

Our Union Day School turns 50 this fall!

Join us in celebrating 50 years of Learning through Play on Sunday, September 22 from 3-5 p.m. in the Wesley Center.

All are invited - past and current - teachers, students, parents, administrative staff, volunteers, supporters, everyone!

If you have any memorabilia - photos, t-shirts, etc. from your time with our day school, please bring it by the Wesley Center and lend it to Jenny and Leslie for the celebration. We would love to have photos from all 50 years to share with everyone! *Please* give us an approx. date on the photos so we can put them in order!

> *Any memorabilia is needed by* September 8.

Important: Make sure your name is located on the memorabilia so they can make sure to get it back to you.

Help support our Day School by purchasing a t-shirt or magnet in the narthex today and Sept. 15!

Magnets are available for \$5. T-shirts: Onesies - Youth XL are \$15. Adult shirts: S - 3XL are \$20. All profits go to support our Day School. Thank you!





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

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES: As of September 5

Gerry Masinsky, Prisma Health Richland

IN MEMORIAM

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

Courtney and Alex Vinson in the loss of Courntey's great grandmother, JoAnn Hensley.

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

Rev. Stephen Taylor, Lead Pastor Stephen@unionirmo.org

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Rev. Dick Holliday, Retired Pastor Rev. Paul Van Dine, Retired Pastor Rev. Eric Shepard, Retired Pastor Rev. Archie Bigelow, Jr., Retired Pastor Rev. Neil Yongue, Jr., Retired Pastor Suzy Broadus,

Director of Ministries to Children & Families **Ned Calvert, Facilities Manager** Eleanor Cannon,

Director of Youth and Leisure Ministries Michelle Cochcroft, Coord. Of Contemporary Worship

Jake Cosentino, Production Manager Jenny Gantt, Assistant Day School Director Amy Gustafson,

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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	Sept. 1
Worship:	382
On-line views:	175
Sunday School:	296

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GIFTS

2024 Budget - Weekly Goal \$36,118.00

Week 35, Ending 9/1/2024

Budget Contribution 27,281.00 **Building Fund Contribution** 5,586.00

Weekly Schedule

For a complete listing of events for the month,

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Sui	nday, Septemb 8:30 AM	Day School t-shirt sales	Narthex Table	
	9:00 AM		_	
	10:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service Sunday School for all ages	Sanctuary	
	10:00 AM	UMC 101	WC Gym	
	10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	EB 202	
	11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary	
	3:15 PM	Junior Leaps Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
	4:00 PM	Acolyte Training	Sanctuary	
	4:00 PM	Disciple 3 Bible Study	LL 14	
	4:00 PM	Nominations Committee Meeting	F218	
	4:00 PM	SonZone	F 223	
	5:00 PM	Youth Parent Night	Chapel	
	6:00 PM	Christian Believer Disciple Bible Study	F 227	
	6:00 PM	Disciple 3 Bible Study	LL 14	
Мо	nday, Septem			
	9:00 AM	Bridge Card Group	LL Fellowship Hall	
	9:30 AM	Needlers	LL5	
	6:30 PM	Congregational Care Team Meeting	LL 13	
	6:30 PM	New Ventures Circle Meeting	LL 11	
	6:30 PM	Trustees Meeting	LL 14	
	6:30 PM	Stewardship Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall	
	7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213	
_	7:00 PM	Men's Over 40 Free-Play Basketball	WC Gym	
Tue	esday, Septem			
	9:00 AM	Banner Babes	LL 11	
	9:30 AM	Church Staff Meeting	F223	
	10:00 AM	Upper Room Bible Study	LL 14	
	10:00 AM	Pickleball - Open Play (members & guests)		
	12:00 PM 12:00 PM	Pickleball - Reserved Play Wilson Circle	FMC Gym	
	1:00 PM	Wilson Circle Book Club	LL Fellowship Hall LL Fellowship Hall	
	6:00 PM	Pickleball - Open Play (members & guests)		
	6:30 PM	GriefShare	LL3	
	6:30 PM	SPRC Meeting	F 223	
	6:30 PM	Traditional Worship Team Meeting	LL 14	
We	dnesday, Sept	ember 11		
	6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	FMC MultiPurpose	
	9:00 AM	Pickleball Reservation	FMC Gym	
	10:00 AM	Rosa Hook Circle Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall	
	1:00 PM	PEP! Bingo	LL Fellowship Hall	
	5:15 PM	Wednesday Night Supper	FMC Gym	
	6:15 PM	Handbells Rehearsal	Narthex	
	6:30 PM	Adult Swim Bible Study	LL Fellowship Hall	
	6:30 PM	Bible Study for Parents of Toddlers	LL3	
	6:30 PM	Martha Circle Meeting	Off Premises	
	6:30 PM	Youth Leaps Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	LL 10	
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	11:00 AM	Heritage Circle Meeting	FMC MultiPurpose	
	12:30 PM	WOW Bible Study	LL 11	
	6:00 PM	Engage Team Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall	
	6:00 PM	Safety & Security Team Meeting Praise Band Practice	LL 14	
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	10:00 AM	Pickleball - Open Play (members & guests)	FMC Gym	
	12:00 PM	Pickleball - Reserved Play	FMCGym	
	3:30 PM	Youth Fall Retreat to Lookup Lodge	Off Premises	
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All Day Youth Fall Retreat to Lookup Lodge Off Premises				
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Traditional Worship Service

