

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 47, Ending 11/24/2024

Budget Contribution	32,018.00
Building Fund Contribution	9,273.00

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

As of November 26

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

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

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KNOW Christ,

SHARE Faith,

SHOW Grace

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

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“The Divine Reality Show”

Welcome

Music

Announcements

Ministry Moment: Chrismons for Kids

Advent Reading: Lighting the Candle of Hope

Music & Offertory

Prayer

Second Scripture: Luke 3: 1-6

Sermon: “The Divine Reality Show”

Rev. Stephen Taylor

Communion

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

Benediction

Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 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.



- **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!

Sermon Notes "The Divine Reality Show"

Luke 3: 1-6



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:

