

## 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...

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

### CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

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' 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.*

### PRESENCE

<u>Worship Update</u>	<u>April 21</u>	<u>April 28</u>
Worship:	460	548
On-line views:	152	125
Sunday School:	356	368

Name (optional)

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## GIFTS

2024 Budget - Weekly Goal \$36,118

### 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



KNOW Christ,  
SHARE Faith,  
SHOW Grace  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2024  
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## “Waiting in Anticipation”

Welcome

Music

Announcements

First Scripture: Psalm 130: 1-6

Music & Offertory

Prayer

Second Scripture: Acts 1: 1-6

Sermon: “Waiting in Anticipation”

Communion

Benediction

Music

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for 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 1p.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](mailto: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.

- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [ccl Elvis3@gmail.com](mailto:ccl Elvis3@gmail.com) or 803-528-5384 or Eleanor Cannon at [eleanor@unionirmo.org](mailto: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 [faye Bailey424@gmail.com](mailto:faye Bailey424@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 & guests (12pm-6pm available for reserved play)

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

- **Fridays** - 10am-12pm - Open Play for Union members & 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](mailto: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.

### Vacation Bible School is coming!



Are you ready for a week of Camp fun?

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

**June 17-20 (Mon- Thurs) from 6:15-8 p.m.**

The QR codes below are active and ready to hear from you!

**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!

### 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.



**Save the Date** and help us celebrate as we close our VBS week at a Fireflies baseball game! **June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:05 p.m.**

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



WILL YOU SERVE AT THE COFFEE CART? SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW AND PICK A DATE THAT WORKS FOR YOU!



YOUTH OF UNION

# End of Year PARTYYY!

MAY 19, 2024 5-7PM FRIENDS WELCOME!

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