

Be still AND KNOW  
THAT I am God  
PSALM 46:10

**The UMC General Conference is April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, NC.**

You're invited to join us in praying for the many aspects of General Conference throughout the 11 days!

**How?**

- Pick up a devotional guide in the narthex. (It's also available on our website on our home page and under the "More" tab)

- Sign up for a prayer vigil time slot. Time slots are available from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and more than one person can sign up for a slot!

You can set aside this time during your day to pray for General Conference, OR you can set aside time to be here, at Union, in prayer. We have set aside space in the library, LL 13, for this purpose for those who are interested.

- Keep an eye out for our social media posts praying for General Conference and share it! The more people praying for them, their discernment and wisdom, the better!

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

**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 18

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

**Andrea Campbell,** Nursery Director

**PRESENCE**

Worship Update	April 14
One Worship:	382
On-line views:	95
Sunday School:	336

**UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**GIFTS**

2024 Budget - Weekly Goal \$36,118.00

**Week 13, Ending 3/31/2024**

Budget Contribution	23,816.71
Building Fund Contribution	3,137.50

**Week 14, Ending 4/7/2024**

Budget Contribution	37,347.21
Building Fund Contribution	13,838.52

**Weekly Schedule**

For a complete listing of events for the month, please visit our website: [www.unionirmo.org](http://www.unionirmo.org)

**Sunday, April 21**

8:30 AM	Red Cross Sign Up to donate blood	Narthex
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

**Monday, April 22**

All Week	Joy Class Garage Sale Set Up	FMC Gym
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	Disciple 4 Class	F 223
7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213
7:00 PM	Men's Over 40 free-play basketball	WC Gym
7:00 PM	St. Andrew's Women's Club Meeting	LL 11

**Tuesday, April 23**

9:00 AM	Banner Babes	LL 11
10:00 AM	Upper Room Bible Study	LL 14
6:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	GriefShare	LL 3 Commons Rm

**Wednesday, April 24**

6:15 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Narthex
6:30 PM	Youth Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	LL 10

**Thursday, April 25**

12:30 PM	WOW Bible Study	LL 11
6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	WC Gym
6:00 PM	Student Recital	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Praise Band Practice	Chapel

**Friday, April 26**

6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	WC Gym
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**Saturday, April 27**

6:00 AM	Early Morning Basketball- Men's Free Play	WC Gym
8:00 AM	Joy Class Garage Sale	FMC Gym

**Sunday, April 28**

All Day	Day School Sunday	
8:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive	FMC-1/2 Gym-Tower
8:30 AM	Red Cross Signup to donate blood	Narthex
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School	
10:00 AM	Day School breakfast	WC Gym
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Church Council Luncheon	FMC-1/2 Gym- Kit.
3:00 PM	Jr. Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Nikki Circle Meeting	Playground
4:30 PM	Youth free play Basketball	FMC- Full Gym
4:45 PM	SonZone	EB 205-7
5:00 PM	Youth- ANIKO	FMC Gym & Chapel
6:30 PM	Jesus in the Gospels Class	LL Fellowship Hall



**UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



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

April 21, 2024  
[www.UnionIrmo.org](http://www.UnionIrmo.org)

**"Don't Abort the Mission"**

**Romans 12: 9-18**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*  
*Mary Bonnett Chancel Chimers*

arr. McChesney

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder  
*Stanzas: 1, 3, & 4*

UMH #418

**\*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: Matthew 28: 19-20**

Pew Bible p. 909

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:**

**Spirit of Promise, Spirit of Unity, we thank you that you are also the Spirit of renewal. Renew in the whole Church that passionate desire for the coming of your kingdom, which will unite all Christians in one mission to the world. May we all grow up together into God who is our Head, Savior of the world. Amen (BOW 503)**

**MINISTRY MOMENT: Union's Endowment Fund**

**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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*How Firm a Foundation*

arr. Dan Forrest

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.



**\*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: Romans 12: 9-18** Pew Bible p. 1034  
 Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Don't Abort the Mission" Rev. Faye Jones

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**


**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** Here I Am, Lord UMH #593

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION** The Lord Bless You and Keep You arr. Peter C. Lutkin

**\*POSTLUDE** Closing Voluntary Antoine E. Batiste

- **Union's Leisure Ministries Team** is offering a one time Line Dancing Class led by our own Linda Caldwell, our Dance Ministry lead choreographer. Linda will lead us in some old favorites like Electric Slide as well as newer line dances! Headed to a summer wedding? Catch up on the latest moves. All ages are welcome and no dance experience is needed! It's all just for fun and fellowship! Class will be held Saturday, **May 11**, 10-11:30 a.m. in the FMC Gym. Sign up in Sunday School or the Welcome Desk or call the church office so we know how many to expect. Got questions? Email us at: UnionlrmoLeisureTeam@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.

- **PEP! - May Event!** - Thursday, **May 23**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Ministry Center Gym. Our May patriotic program will be presented by our Director of Music Ministries, Frank Turner, and some of his IHS choral students. We will have a catered meal and the cost will be \$15 per person. Sign ups are due by Sunday, **May 19**. 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.

- **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 UnionlrmoLeisureTeam@gmail.com



**WORSHIP TODAY**

**The lovely flowers are given:**

"To the Glory of God and in celebration of our 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary."  
 - By Tom and Suzie Gammon

**Acolyte** – Daniel Leuthner-Barrineau  
**Lay Reader** – Susan Harrison  
**Liturgist** – Eleanor Cannon

"To the Glory of God and in celebration of our children's birthdays. Taylor on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Chris on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and Addie on the 29<sup>th</sup>."  
 Much love, Mom and Dad (Margaret & Roy Jones)

**MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS**  
 Chancel Choir; Joey Rothfuss, organist;  
 Mary Bonnet Chancel Chimers

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: APRIL 21, 2024**



- **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.

- **Day School Sunday Next Week!** – Help us celebrate our Day School next Sunday, **April 28**, during both worship services. During the 10 a.m. hour we will have a drop-in in the Wesley Center, with light refreshments, come meet and greet our children and their families.

- **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.

- **PEP! - Bingo & Board Games** - Wednesday, **May 8**, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! We would love to have you join us!

\* 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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**2024 Union UMC Blood Drive**

Sunday, April 28  
 8:00 AM- 1:00 PM  
 FMC Gym

Sponsored by the Heritage Circle to honor  
**Zack Reinhardt**



**Zack received multiple blood transfusions, both in utero and during his 138 day NICU journey. Because of the kindness of blood donors, Zack is a thriving one year old!**



**Blood Drive**  
**Union United Methodist Church**

Gym  
 7582 Woodrow St.  
 Irmo, SC 29063

Sunday, April 28, 2024  
 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To make an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: UnionUMC or call Church Office at 781-3013.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to be directed to RapidPass\*

Spring into action: Come give blood April 8-28 for a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice. PLUS, automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$7000 gift card, there will be two lucky winners! Terms apply: rcblood.org/spring



Scan to schedule an appointment

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | Download the Blood Donor App

**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)

Please join the  
**NIKKI CIRCLE**

**2024 SPRING MEETING DATES**  
**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