Sunday School & Confirmation

Contemporary Worship Service

Nominations Committee Meeting

Christian Believer Disciple Bible Study

TLCS Costume Workday

Junior Leaps Rehearsal

Adult Leaps Rehearsal

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KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024 www.UnionIrmo.org

arr. John Carter

"Seeking Welfare" Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE If You But Trust in God to Guide You

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN How Firm a Foundation **UMH #529** UMH #881

The Apostles' Creed *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

> 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: 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Pew Bible p. 1084-5

Pew Bible p. 717

UMH #71

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

God of love, take hold of us in this time of worship, and do not let us go until we have been blessed by a vision of love, infinitely generous, gentle and forgiving; wholesome and mysterious; in which all are accepted, and none are rejected; love that never ends. Living God, Love itself, live in our hearts now and forever. Amen.

MINISTRY MOMENT: Costa Rica Report

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 Come Ye, Disconsolate arr. Terre Johnson

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow **UMH #94** *Doxology:

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: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Seeking Welfare" Rev. Stephen Taylor

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF RESPONSE I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord **UMH #540** *BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Be With You

Triumphal March

*POSTLUDE

George Handel

WORSHIP TODAY

The lovely flowers are given:

"To the Glory of God and in loving memory of my daughter, Robin." - Barbara Hammett

"To the Glory of God for the 46 years of marriage and to be blessed with 6 beloved grandchildren." -Tony and Pam Chapman **Acolyte** – Gabe Keller **Lay Reader** – Zoe Ayers

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Chancel Choir; Joey Rothfuss, organist

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

- Leaps of Faith is looking for additional dancers If you like to dance, you are invited to join one of the Leaps of Faith Liturgical dance groups. We welcome all ages from 4K to Senior Adult! No dance experience necessary!! Dancers will present during various Worship Services and special events. This is such a wonderful opportunity to become part of a small group, get some great exercise, have fun, and learn to worship with mind, body, and soul. The start date, practice times, and locations are listed below. Please direct any questions to Linda Caldwell (803-422-2989) or Gloria Stansell (843-475-5978).
- Junior Leaps: (4K through 4th Grade) Sundays 3:15pm-4pm (Sanctuary) Start Date 9/8
- Youth Leaps: (5th Grade through Adult) Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 (Sanctuary) Start Date 9/4
- Adult Leaps: (18 and Over) Sundays 4pm-5pm (Sanctuary) Start Date 9/15
- **UMC 101** Join Rev. Taylor for an introductory class on the United Methodist Church. Perfect for new folk, those considering membership to Union, or as a refresher course. Four Sundays beginning <u>today</u>, **Sept. 8**, in the Wesley Center Gym (*location change!*) from 10:10-10:50 a.m.
- **SonZone** We are having a great time in SonZone on Sunday nights with our 4th and 5th graders. We hope all of our kids will join us from 4-5:30pm the next 2 weeks (9/8 & 9/15). We are meeting in the FMC room 223. Drop off and pick up in the front of the church near the narthex these 2 weeks. Starting Sept. 22 our times change up. Check our calendar and website for updates.



- **TRAINING NEW ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS**- Any young person currently in 5th-12th grade who is interested in becoming part of the acolyte team, which serves during the 9am service is invited to attend an information / training session in the Sanctuary today, **Sept. 8**, at 4pm. Young people who usually attend the 11am service but who would like to serve their church 4 to 6 times per year as an acolyte or crucifer are also welcome to attend and learn what the job of an acolyte is all about. Anyone interested in getting

information and/or in being trained should contact Gail Elfert at either celfert@aol.com or 803-466-2403 (cell/text).

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- YOUTH PARENT NIGHT - Come out for our first "ministry" night to worship together with our students <u>today</u>, Sept. 8! Students and parents are welcome to meet for dinner and recreation time in the FMC Gym starting at 4:30pm before we head over to the Chapel for worship & large group. Following worship, you'll go to your student's small group room to meet their leader and see what Youth of Union is all about! Don't miss this fun night of worship and connection! All parents are strongly encouraged to attend! Friends are always welcome!



- The Wilson Circle Book Club is gearing up for fall! Our first meeting after the summer break will be held Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 1:10 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and we will be discussing When Others Shuddered: Eight Women Who Refused to Give Up by Jamie Janosz. These eight women lived at the turn of the century and were all different. They were single and married, black and white, wealthy and poor, beautiful and plain, mothers and childless. Yet each felt called to make a difference and do something to meet a pressing need in her world. There are 4 copies of this book in the UWF Library. As you read

about these eight women, please select the two that impressed you the most. Come join us and share your "top two" and the reasons they impressed you. Be sure to check out our book for our **Oct. 8** meeting- *Land of Silence: A Novel* by Tessa Afshar too! If you have questions, please contact Harriet Simpson at 803-530-5060 or Becky Dixon at 803-361-5046.

- **The October newsletter deadline** is Wednesday, **Sept. 11**. If you have an article, story or announcement you would like included in this upcoming newsletter, please send it to Amy at amy@unionirmo.org.

* 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

- PEP! Bingo & Board Games Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! We would love to have you join us!
- Come join Union's **Parents of Young Children Bible Study** The study will focus on parenting our littlest ones from 4-ish years old and under. Starting Wednesday, **Sept. 11** at 6:30pm. We will be reading and discussing *Habits of the Household: Practicing the Story of God in Everyday Family Rhythms*. Childcare is provided! Contact Sara Reinhardt for more information at 803-563-3336 or jsr8716@gmail.com.
- **YOUTH FALL RETREAT!** Our retreat will be held **Sept. 13-15** at Look Up Lodge. Registration is <u>open now and will close today, Sept. 8</u>. Sign up with the QR code on the right and plan to be part of this weekend of spiritual refreshment and fellowship! Cost is \$200. Financial assistance is available. Contact Eleanor Cannon with any questions at Eleanor@unionirmo.org.



