Stephanie Land. The book for our May 14 meeting is *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. 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. If you have questions, please contact Harriet Simpson at 803-530-5060 or Becky Dixon at 803-361-5046.

- **Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night** - Join the Costa Rica Mission team at Chick-Fil-A in Ballentine starting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, **April 9** as they raise money to support their mission this summer! All you have to do is place a Mobile Order and mention Union when you place the order and the Costa Rica team will receive 10% of all sales from mobile orders that night! Tell your family and friends to go as well and get some good chicken and support this amazing team!

- **Women’s “IF” Retreat - April 19-20** - All ladies are invited to gather and grow at Union UMC for a weekend of fellowship featuring messages from Jennie Allen’s “IF” Retreat. Join your sisters in Christ for this years “IF” women’s workshop as we set our eyes on Jesus. Sessions start Friday evening and continue Saturday morning. This retreat is hosted by the Martha Circle. Cost to attend for the weekend is \$50. You can register today by scanning the QR code on the right, or by visiting the event sign up page on our website. If you have any questions, you can call or text 803.463.1586.



- **Parents Time Out - April 20**, 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.

- **Vacation Bible School is coming!** Let’s go camping **June 17–20**, Monday thru Thursday. (*Notice we have shifted our days this year*). We will be heading to “Camp Firelight: A summer camp adventure with God.” Volunteer sign up will be coming soon. We will need many prayers in the planning, help with small groups, registration, crafts and recreation. Start thinking and planning to camp out with us this summer.

- **Best of Niagara Falls, Canada, and the Amish Country Trip** - This is a PEP! trip, but is open to all family and friends. Also included: Daniel at the Sight & Sound Theatre. Trip starts **July 13, 2024**. Meals included are 5 Continental Breakfasts and 3 Dinners. Price per person: Double: \$1389; Triple: \$1279; Quad: \$1225; Single: \$1779. Deposit of \$350 per person and insurance is due at the time of booking. *Claim your spot now!* Final payment is due June 13, 2024. Please contact Faye Bailey at fayebailey424@gmail.com or 803.331.4349 for itin-erary, reservation forms and questions.

- **Love to Welcome People to Worship?** The Engage Team is looking for some additional volunteers who want to join the Welcome Desk Team! It’s a great ministry of hospitality, welcoming both members and visitors! Several spaces are open! Please stop by the Welcome Desk and sign up!

**United Women in Faith Spotlight: Leona Hydrick Circle**

We are a group of ladies (50s/60s-ish) that enjoy meeting Sept.- May to support each other as Sisters in Christ. We gather on the first Thursday of the month, generally around 6:30 p.m. at various locations. Sometimes we meet in a member’s home, at a restaurant, or at the church depending on the activity. We share our joys and prayer concerns. We have good conversation in a relaxing atmosphere, with a few laughs that are good for the soul! This is a group for fellowship with other Christian ladies.

We support United Women of Faith groups such as Killingsworth, Wallace Family Life, and Bethlehem Center. In addition, we support Epworth Independent Living Cottage by collecting snacks and/or gift cards for pizza, Uber, Chick Fil A, etc. for young adults that live there. These adults have aged out of Epworth but still need assistance with heading out into life on their own. They are provided housing and basic meals with an onsite advisor. These adults are required to either have a job, be a student, or be preparing to enter the military. We have been providing support this cottage for several years and often hear how much they appreciate our support.

We welcome all ladies to visit our meeting in hopes that you too will find Christan friends and join our Circle. For questions and information about where our meeting will be held, please reach out to Mandy Ayers at 803-622-5639!

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...

Name (optional)