



Union UMC 2025 Stewardship Campaign

### Operating Budget Commitment for 2025:

I/We believe in the future of our church and want to be a part of its success. I/We will endeavor to give to the Operating Budget in the following way:

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Per: (circle one) Week Month Year  
One Year Total: \_\_\_\_\_

### Building Fund Commitment for 2025:

I/We will give to the Union UMC Building Fund in the following way:

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Per: (circle one) Week Month Year  
One Year Total: \_\_\_\_\_

These are a statement of intent and may be altered as circumstances warrant.

### Name & Contact Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for contributing to our Love in Truth & Action Stewardship Campaign!

Use your phone to scan the QR code to access the commitment form online:



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

### CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES: As of November 7

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  
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Suzy Broadus,

Director of Ministries to Children & Families

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Eleanor Cannon,

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Jenny Gantt, Assistant Day School Director

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Leslie Kulp, Day School Director

Laura Mars, Finance Director

Paige Morgan, Assistant Day School Director

Steve Ragan, Asst. Facilities Manager

Joey Rothfuss, Organist

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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	Nov. 10
Worship:	440
On-line views:	128
Sunday School:	377

### UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### GIFTS

2024 Budget - Weekly Goal \$36,118.00

### Week 45, Ending 11/10/2024

Budget Contribution	49,370.00
Building Fund Contribution	11,915.00

### Weekly Schedule

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

#### Sunday, November 17

8:00 AM	Pathfinders Class Event	MultiPurpose Room
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation	EB 202
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Band Sound Check	Sanctuary
12:30 PM	Children's Team Meeting	EB 205-7
1:00 PM	TLCs Construction	Back Parking Lot
3:00 PM	4th & 5th gr. Girls Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
3:15 PM	Junior Leaps Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Adult Leaps Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Disciple 3 Bible Study	LL 14
4:00 PM	SonZone	F 223
5:00 PM	Christian Believer Disciple Bible Study	F 227
5:00 PM	ANIKO - Youth	FMC Gym
6:00 PM	Disciple 3 Bible Study	LL 14
6:00 PM	Griefshare - Surviving the Holidays	LL 3

#### Monday, November 18

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
9:45 AM	Day School Meeting	LL 14
6:00 PM	New Life SS Class Men's Prayer Meeting	LL 13
6:30 PM	6th, 7th, & 8th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	Year of Hope & Healing Planning Meeting	LL 11
7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213
7:00 PM	St. Andrews Women's Club	LL Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday, November 19

9:30 AM	Church Staff Meeting	F 223
10:00 AM	Pickleball-Open Play (members & guests)	FMC Gym
10:00 AM	Upper Room Bible Study	LL 14
12:00 PM	Pickleball-Reserved Play	FMC Gym
12:00 PM	Sarah Circle	LL Fellowship Hall
1:30 PM	Day School Finance Meeting	F 223
5:45 PM	Total Body Workout Class	WC Gym
6:00 PM	Pickleball-Open Play (members & guests)	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	GriefShare	LL 3
6:30 PM	Joy Class Men's Fellowship	Off Premises

#### Wednesday, November 20

6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	FMC MultiPurpose
9:00 AM	Pickleball Reservation	FMC Gym
10:30 AM	4K 1/2 Day Students - Thanksgiving Feast	Wesley Center
6:00 PM	Parents of Young Children Bible Study	LL Fellowship Hall
6:15 PM	Handbells Rehearsal	Narthex
6:30 PM	Middle School Girls Basketball Practice	WC Gym
6:30 PM	Youth Leaps Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	High School Girls Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	LL 10

#### Thursday, November 21

8:00 AM	Hikepaths	Off Premises
12:30 PM	WOW Bible Study	LL 11
6:30 PM	11th & 12th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	WC Gym
6:30 PM	PEP!	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	UWF Baby Shower Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Praise Band Practice	Chapel

#### Friday, November 22

9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Team to decorate Sanctuary	
10:00 AM	Pickleball - Open Play (members & guests)	FMC Gym
12:00 PM	Pickleball - Reserved Play	FMC Gym
6:00 PM	IF Conference "Friday Night Lights"	Chapel

#### Saturday, November 23

9:00 AM	Rehearsal for students	Chapel
11:00 AM	Parent's Time Out	F 111

#### Sunday, November 24

9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation	EB 202
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 PM	TLCs Construction	Back Parking Lot
1:00 PM	TLCs Cookie Baking	FMC Kitchen
2:00 PM	Traditional Worship Team to decorate Sanctuary	
3:00 PM	4th & 5th gr. Girls Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
3:15 PM	Junior Leaps Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Adult Leaps Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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# UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace  
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024  
www.UnionIrmo.org

## "The Sacred Art of Talking Back"

Matthew 15: 21-28

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Manz

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

UMH #152

#### \*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: Psalm 130

Pew Bible p. 562

#### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIVE PRAYER: (BOW 468 Trad, Dakota Tribe Prayer)

Leader: Grandfather, Great Spirit, you have always been, and before you nothing has been.

