



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 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 8

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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PRESENCE

Worship Update	May 5
Worship:	398
On-line views:	90
Sunday School:	332

UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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GIFTS

2024 Budget - Weekly Goal \$36,118.00

Week 18, Ending 5/5/2024

Budget Contribution 35,100.18
Building Fund Contribution 7,169.87

Weekly Schedule

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

Sunday, May 12	9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	10:00 AM Sunday School	
	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
Monday, May 13	7:00 AM Man in the Mirror	LL Fellowship Hall
	9:00 AM Bridge Card Group	LL Fellowship Hall
	9:00 AM Day School Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM Needlers	LL 5
	6:00 PM Basketball Practice	WC Gym
	6:30 PM Congregational Care Team Meeting	LL 13, Library
	6:30 PM New Ventures Circle Meeting	LL 11
	7:00 PM AA	EB 211 - 213
	7:00 PM Men's Over 40 free-play basketball	FMC Gym
Tuesday, May 14	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 Clinic	FMC Gym
	11:30 AM Wilson Circle Meeting	Off Premises
	12:00 PM Pickleball - Reserved Play	FMC Gym
	1:00 PM UWF Book Club	Off Premises
	3:00 PM Tea with the pastor	LL 3
	6:00 PM Pickleball - Open Play (members & guests)	FMC Gym
	6:30 PM GriefShare	LL 3 Commons Rm
	6:30 PM Worship Team Meeting	LL 14
Wednesday, May 15	6:00 AM Iron Men Bible Study	FMC MultiPurpose
	8:45 AM Day School Year End Performance	Sanctuary
	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 16	7:00 AM Joy Class Outing	Off Premises
	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 Engage Team Meeting	LL 14
	7:00 PM Praise Band Practice	Chapel
Friday, May 17	10:00 AM Pickleball - Open Play (members & guests)	FMC Gym
	12:00 PM Columbia District Lay Servant Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
	12:00 PM Pickleball - Reserved Play	FMC Gym
	6:00 PM Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
Saturday, May 18	8:00 AM Columbia District Lay Servant Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
	6:00 AM Early Morning Basketball- Men's Free Play	FMC Gym
Sunday, May 19	9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	10:00 AM Sunday School	
	10:00 AM VBS Volunteer Meeting	FMC MultiPurpose
	11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
	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
	4:30 PM SonZone - Year End Party	Front Parking Lot
	4:30 PM Youth - Free play Basketball	FMC Gym
	5:00 PM Youth - ANIKO - Year End Party	Back Parking Lot
	6:30 PM Jesus in the Gospels Class	LL Fellowship Hall



UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace
Seventh Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day



May 12, 2024
www.UnionIrmo.org

"Comfort Ye" Matthew 11: 28-30

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE	<i>What God Ordains is Good</i>	J.S. Bach
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN	Forward Through the Ages	UMH #555
*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	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	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 31:10, 17-22, 25-30 Pew Bible p. 601-2

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

Gracious God, we lift to you those who have loved us, blessed us, and taught us, our mothers. May your blessing ever be upon the woman who gave us birth, and those women of faith who have been mothers to us along our journey.

We praise you for your gift of motherly love, both gentle and fierce, both strong and humble, both kind and true. Where we have been so blessed, we give thanks, for you have provided loving hands that have worked hard in raising us, cared enough to correct us, comforted us, and blessed us in ways we cannot have fully appreciated.

We call forth your compassion upon every mother whose efforts caused pain and suffering. And so we lift to you all mothers, so imperfect, wounded by this world, but channels of your love. Help us to live so that their investment in us might not be in vain. We ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MINISTRY MOMENT: Recognizing our Acolytes and Crucifers

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

OFFERTORY	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	arr. Ed Lojeski
	<i>Union Men's Ensemble</i>	

*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: Matthew 11: 28-30**

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

Pew Bible p. 888

SERMON

"Comfort Ye"

Rev. Stephen Taylor

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Be Still, My Soul

UMH #534

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

May the Peace of the Lord Go with You

Charles Yannerella

***POSTLUDE**

Procession

William Mathias

WORSHIP TODAY

The lovely flowers are given:

"To the Glory of God with Mother's Day wishes to my Mom, and Birthday wishes to my brother Quentin on May 14 and to my Mom on May 15."
- Love always, Alexis Kyzer

"Glory to God in recognition and appreciation of all Mothers on this special day. Mothers are so very good at extending God's love."
- By Dave and Susan Harrison

Acolyte – Gretchen Whaley
Lay Reader – Mary Renaud

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Chancel Choir; Union Men's Ensemble;
Frances Webb, guest organist and pianist

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAY 12, 2024

- TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING! Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Epworth's care breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. The physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual care they receive transforms their lives. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.

- The Wilson Circle Book Club meets Tuesday, **May 14**, at 1pm at LakeView Retirement Community (2134 N. Lake Drive, Columbia, SC 29212) to discuss the book, *Small Great Things*, a novel by Jodi Picoult. **PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE FROM OUR REGULAR MEETING PLACE!** The Wilson Circle is meeting for lunch at Lake View at 11:30am. Book Club participants who would like to join us for lunch are asked to contact Jean Peaden (803-727-6123) to let her know they are coming. **This is the last meeting of the book club before taking a break for the summer months.**

- 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

- Next Sunday, May 19 - We look forward to having our own John Gannon of The Gideons International to present our ministry moment on their mission and ministries.

- 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 by Shealy's Bar-B-Que 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
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- Hikeopaths - Thursday, May 23 Hike- Join us for a daytrip to Dupont State Forest between Flat Rock, NC and Brevard, NC to enjoy numerous waterfalls, a covered bridge and mountain scenery. Trails are moderate to strenuous. Check out their website at: dupontstatererecreationalforest.com. We will leave the Union bus parking lot at 7:30am. Be sure to bring: snacks, drinks, and a poncho. Lunch will be at one of several restaurants in Flat Rock. Travel time is ~2hr, 20 min., estimated bus fuel to be consumed is 26gals, cost will be divided among riders. We will return to Irmo ~4:30pm.

- 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 cclvis3@gmail.com or 803-528-5384 or Eleanor Cannon at eleanor@unionirmo.org by **June 1**.

- Parents Time Out - June 15, 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.

- 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 or 803.331.4349 for itinerary, reservation forms and questions.

- 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.

- Important Note: Construction at UUMC - We are replacing and repairing sidewalks around our church campus **May 20-24**. Specifically, the bridge and the main entrance to the FMC offices will be closed. **For access to the FMC during this time, please use the narthex doors and enter through the sanctuary.** Also, please use caution along the front driveway and in the area directly in front of the Wesley Center. For the safety of all, please follow instructions on the signs and cones.



SonZone!
All 4th and 5th graders are invited to join us in our end of the year fun - **May 19th** at 4:30pm (notice time change).
We will meet on the front lawn for some soapy fun when Foam Parties of the Midlands brings the fun!

We will NOT meet this Sunday, **May 12th**, enjoy celebrating your Mother's!



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)