

Upcoming Events

**December 15 -
Third Sunday in Advent**
9 a.m. - Traditional worship
11 a.m. - Contemporary worship



Love



**December 22 -
Fourth Sunday in Advent**
9 a.m. - Traditional worship
11 a.m. - Contemporary worship



Advent
Wednesdays
at Union

5:15-6:15 p.m. in the FMC Gym
RSVP by the Sunday prior at 5 p.m.
Sign up available online as well

Supper Sign Up

December 11 -
Soup & Sandwiches

December 18 -
Ham, green beans, mac & cheese

the Living Nativity

DECEMBER 22, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Union United Methodist Church
Irmo, SC



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Presented
by Union's
Praise
Band



This is a service with music & children participating in the story of Jesus' birth.
Your child (4-18 y.o.) is invited to participate!

Christmas Eve Services

4pm - Contemporary
Candlelight Worship
7pm - Traditional
Candlelight Worship



Special Christmas Gift

Please circle one:

In honor of In memory of

Please include name or other details in the space below and include this in your envelope.

GIFTS

2024 Budget - Weekly Goal \$36,118

Week 48, Ending 12/1/2024

Budget Contribution	34,992.00
Building Fund Contribution	6,828.00

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

PRESENCE

Worship Update	Dec. 1
Worship:	449
On-line views:	131
Sunday School:	347

UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Activity Sign Up

Whether you're a family of one or ten,
we would love for you to stay after dinner
for our Advent activity!

Please check which activities you will be
staying for so we can make sure to have
enough materials for everyone!

December 11 -
Making cinnamon ornaments

December 18 -
Bingo with a Christmas twist

Cost: \$7.00 per person

Family max: \$28.00

***Pay at the door (exact cash please)**

Name:

Total Number Attending:
(Adults & Children)

ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 8, 2024

Christmas Special Donations for "Stephen's House" as part of Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry for 2024

Christmas "Memorial Donations" are being accepted thru **December 15**. The names will run in the December 22 bulletin. These donations can be dedicated "In honor of" and/or "In memory of" and can be any amount. See the reverse side of this insert for more space to write your memorial or honorarium message. Please include this in the envelope with your donation. Be sure to denote on your check and envelope: UUMC Christmas Special Donation. The recipient of these monies will be "Stephen's House" as part of Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry, a ministry that provides Christian homes for special needs adults. Thank you for your loving gifts as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. - Traditional Worship Team



- 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 this 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.

- **SonZone!** - All 4th and 5th graders, join us next Sunday, **December 15**, for our Christmas party from 4-6pm. We will have games, crafts and pizza dinner. Kids are asked to bring a wrapped ornament to share in our exchange.

- **Youth of Union Christmas Party**- Join us next 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!

- **UUMC Mission Video Recap** - At both services on **December 29**, we are sharing a video recapping all the missions our Union Church is involved with, and we need your help! Please share with us 1-2 pictures of each mission project, event, etc. that you, your Sunday School class, women's circle or men's group has been involved with throughout 2024. Send photos (with brief description and timeframe of the event) to UnionAV7582@gmail.com by next Sunday, December 15 so we can compile your pictures to share with our congregation. Thank you!



- **Kids Night Out!** - Saturday, **January 4**, our Children's Team is hosting a Kid's Night Out for our children, infant through 5th grade. From 3-6pm we will have games, crafts, a movie and dinner. Let us know if your children will be joining us by filling out the google form for each child. Use the QR code on the left to fill out the registration form. We will meet in the FMC gym please come in the Tower Doors off the back parking lot.

- **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 Dec. 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)

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS - As of December 4

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathy to the following families on the loss of their loved one

Marian McEwen Hutchison
August 23, 1926 - November 25, 2024

Alvin Eugene "Al" Gibson
May 28, 1942 - December 2, 2024

David and Ann Schwartz in the loss of David's father, **Edward Schwartz**.

ROSEBUD

(in celebration of the birth of)

Bodie Cruz Good was born on November 11. He was born to Melissa and David Good. His siblings are Greyson and Palmer. Bodie's grandparents are Randall and Elaine Stansell, and Mechelle Rozema.