**People: There is no one to pray to, but you. The star nations all over the heavens are yours, and yours are the grasses of the earth.**

Leader: You are older than all need, older than all pain and prayer.

**People: Grandfather, Great Spirit, fill us with the light.**

Leader: Give us the strength to understand and the eyes to see. Teach us to walk the soft earth as relatives to all that live.

**All: Help us for without you we are nothing. Amen.**

#### MINISTRY MOMENT: Leisure Ministries

#### 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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What Does the Lord Require?

Inspired by Micah 6: 6-8

Eric Nelson

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?

What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?  
To do justice; love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so high?  
Let Christ endue our will with grace.

Rulers of earth give ear!  
Should you not justice know?  
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?  
Then do justice; love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

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What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?  
To do justice; love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

#### \*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 15: 21-28**

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible p. 893

**SERMON**

**“The Sacred Art of Talking Back”**

Rev. Faye Jones

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

The Lord’s Prayer in Arapaho

Heesieva hene Sunawuneet; Heneseet vedenau; Nuchaja honoit, haithauka hinona. Haithet honoit nauvedaw, hasau heesjeva. Jevenaar nuhw desene vethewa. Jeva gaudauvandadau desnundaun, as jegaudauvananeua wchadaunau... Jevaethaaitchthaa hada ethete, Hessevahee Hesunaunin, Nevahaistaut detcanehe. Hoiee.

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Jesus Is All the World to Me

UMH# 469

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*The Lord Be With You*

Charles Yannerella

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Christ is Made Sure the Foundation*

arr. Manz

**WORSHIP TODAY**

**The lovely flowers are given:**

“In love and appreciation of the veterans who have served to guard the freedoms we are so blessed with. God bless them all.”

- By Mary Hammond

“Thanks be to God in celebration of our 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 23.”

- By Bonnie and Robbie Boland

**Acolyte** – Kate Wheeler  
**Lay Reader** – Sue Gannon

**MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS**

Chancel Choir; Sharon Rattray, guest organist

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

**Surviving the Holidays** - **Surviving the Holidays** - Today, **November 17** at 6pm in the Commons Room (LL3) The holidays present unique challenges for people who are grieving. Surviving the Holidays is designed to provide support, understanding and tools to navigate through this season.

- **SonZone** – We are excited to wrap up our Fall over the next couple weeks. We hope your 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders will join us from 4-5:15pm today, **November 17** and next Sunday Nov. 24! We will be helping pack snack bags for the holidays on the 24<sup>th</sup>, come ready to work hard! Then we are off for Thanksgiving and TLCS weekends, we hope you and your family signed up to participate. And we finish out the year on Sunday, December 15 with our Christmas party, watch your emails for more information and updates!

- **Man in the Mirror** men’s bible study is starting a new book study tomorrow, **November 18**, and invites all men to join them in the Fellowship Hall at 7am to begin this book study on *Faith, Hope and Luck: Discover What You can Expect from God* by Andy Stanley.

- **Parents Time Out** – Final one for the year. Next Saturday, **November 23** from 11am–2pm. A great time to get ready for Thanksgiving or some early Christmas shopping! Our nursery will be available for infants - 1<sup>st</sup> grade, just let us know if you are coming. Contact Andrea Campbell by Wednesday, November 20, to reserve a spot for your kids. (andreamarie6368@gmail.com) We ask for \$10 per child to cover the cost of lunch and supplies.

- **PEP! - November PEP! Event** - Thursday, **November 21** at 6:30 p.m. in the FMC Gym. Our guest speakers are Mark and Renee Fleming (who we met on our PEP! Niagara Falls trip) on God’s Will for Our Lives. Catered dinner by The Peanut Man will be served. Cost is \$15 per person. Sign up and deadline for payment will be in Sunday School classes and are due by this Sunday, November 17. Also, Faye Bailey will be providing a preview of our exciting excursions for 2025. You won’t want to miss this. If you have any questions about our PEP! events, or to get involved, please contact Phyllis Plyler at phyllisplyler@gmail.com.

- **Hikepaths** - November 2024 Hike - This month’s hike will be about 5.4 miles on scenic trails in Laurens County along sections of the Enoree River. Difficulty- moderate, hilly terrain with a few short steep climbs, nothing we have not seen before. Bring the usual water, snacks and some dollars for bus fuel. Lunch will be after the hike. Meet at the bus parking lot at 8:00 am, Thursday, **November 21**.

