

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

We're continuing to pray over General Conference. Would you join us?

- 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!

**Save the Date** and help us celebrate as we close VBS at a Fireflies baseball game on Saturday, June 22!

Check out the inside announcement for more details!

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

**CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES:**

As of April 23

**IN MEMORIAM**

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

John May in the loss of his father,  
**Robert Johnston May Sr.**

**Eloise New**  
**October 3, 1930 - April 19, 2024**

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**

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**Laura Mars, Finance 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 21
One Worship:	460
On-line views:	152
Sunday School:	356

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**GIFTS**

2024 Budget - Weekly Goal \$36,118.00

**Week 15, Ending 4/14/2024**

Budget Contribution 22,293.25  
Building Fund Contribution 5,066.69

**Weekly Schedule**

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

**Sunday, April 28**

All Day	Day School Sunday	LL 13, Library
All Day	Prayer Room During General Conference	FMC-1/2 Gym-Tower
8:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive	Narthex
8:30 AM	Red Cross Signup to donate blood	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	WC Gym
10:00 AM	Day School breakfast	
10:00 AM	Sunday School	
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

**Monday, April 29**

All Day	Prayer Room During General Conference	LL 13, Library
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
7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213
7:00 PM	Men's Over 40 free-play basketball	FMC Gym
7:00 PM	St. Andrew's Women's Club Meeting	LL 11

**Tuesday, April 30**

All Day	Prayer Room During General Conference	LL 13, Library
9:00 AM	Banner Babes	LL 11
9:30 AM	Church Staff Meeting	F 223
10:00 AM	Upper Room Bible Study	LL 14
6:00 PM	UWF Bunco Night	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	GriefShare	LL 3 Commons Rm

**Wednesday, May 1**

All Day	Prayer Room During General Conference	LL 13, Library
6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	FMC MultiPurpose
6:30 AM	Pickleball - Open Play	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	Youth Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	LL 10

**Thursday, May 2**

All Day	Prayer Room During General Conference	LL 13, Library
12:30 PM	WOW Bible Study	LL 11
6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	WC Gym
6:00 PM	Student Recital	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Leona Hydrick Circle	FMC MultiPurpose
7:00 PM	Praise Band Practice	Chapel

**Friday, May 3**

All Day	Prayer Room During General Conference	LL 13, Library
All Day	Mission Team to Charlotte	Off Premises
10:00 AM	Pickleball - Open Play	FMC Gym
12:00 PM	Pickleball - Reserved Play	FMC Gym
6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	FMC Gym

**Saturday, May 4**

6:00 AM	Early Morning Basketball- Men's Free Play	FMC Gym
2:30 PM	Midland's Foster Care w/ Parent's-Epworth	FMC Gym

**Sunday, May 5**

9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School	
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Youth Outing	Off Premises
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- Full Gym
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**UNION UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**



KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
DAY SCHOOL SUNDAY

April 28, 2024  
www.UnionIrmo.org

**"The Pruning Season"**

**John 15: 1-11**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*La Rejouissance*  
*Joseph Miller, trumpet*

George Handel

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

This Is My Father's World

UMH #144

**\*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: 7-12**

Pew Bible p. 575

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:**

**God of infinite love, help us to see each other, and every person, through your eyes, and to express your compassionate care in our relationships. By your Spirit, release us from all unkind thoughts and actions and all selfish fears, so that our homes and our lives may be temples where your likeness is seen. Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.**

**MINISTRY MOMENT: Union Day School**

**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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*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
*Joseph Miller, trumpet*

arr. Mark Hayes

**\*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 15: 1-11**

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible p. 983

**SERMON**

**"The Pruning Season"**

Rev. Stephen Taylor



## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE God Will Take Care of You UMH #130

## \*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION Grace to You

\*POSTLUDE *Te Deum* Charpentier  
*Joseph Miller, trumpet*

## WORSHIP TODAY

### The lovely flowers are given:

"To the Glory of God and in celebration of Charles' 60<sup>th</sup> birthday!"  
- Mandy and Zoe Ayers

**Acolyte** – Reeves Barrineau  
**Lay Reader** – Ann Copelan

### MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Chancel Choir; Joey Rothfuss, organist;  
Joseph Miller, trumpet

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS: APRIL 28, 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 **today, April 28** so 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.

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

- **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: UnionIrmoLeisureTeam@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.

\* 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  
\*\*CCLI#1197820 ONELICENSE # A-713187

- **Bus Drivers Needed!** - Our Costa Rica Missions team is seeking volunteers to help drive busses to Charlotte, NC for departure and arrival home. The team will need to leave for Charlotte on **June 8** by 6 a.m. for departure at 11:15 a.m., and arrival home in Charlotte on **June 15** at 8:40 p.m. If you would like to help, please contact Chris Elvis at ccelvis3@gmail.com or 803-528-5384 or Eleanor Cannon at eleanor@unionirmo.org by **June 1**.



- **Fireflies Baseball Game!** - We are so excited about Vacation Bible School this summer and hope you will join us for a week of Camp Firelight fun. Whether you will be with us all week or not we hope you will join us at the Fireflies! On **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:05 p.m., we wrap up our week with time together at a baseball game. Invite friends and family. Get your tickets now: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/UnionUMC>

- **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



- **Lost and Found** - Are you missing a set of keys or maybe some eyeglasses? We have many of these items and much more in our lost and found collection. Please check the reception desk during the week or call the office to retrieve a lost item.



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](mailto:mgcochcroft@gmail.com)  
or [smarant9@hotmail.com](mailto:smarant9@hotmail.com)

## 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](mailto:Prayers@UnionIrmo.org).

Share with:

Pastors

Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

Name (optional)