



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 25

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

Rev. Faye Jones, Associate Pastor

Faye@unionirmo.org

Rev. David Anderson, Minister of Visitation

David@unionirmo.org

Rev. Rett Haselden, Conference Benefits Officer

Rev. Dick Holliday, Retired Pastor

Rev. Paul Van Dine, Retired Pastor

Rev. Eric Shepard, 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 Nedbalek,

Director of Communications and Promotions

Leslie Kulp, Day School Director

Laura Mars, Finance Director

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

GIFTS

2024 Budget - Weekly Goal \$36,118.00

Week 47, Ending 11/24/2024

Budget Contribution 32,018.00
Building Fund Contribution 9,273.00

Weekly Schedule

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

Sunday, December 1

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
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
5:00 PM Christian Believer Disciple Bible Study F 227
6:00 PM Disciple 3 Bible Study LL 14

Monday, December 2

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
6:00 PM Church Staff Christmas Supper LL Fellowship Hall
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 9th & 10th gr. Boys Basketball Practice WC Gym
7:00 PM AA EB 211 - 213

Tuesday, December 3

All Day Joy Class Event Off Premises
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
5:45 PM Total Body Workout Class WC Gym
6:00 PM Pickleball-Open Play- Members & Guests FMC Gym
6:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting LL 11
6:30 PM GriefShare LL 3
6:30 PM UWF Board Meeting LL 14

Wednesday, December 4

All Day TLCS Set-Up FMC Gym
6:00 AM Iron Men Bible Study FMC MultiPurpose
6:30 PM Middle School Girls Basketball Practice WC Gym
6:30 PM Youth Leaps Rehearsal Sanctuary
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal LL 10

Thursday, December 5

All Day TLCS Set-Up FMC Gym
12:30 PM WOW Bible Study LL 11
6:30 PM 11th & 12th gr. Boys Basketball Practice WC Gym
6:30 PM Leona Hydrick Circle Off Premises
7:00 PM Praise Band Practice Chapel

Friday, December 6

All Day TLCS Set-Up FMC Gym
9:00 AM PEP! LL Fellowship Hall
9:15 AM Day School TLCS Walk-Thru Back Parking Lot
6:30 PM The Living Christmas Story Back Parking Lot

Saturday, December 7

All Day TLCS Set-Up FMC Gym
6:30 PM The Living Christmas Story Back Parking Lot

Sunday, December 8

All Day TLCS Set-Up FMC Gym
9:00 AM Lessons & Carols Sanctuary
10:00 AM Sunday School & Confirmation EB 202
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service Chapel
1:00 PM Music Student Recital Chapel
3:15 PM Junior Leaps Rehearsal Sanctuary
4:00 PM Adult Leaps Rehearsal Sanctuary
4:00 PM Disciple 3 Bible Study LL 14
5:00 PM Christian Believer Disciple Bible Study F 227
6:00 PM Disciple 3 Bible Study LL 14
6:30 PM The Living Christmas Story Back Parking Lot

UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7582 Woodrow Street
P.O. Box 705 Irmo, SC 29063
803.781.3013

www.UnionIrmo.org



UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace
First Sunday of Advent

Jesus,
our Meek &
Mighty King



December 1, 2024
www.UnionIrmo.org

"The Divine Reality Show"

Luke 3: 1-6

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

arr. Mark Kellner

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH #213

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

UMH #880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Lighting the Candle of Hope

"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth." Psalm 96: 11-13

We light this candle of Hope, awaiting the arrival of the King over all creation.

All: Let Heaven and Nature praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Yet we confess that we have taken for granted your mercy and turned aside to selfish tasks. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins; that we may know your forgiveness and greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Reese Katherine Schlachter

UMH 39

Creasie and Caleb Schlachter, parents
Dennis & Sabrina Schlachter and Carroll & Lynn Powell, grandparents
Creasie is also joining today by profession of faith.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

God Claims You

TFWS 2249 (v.1)

Reese, Reese, God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.
We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.
Reese, Reese, God claims you,
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

PRESENCE

Worship Update	Nov. 24
Worship:	463
On-line views:	184
Sunday School:	321

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

UMH 44

Leader: Do you as a congregation accept the responsibility of assisting these parents in fulfillment of the baptismal vows, and do you undertake to provide facilities and opportunities for Christian nurture and fellowship?

People: We will, by the grace of God.

KID'S TALK: Chrismons

Suzy Broadus

OFFERTORY

The Gift of Grace

arr. Sean Paul

Jesus was born on Christmas morn; God's own begotten Son.
That night His cry would fill the sky, foretelling His death to come.

My sin was laid upon the Babe, born on that Christmas Day.
Though sinless, He would die for me; God's Lamb for sinners slain.

Dead in the grave, our souls to save.
Fear not! He rose again! All heaven rings!
We join and sing to Jesus, the Gift of grace!

Come let us sing to Christ the King, born on that Christmas Day.

*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: Luke 3: 1-6

Pew Bible p. 934-5

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Divine Reality Show"

Rev. Stephen Taylor

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christ invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with one another. To receive the elements come forward as the ushers direct you. Once you are served, you may pray at the altar, or return to your pew.

Gluten Free Station is set up to the far left of the Sanctuary

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ADVENT

Pastor: Friends, Come and see what the Lord has done! (Psalm 66:5a)

Congregation: We give Praise to you, O God!

Pastor: Rejoice, for the presence of the Lord is among us!

Congregation: We give Praise to you, O God!

Pastor: Holy, Triune God, with angels and archangels, with beings in heaven and all creatures on earth, with all who have ever sung this hymn of praise:

Congregation: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

The Pastor continues ... complete what you have begun, and now feed us to continue.

Congregation: We know your promise, and we rejoice. Feed us, O God.

The Pastor continues ... on these gifts of bread and wine, and on us.

Congregation: Come, Holy Spirit.

The Pastor completes the Thanksgiving. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION MUSIC:

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

Joseph Martin
Joseph Martin

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

UMH #430

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Swiss Noel, with Variations

Claude Daquin

* 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

WORSHIP TODAY

The lovely flowers are given:

"Blessings this 2024 Advent Season with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love." - By Roy and Ann Copelan

"Thankful for my many Blessings including family, UUMC family and friends in Choir, Joy SS Class, UWF, Wilson circle, UR, WOW and Book Clubs!"
- By Becky Dixon

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

Crucifer – Daniel Leuthner Barrineau

Acolyte – Jonathan Nash

Advent Readers – Roy & Ann Copelan

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Chancel Choir; Joey Rothfuss, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DECEMBER 1, 2024

- **Annual Chrismons for our children!** Today, during both worship services, we will be giving a Chrismon ornament to our children during Kids Talk. Thank you to the Banner Babes for making these for our children to hang on their Christmas trees at home. What a wonderful gift to help remind our kids who we celebrate.

- **Building Bethlehem - Final Construction!** - Today, December 1 - 1-5 p.m. - The "tech week" as they say in theater. All final details go out and EVERYTHING comes together! Props, burlap, pine straw, and final building needs. Help us finish bringing our backyard Bethlehem to life!

- **SonZone** – We're off this week for Thanksgiving and next week for TLCS. So enjoy your time with family! We finish out the year on Sunday, **December 15** with our Christmas party from 4-6pm. We will have games, craft and pizza dinner. Kids are asked to bring a wrapped ornament to share in our exchange.

- **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 phyllisplyer@gmail.com or Debbie Goodman at debaloo1@aol.com.

- **The Living Christmas Story Flyers & Posters are 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.

- **The January newsletter deadline** is Wednesday, **December 4**. This is earlier than normal because of where Christmas falls! 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.



- 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.

- **Youth of Union Christmas Party**- Join us on Sunday, **December 15**, from 5-7pm for our annual Christmas Party in the FMC Gym! We will have ornament painting, Christmas card making, a gingerbread house competition, and our small group gift exchange! Gift limit is \$10 and no gag gifts. You do not want to miss out on this!

- **Youth of Union High School Ski Trip** - Jan. 17-20 - Join us for an amazing weekend of fun, fellowship and skiing (if you choose)! We'll be staying at The Resort at Glade Springs (check it out at www.gladesprings.com), and skiing at Winterplace Ski Resort! For those who don't wish to ski, Glade Springs offers indoor swimming, bowling, arcade, etc. There's something for everyone! Limited spots available! Register now using the QR code on the right.



- **Youth of Union - Revolution** - Jan. 24-26 - Join us for Rev25! Our theme this year is Belong and calls on the passage from Ephesians 2:13. We will lock in at Union for the ENTIRE weekend and head downtown to the Township Auditorium for Worship sessions! The music this year will be led by the D.R.E.A.M. choir from Claflin University and Stephanie Hand will be bringing the word! You do NOT want to miss out on this incredible weekend! Deadline to register with a t-shirt is December 28!!! You can still register after this date, but a t-shirt will NOT be included. They will be available for purchase at the Township that weekend. Sign up by January 15 using the QR code on the left. Contact Eleanor at eleanor@unionirmo.org if financial assistance is needed.

- **2025 Calendar Note** - Room reservations do not automatically roll over to 2025. Please contact Susan in the church office to ensure that your group (Circle, Bible Study, Committee meetings, etc) are scheduled into the new year. (susan@unionirmo.org)

Be sure to check out our insert this week to see Union's Advent activities for you and your family to enjoy throughout this Christmas season!

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)