\* 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** will meet Tuesday, **December 10** at the Lakeview Retirement Home at 2134 N. Lake Drive, Columbia following the Wilson Circle’s luncheon at 11:30 a.m. We will be discussing *The 13th Gift: A True Story of a Christmas Miracle* by Joanne Huist Smith. While this book is not on the UWF approved Reading List, it was chosen because of its Christmas theme. There are copies of the book at both the Lexington and Richland Public Libraries. If you are attending the Book Club meeting, you are invited to attend the luncheon as well. The cost is \$12 cash to be paid upon arrival. Please contact Harriet Simpson at 803-530-5060 by Sunday, December 8 if you plan to attend the luncheon and the Book Club meeting. If you are not attending the luncheon, plan to join the group in the lobby about 12:45 p.m.

- **The 2025 Church Altar Flower Charts** is available for sign-up in the Narthex. Two arrangements will be available each week throughout the year. NEW costs will be \$58 each, payable to the church office no later than the date selected. Arrangements may be dedicated in memory of or in honor of a group or loved one and may be picked up following the 9:00 worship service or they may be donated to Union’s Homebound Ministry, You will be contacted a few weeks prior to the date you select requesting the dedication wording as you would like it to appear in the bulletin. Thank you for considering this ministry. If you have questions, please contact Connie Warren at 803-315-7512.

- **Looking to get involved in Sunday School?** Come be part of The Village Class! This new class taught by Rev. Rett Haselden meets in The Wesley Center gym at 10:15am. We are currently studying scriptures from some familiar children’s Bible stories. If you’re a young adult, newly married, new parent, new to Union or simply new to trying Sunday school - come join us. Contact Lollie Haselden with questions or interest at LPHaselden@gmail.com.

**Important 2024 Year End Giving Reminders**

- All contributions for 2024 must be received by Tuesday, December 31 to be recorded on your 2024 giving statement. If you are mailing a year-end contribution, please be sure to mail it in time that we receive it prior to December 31st. Any contributions received after December 31, will be included on your 2025 giving statement.
- If you are considering a stock gift for 2024, please consider starting the process now. It can take a week or more for these transactions to be processed by the brokerages. If you are making a stock gift, please make sure you use our correct account at Fidelity to receive the gift. Laura in the finance office can provide this information to you. Also, please let Laura know that a gift is being sent so that we can be sure to credit it to the correct donor.
- If your address has changed during 2024, please make sure the church has your correct address as we prepare to mail your year-end giving statements.
- All expense reimbursements that relate to 2024 should be turned into the church office by December 31st. Any reimbursements requests related to 2024 received after December 31st may be applied to the 2025 budget rather than the 2024 budget.

- **Building Bethlehem** - Many people will be needed to help construct our backyard Bethlehem. Construction will take place on all the weekends in November. Dates and times are listed below. We will need trucks, small trailers, and ladders if you have them. No special skills needed, just a willingness to help.

- Sunday, **November 24** - 1-5 p.m. - A light work day and weather make up day for set builders in Bethlehem.

We will also be hosting Christmas cookie baking in the FMC kitchen from 1-5 p.m. Our goal is to make Christmas cookies and hot chocolate for community members driving through on the bus on the night of the performance. Bring one ingredient butter, sugar, or powder sugar and some Christmas cheer. Make a dozen for TLCS and take a dozen to share. All ages, mothers, daughters, and those who love to bake come fellowship, bake, and frost with us!

- Sunday, **December 1** - 1-5 p.m. - The “tech week” as they say in theater. All final details go out. Props, burlap, pine straw, and final building needs. Be on the look out for your casting assignments and final adjustments.

- **TLCS Performance - December 6-8** - Don’t forget to share our invite with friends and family!

- **HELP NEEDED!** We need YOU to sign up to help with THE LIVING CHRISTMAS STORY FOR THE DAY SCHOOL! It will be Friday morning, **December 6**. We need you at the church by 8:30 a.m. to get into costume. It will be until about 10:30 a.m., possibly earlier. Please contact either Phyllis Plyler at phyllisplyler@gmail.com or Debbie Goodman at debaloo1@aol.com.

- **The Living Christmas Story Flyers & Posters are now available!** - Please stop by the narthex and grab a handful of posters to place and share everywhere you can think of. This is our 30th year of bringing Bethlehem to Irmo, and we need your help to get the word out! Be sure to add it to your own calendar as well, either by signing up to play a role, or by driving through. Bethlehem comes to life **December 6-8**, from 6:30-9 p.m.

- **Family Advent Nights!** Mark your calendars for Wednesday, **December 11 & 18** for suppers together followed by crafts or games. We know this is a busy time of year when families are pulled in all directions. Let’s take an hour to just be together, as individual families and as a church family. Supper sign ups will be in the bulletin. Be sure to mark if your family will stay after for the activity together. We want to make sure we have enough supplies.

- **The Living Nativity** will be presented by the Union Praise Band on Sunday, **December 22**, at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a service with songs and children participating in the story of Jesus’ birth. We are looking for children ages 4-18 to participate. There are no speaking parts, you just need to be willing to participate. If your child or youth is interested, please fill out the form on our website, scan the QR code on the right, or by reaching out to Michelle at mgcochcroft@gmail.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.

Share with:

Pastors

Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

Name (optional)