

# Gather and Grow at Union UMC

April 19th & 20th  
Union United Methodist Chapel

## Next Weekend!

Join your sisters in Christ for this year's "IF" women's workshop as we set our eyes on Jesus and enjoy fellowship, worship and growing together. All women are invited!

Hosted by Martha's Circle. All proceeds benefit our Snack Pack Mission.

Check out the schedule below and scan the QR code to pick up your ticket today!

Friday  
4:30-5:30pm  
Meet & Mingle at  
Craft & Draft Irmo  
7583 St Andrews Rd  
Irmo, SC 29063

Saturday  
8:30-9:00am  
Light breakfast  
and  
fellowship

9:00am-12:00pm  
Sessions 2 & 3

6:00-9:00pm  
Dinner and Session 1

Cost is \$50  
Tickets  
here -



## Vacation Bible School is coming!

Are you ready for a week of fun?

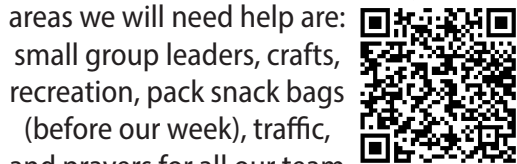
Join us for Vacation Bible School as we head to "Camp Firelight: A summer camp adventure with God."

Sign up today!

June 17-20 (Mon-Thurs) from 6:15-8pm

**Volunteers** - let us know how you can help! Some areas we will need help are: small group leaders, crafts, recreation, pack snack bags (before our week), traffic, and prayers for all our team and participants.

Volunteer  
Sign Up -



Parent  
Sign Up -

**Parents** - sign your kids up! (Please fill out a separate form for each child).

Be on the look out for our VBS friend Lumen...he will be stopping to check on preparations and be with us all week as we learn about God's love!



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

### CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES:

As of April 11

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**

**Rev. Neil Yongue, 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

**Paige Morgan,** Assistant Day School Director

**Steve Ragan,** Asst. Facilities Manager

**Joey Rothfuss,** Organist

**Erin Schoolmeester,** Administrative Assistant

**Frank Turner,** Director of Music Ministries

**Stacie Vandervelde,** Day School Finance Director

**Susan Vinson,** Church Administrator

**Thomas Walsh,** Assistant Director of Youth Ministries

**Andrea Campbell,** Nursery Director

### PRESENCE

Worship Update	April 7
Worship:	414
On-line views:	146
Sunday School:	351

### UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### GIFTS

2024 Budget - Weekly Goal \$36,118.00

#### Week 11, Ending 3/17/2024

Budget Contribution 27,195.87  
Building Fund Contribution 6,757.63

#### Week 12, Ending 3/24/2024

Budget Contribution 38,736.00  
Building Fund Contribution 4,200.00

### Weekly Schedule

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

#### Sunday, April 14

8:30 AM IF Conference - Ticket Sales Narthex  
8:30 AM Youth Fundraiser - Union's Got Talent Narthex  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM ONE Worship - Confirmation Sunday Sanctuary  
11:30 AM Disciple Luncheon 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  
6:30 PM Jesus in the Gospels Glass LL Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, April 15

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  
6:00 PM Basketball Practice WC Gym  
6:00 PM Disciple 4 Class F 223  
6:30 PM New Life SS Class Men's Prayer Meeting LL 13  
7:00 PM AA EB 211 - 213  
7:00 PM Men's Over 40 free-play basketball FMC Gym

#### Tuesday, April 16

9:00 AM Banner Babes LL 11  
9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting F 223  
10:00 AM Pickleball - Open Play FMC Gym  
10:00 AM Upper Room Bible Study LL 14  
12:00 PM Sarah Circle LL Fellowship Hall  
12:00 PM Pickleball - Reserved Play FMC Gym  
6:00 PM Pickleball - Open Play FMC Gym  
6:30 PM Day School Advisory Committee Mtg EB 205-7  
6:30 PM GriefShare LL 3 Commons Rm

#### Wednesday, April 17

6:00 AM Iron Men Bible Study FMC MultiPurpose  
8:00 AM Hikepaths to Fort Mill Off Premises  
6:00 PM Day School Board Meeting LL 14  
6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal Narthex  
6:30 PM Pickleball - Open Play FMC Gym  
6:30 PM Youth Leaps of Faith Rehearsal Sanctuary  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal LL 10

#### Thursday, April 18

12:30 PM WOW Bible Study LL 11  
6:00 PM Basketball Practice WC Gym  
6:30 PM PEP! - April Event FMC Gym  
7:00 PM Praise Band Practice Chapel

#### Friday, April 19

8:30 AM Carpet Cleaning LL 11  
10:00 AM Pickleball - Open Play FMC Gym  
12:00 PM Pickleball - Reserved Play FMC Gym  
6:00 PM Basketball Practice FMC Gym  
6:00 PM "IF" Women's Conference Chapel

#### Saturday, April 20

All Day Carpet Cleaning LL 11  
6:00 AM Early Morning Basketball- Men's Free Play FMC Gym  
8:00 AM Sharing God's Love Garage Sale Off Premises  
8:30 AM "IF" Women's Conference Chapel  
11:00 AM Parent's Time Out F111- Nursery

#### Sunday, April 21

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service Sanctuary  
12:00 PM VBS Director's Meeting F 218  
2:30 PM Youth Costa Rica Meeting EB 106  
3:00 PM Jr. Leaps of Faith Rehearsal Sanctuary  
4:00 PM Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal Sanctuary  
5:00 PM Union's Got Talent- Youth Fundraiser FMC Gym  
8:00 PM Garage Sale Set Up FMC Gym



# UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace  
Third Sunday of Easter  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 14, 2024  
www.UnionIrmo.org

## "The Shepherd's Voice"

John 10: 1-6

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

#### \*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: Proverbs 3: 1-6

Pew Bible p. 574-5

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

**Most gracious God, you have given us all that we need for life, and with the gift of your Son, Jesus, you have given us the gift of the abundant and eternal life. Forgive us, we pray, for the many times we ignore your gifts and seek our own way. Renew us in your love and put a clean heart within us. Through Christ our Risen Lord we pray, Amen.**

#### MINISTRY MOMENT: Red Cross Blood Drive

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. Derek Hakes

#### 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.

#### \*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: John 10: 1-6

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

Pew Bible p. 977

#### SERMON

"The Shepherd's Voice"

Rev. Stephen Taylor

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION: Confirmation Class of 2023-24**

**BAPTISMAL COVENANT AND CONFIRMATION PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

UMH #45-49

In Baptism and through Confirmation we renew the covenant declared by God at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

I present for confirmation:

**Madison Lynne Faile  
Emmon Duncan McClive  
Savannah Kate Odum  
Nora Leigh Rankin**

**Caroline Joyce Roberts  
Charlotte Caroline Schoolmeester  
Caleb Edge Thompson  
Gretchen Elizabeth Whaley**

**CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION:** (See screens)

**BAPTISM OR REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM CONFIRMATION**

*As each candidate kneels for confirmation, family members, friends, teachers and mentors are invited to stand in silent witness of their love and support.*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:** (John Wesley's Covenant Prayer)

**Dear God, I am no longer my own, but Yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by You or laid aside for You, exalted for You, or brought low for You. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily give all things to Your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it. And let the covenant which I have made on earth, be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** Spirit Song UMH #347

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart Arthur Messiter

**Thank you to all our Union members who served as mentors to this year's confirmands:**

Tom Catell, Michelle Cochcroft, Gail Elfert, Lauren Haigler, Lindsay Head, Robin Landers, Libby Miller, and Pam Peay

*Special thanks to Gloria Stansell for your assistance and support throughout Confirmation this year. Also, a special thanks to our Youth Ministry Director, Eleanor Cannon, and Assistant Director, Thomas Walsh, for your guidance and help with the Confirmation retreat and helping to prepare our confirmands for their special day! - Rev. Faye*

**WORSHIP TODAY**

**The lovely flowers are given:**

"To the Glory of God, and in honor of the Joy Sunday School Class, from one who loves you."

"Dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Lilly Anderson Catoe's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday."  
- By David and Maria Anderson

**Crucifer** – Mary Hall Montgomery

**Acolyte** – Cora Montgomery

**Lay Readers** – Caroline Roberts; Duncan McClive

**MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS**

Chancel Choir; Joey Rothfuss, organist

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: APRIL 14, 2024**

- **SonZone is happening!** We will see you tonight, **April 14** at 4:45 p.m. in the Education Building! Make sure to see Suzy for a surprise! Next Sunday, April 21, is the youth fundraiser so be sure to buy your tickets for dinner.

\* 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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- **The May newsletter deadline** is Monday, **April 15**. If you have an article, story or announcement you would like included in this upcoming newsletter, please send it to Amy at amy@unionirmo.org by April 15.

- **PEP! - April Event!** - Thursday, **April 18**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Ministry Center Gym. Our program will be presented by Al and Margaret Walker, Christian Humorist and Motivational Speakers. We will have a catered meal and the cost will be \$15 per person. Sign ups are due by today, **April 14**. Sign ups will be in Sunday School boxes. If you have any questions about this event, or you would like to get involved, please contact Phyllis Plyler at phyllisplyler@gmail.com.

- **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.



- **UWF Bunco Night** - All ladies are welcome to join us for an evening of fun! Ladies Bunco Night will be Tuesday, **April 30**, at 6 p.m. in the FMC Gym. No Bunco experience necessary. Light refreshments will be served and much fun and fellowship will be had. Please register for this event on our website by **April 26** so that we have enough tables set up for all to play! Registration for this event is \$25 to be collected at the door (cash or check payable to Union UMW), and all proceeds will go to the Snack Pack program through the Martha Circle.

- **A Girl Scout Troop** is starting in the Irmo area. There will be an interest meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 10000 Broad River Road, Irmo, SC 29063, on Tuesday, **April 30**, at 6 p.m. This meeting will be for girls and their parents who will be in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (for the 2024-25 school year) who are interested in becoming a Girl Scout. If you have any questions, please reach out to Marie Waldrop at pinkiris13@gmail.com.



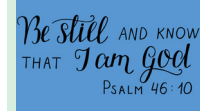
- **The Wilson Circle Book Club** - The book for our **May 14** meeting is *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. These meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the regular meeting of the Wilson Circle which begins at 12:00 p.m. If you are attending the Book Club but not the circle, please 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.

- **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 itinerary, reservation forms and questions.

- **Adult Pickleball** - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday are Pickleball Days, with Leisure Ministries Team hosting several Open Play times. \*Open play does not require court reservations.\* **Pickleball will not be available during weeks where the gym is reserved for events, such as the Joy Class Garage Sale or Vacation Bible School. Please check the calendar on our website for the most up to date information.**

- **Tuesdays** - 10am-12pm / 6pm-8pm - Open Play (12pm-6pm available for reserved play)
- **Wednesdays** - 6:30pm-8pm - Open Play
- **Fridays** - 10am-12pm - Open Play (12pm-5pm available for reserved play)

Come ready to play or watch! Paddles are available for use. ALL PLAYERS MUST SIGN LIABILITY WAIVER. To reserve private court time and paddles, scan the QR code on the right. If you have any questions, please email UnionIrmoLeisureTeam@gmail.com



**The UMC General Conference is April 23-May 3** in Charlotte, NC. This is the denomination's highest legislative body, and they will be making many decisions during this time. **Throughout these 11 days, we invite you to join us in praying for the many aspects of General Conference!**

Starting today, April 14, we have devotional guides available in the narthex for you to pick up. The devotional guide will also be available on our website, and posted on social media each day during the conference.

You can also sign up for a prayer vigil time slot from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. where you can commit to praying for General Conference during a specified time. There are 44 time slots and more than one person can sign up for a time slot. You can set aside this time slot during your day to pray for General Conference, or you can set aside time to be at Union in prayer. We have set aside space in the library, LL 13, for this purpose for those who are interested.

**Thank you for joining with us in praying for General Conference!**

**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)