

YOUTH OF UNION
End of Year PARTYYY!
MAY 19, 2024 5-7PM FRIENDS WELCOME!
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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.

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 our VBS week at a Fireflies baseball game! **June 22nd at 6:05 p.m.**

Invite friends and family for a night at the ball field. Tickets are \$11 each. Get your tickets now!



As faithful stewards, we promise to support the Church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.
CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES:
As of May 1
IN MEMORIAM
We extend our sympathy to the following families at the loss of their loved one:
Dave Lambert
July 20, 1943 - April 24, 2024
Ross & Paula Ruark in the loss of Ross's mother, **Janet Whitt Ruark**
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.

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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 28
Worship:	548
On-line views:	125
Sunday School:	368

GIFTS
2024 Budget - Weekly Goal \$36,118.00
Week 16, Ending 4/21/2024

Budget Contribution	17,662.87
Building Fund Contribution	3,745.74

Week 17, Ending 4/28/2024

Budget Contribution	21,981.71
Building Fund Contribution	6,463.35

Weekly Schedule

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

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, May 5	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School	Sanctuary
	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
	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, May 6	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
	10:30 AM	Day School Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	WC Gym
	6:00 PM	New Life SS Class Men's Prayer Meeting	LL 13, Library
	7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213
	7:00 PM	Men's Over 40 free-play basketball	FMC Gym
Tuesday, May 7	9:00 AM	Banner Babes	LL 11
	9:00 AM	Day School Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Church Staff Meeting	F 223
	10:00 AM	Upper Room Bible Study	LL 14
	10:00 AM	Pickleball - Open Play (members & guests)	FMC Gym
	12:00 PM	Pickleball - Reserved Play	FMC Gym
	6:00 PM	Pickleball - Open Play (members & guests)	FMC Gym
	6:30 PM	GriefShare	LL 3 Commons Rm
	6:30 PM	UWF Board Meeting	LL 14
	Wednesday, May 8	All Day	Mission trip to Savannah
6:00 AM		Iron Men Bible Study	FMC MultiPurpose
9:00 AM		Day School Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00 AM		Rosa Hook Circle	LL Fellowship Hall
1:00 PM		PEP! Bingo	LL Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM		Martha Circle Meeting	Off Premises
6:30 PM		Pickleball - Reserved Play	FMC Gym
6:30 PM		Youth Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM		Choir Rehearsal	LL 10
Thursday, May 9		10:14 AM	Day School Rehearsal
	11:00 AM	Heritage Circle Meeting	FMC MultiPurpose
	12:30 PM	WOW Bible Study	LL 11
	6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
	7:00 PM	Praise Band Practice	Chapel
	Friday, May 10	10:00 AM	Pickleball - Open Play (members & guests)
12:00 PM		Pickleball - Reserved Play	FMC Gym
6:00 PM		Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
Saturday, May 11		6:00 AM	Early Morning Basketball- Men's Free Play
	10:00 AM	Line Dancing Lessons	FMC Gym
	Sunday, May 12	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
10:00 AM		Sunday School	Sanctuary
11:00 AM		Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00 PM		Jr. Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM		Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 PM		Jesus in the Gospels Class	LL Fellowship Hall

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KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024
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"Waiting in Anticipation"
Acts 1: 1-6

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Taste and See* arr. Helman
Mary Bonnett Chancel Chimers

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *This Is the Day* UMH #657
Sing stanza twice

***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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
God of Grace and Glory, We thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 130: 1-6 Pew Bible p. 562

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Mack Wilberg

***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: Acts 1: 1-6** Pew Bible p. 991
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON **"Waiting in Anticipation"** Rev. Lloyd Nyarota

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Faye Jones
Christ invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with one another. To receive the elements come forward as the ushers direct you. Once you are served, you may pray at the altar, or return to your pew.
Gluten Free Station is set up to the far left of the Sanctuary

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Pastor Continues ... The Great Thanksgiving

Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Pastor Continues ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith

Congregation: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Pastor Completes the Thanksgiving.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION MUSIC:

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Only Trust Him

One Bread, One Body

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Alleluia, Alleluia

UMH #162

v1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

v2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

He is the King of creation. **Refrain.**

Jesus has died and has risen. **Refrain.**

v3. We have been crucified with Christ.

v4. Come, let us praise the living God,

Now we shall live forever. **Refrain.**

Joyfully sing to our Savior. **Refrain.**

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

arr. David Lowe

WORSHIP TODAY

The lovely flowers are given:

"In honor of and appreciation for the youth who serve Union UMC as acolytes and crucifers each Sunday." - By Union UMC's Worship Team

"To the Glory of God and in celebration of our 68th wedding anniversary."
- By Oris and Joan Bickley

Crucifer – Sarah Wildt

Acolyte – Maggie Hall

Lay Reader – Jean Cooper

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: MAY 5, 2024

- **We welcome Rev. Lloyd Nyarota as our guest preacher today at both services!** Rev. Nyarota attended the Zimbabwe mission trips with the teams from Union. He currently serves an ecumenical appointment in The United Church of Canada.

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



- **Line Dancing Class**, offered by Union's Leisure Ministries Team and 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! Parents and grandparents, bring the kids! 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 is not required, but is helpful as we plan. Add your name to the list in Sunday School, Welcome Desk or church office. Got questions? Email us at: UnionIrmoLeisureTeam@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

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- **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.

- **June/July Newsletter deadline** is Wednesday, **May 15**. If you have an announcement or story you would like included in our summer newsletter for June and July, please send it to Amy by May 15. Email: amy@unionirmo.org

- **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.

- **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**.

- **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 several Open Play times for Union members and their guests. *Open play does not require court reservations.*

- **Tuesdays** - 10am-12pm / 6pm-8pm - Open Play for Union members and their guests
(12pm-6pm available for reserved play)

- **Wednesdays** - 6:30pm-8pm - Reserved Play

- **Fridays** - 10am-12pm - Open Play for Union members and their guests
(12pm-5pm available for reserved play)

After hours, players must pre-arrange building access and lock up when finished. 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.

- **Blood Drive THANK YOU!** - Last Sunday's blood drive was a success! The Heritage Circle would like to thank all the volunteers and donors for your time, energy and donation! We met our goal of 38 pints. We are already looking forward to next year's blood drive.

United Women in Faith Spotlight: Martha Circle

Martha Circle is a group of ladies of all ages that meet once a month from September to May. We typically meet on the second or third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at either a member's home or the church, depending on our mission work for the month. Our time together is spent in fellowship, supporting each other and growing in our relationship with God. We are currently studying Jennie Allen's book "Find Your People" and are discovering the importance of consistent, meaningful connections. We also host an annual "IF" women's weekend, featuring speakers from Jennie Allen's annual conference.

Our Circle's namesake comes from two very important ladies – Martha in the Bible, who was a significant New Testament figure, a personal friend of Jesus, and someone with whom many women today identify – and also Martha Thompson, the former Director of the Union UMC Preschool. From both of these amazing ladies, we learn the importance of balancing service with worship, of trusting the Lord even when all seems lost, and of using our resources for the glory of God.

Martha Circle's sole mission is to support the Lexington-Richland School District 5 Snack Pack Program. Our designated school is Harbison West in Irmo and we currently support 117 students at this elementary school. The Snack Pack Program provides nutritious food to students who do not have enough to eat throughout the weekend. The hope is to fill a hungry belly so that children are able to focus and be ready to learn on Monday morning.

We welcome all ladies to visit one of our monthly meetings and our "IF" women's gatherings throughout the year. Please join us! For questions and information about where our next meeting will be held, please contact Lauryn Harbour at (803) 727-0474.

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)