- **Costume Workday** for The Living Christmas Story on Sunday, **Sept. 15**, from 1-3pm in room LL11. We need help cutting out new tunics and sashes. We also need volunteers to take home tunics to sew. Please contact Betsy Petersen at 803-629-4729 or Betsy petersen@msn.com to volunteer or if you have any questions.
- **Sharing God's Love (SGL)** is our local cooperative ministry that works with community families and individuals facing emergencies related to their basic living needs. SGL is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the SGL Search Committee, Sharing God's Love, P.O. Box 1021, Irmo, SC 29063, or email to info@sharinggodslove.net by **Sept. 15, 2024**.
- Oct. 6, 13, 20 Bulletin Announcements Amy will be out for two weeks in October. Please look ahead at your calendars and send any announcements you would like included in the bulletin during those weeks to Amy by Monday, <u>Sept. 16</u>. Be sure to include the dates you want your announcement to run when you send it! Amy's email: amy@unionirmo.org
- Man in the Mirror will be starting a new book study on Monday, Sept. 16, entitled *God Never Gives Up on You* by Max Lucado. All men are welcome to join in this time of fellowship and study at 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Swing into Fall with PEP! the Lawhead Brothers Band and Shealy's Barbecue. Thursday, Sept. 26, at 6:30pm in the Family Ministry Center Gym. Cost is \$15 per person. Sign ups are due by Sunday, Sept. 22. 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.
- **New Member Sunday** We're welcoming new members at both services on Sunday, **Sept. 29**. If you're thinking about joining the Union family, this would be a perfect opportunity! Please get in contact with Erin at Erin@unionirmo org about your desire to join.
- A PEP! Excursion is planned for Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024. We will visit Jeter Mountain Farm in the Western North Carolina Apple Country. There will be apple picking via the fun tractor-pulled wagon ride to the many different orchard stops. You will view the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. There is no charge for the excursion. Lunch is on your own. We will meet in the area where the buses are parked no later than 8:15am and depart promptly at 8:30. Riders will need to contribute money to cover the cost of refilling the gas in the bus prior to returning to the church. Estimated return time is 6-7pm. For any questions, please contact Faye Bailey fayebailey424@gmail.com. There is limited space so if you sign up, please show up. FIRM Deadline Sept. 22, 2024.
- Jan's Van Signup Coming Soon! Mark your calendars, Jan's Van (Lexington Medical Center's Mobile Mammography Van) will be Oct. 22, from 9am-4pm. Registration begins on Sunday, Sept. 22.
- **Union Basketball** WE NEED COACHES! If you are interested in being a Union Basketball coach for the upcoming season, please contact Eleanor Cannon at eleanor@unionirmo.org. Commitment is 1 practice and 1 game per week from November-February.
- The Living Christmas Story (TLCS) will be celebrating our 31st year anniversary of Union providing this special gift to the Community. We have more than 600 volunteer/cast positions to fill across the 3 performances, so we hope you and your family will sign up to participate! You are welcome to participate in more than one performance and in different roles. And we encourage you to invite others to participate with you! <u>Please put these dates on your Calendar:</u>

TLCS Set Construction & Take-down: Nov. 3 (Sun), Nov. 9 (Sat), Nov. 17 (Sun), Nov. 24 (Sun), Dec. 1 (Sun), Dec. 14 (Sat) **TLCS Performance:** Dec. 6, 7, 8 (Fri – Sun) from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

TLCS Volunteer sign ups are open now through the end of October. Roles will be assigned based upon the order your signup is received. So please sign up to participate as soon as possible! To sign up scan the QR code on the right, or you can also visit our website, or scan the QR code on the back of the pews and click the "Event Registrations" link. If you have any questions, please email UnionTLCSCasting@gmail.com.

- -Save the date for Lake Murray Salkehatchie hosted by Union UMC. It will be July 12-19, 2025. Please consider being an adult camper or volunteer that week.
- **Please help us** be more environmentally friendly by placing all discarded cardboard boxes (church-generated) in the far corner of the FMC gym. Our facilities manager hauls these items to the recycling center for proper disposal every Friday. By working together, we can reduce the amount of waste in our landfills and cut down on overloading our dumpster which leads to increased costs.

of	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 Reque form on our website or you can email it to: Prayers@UnionIrmo.org. Share with: Pastors Prayer Team
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