

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@Unionlrmo.org. Share with:

- Pastors
- Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

Name (optional)

GIFTS

2024 Budget - Weekly Goal \$36,118

Week 45, Ending 11/10/2024

Budget Contribution	49,370.00
Building Fund Contribution	11,915.00

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

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

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.

Check out our calendar at
Unionlrmo.org
for a complete listing of events,
services, & activities!

PRESENCE

<u>Worship Update</u>	<u>Nov. 10</u>
Worship:	440
On-line views:	128
Sunday School:	377

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KNOW Christ,

SHARE Faith,

SHOW Grace

26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024

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“The Sacred Art of Talking Back”

Welcome

Music

Announcements

Ministry Moment: Leisure Ministries

First Scripture: Psalm 130

Music & Offertory

Prayer

Children’s Church Dismissal

Friendly Reminder: Children ages 3yrs-Kindergarten only

Children’s Church takes place in F222 just outside the Sanctuary. Children are to be picked up from this location following the service.

Second Scripture: Matthew 15: 21-28

Sermon: “The Sacred Art of Talking Back”

Rev. Faye Jones

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 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 4th & 5th graders will join us from 4-5:15pm today, **November 17** and next Sunday the 24th! We will be helping pack snack bags for the holidays on the 24th, 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 - 1st 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**.



- 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 31st 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 soon!

- 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 above, or by reaching out to Michelle at mgcochcroft@gmail.com.



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:

