

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...

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

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES:

As of January 16

Llewellyn Hames, Prisma Health Richland

IN MEMORIAM

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

Major Gerald "Jerry" McCullough Washabau
May 27, 1957 - January 10, 2025

Orris Franklin Bickley, Jr.
September 18, 1933 - January 14, 2025

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

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Suzy Broadus,

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Ned Calvert, Facilities Manager

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Director of Youth and Leisure Ministries

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Coordinator Of Contemporary Worship

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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, Assistant 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

Name (optional)

PRESENCE

Worship Update	Jan. 12
Worship:	630
On-line views:	167
Sunday School:	387

GIFTS

2024 Budget - Weekly Goal \$36,118.00

Week 2, Ending 1/12/2025

Budget Contribution	26,028.00
Building Fund Contribution	6,358.00

Weekly Schedule

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

Sunday, January 19		
All Day	Youth High School Retreat	Off Premises
8:00 AM	BBQ Tickets Presale	Narthex
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation	
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	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
4:00 PM	Disciple 3	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
Monday, January 20		
All Day	Church Office Closed	
All Day	Day School Closed	
Until 6PM	Youth High School Retreat	Off Premises
7:00 AM	Man in the Mirror	Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM	Birdge Card Group	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Needlers	LL 5
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, January 21		
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
1:30 PM	Day School Meeting	F 223
5:30 PM	Joy Class Men's Meal & Fellowship	Off Premises
6:00 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	LL 13
6:00 PM	Pickleball- Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	TLCs Committee Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 22		
9:00 AM	Pickleball Reservation	FMC Gym
11:00 AM	Funeral & Reception for Jerry Washabau	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Safety & Security Team Meeting	LL 14
6:15 PM	Handbells Rehearsal	Narthex
6:30 PM	Middle School Girls Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
7:00 PM	High School Girls Basketball Practice	WC Gym
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	LL 10
Thursday, January 23		
12:30 PM	PEP - Estate Planning	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Engage Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	11th & 12th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	WC Gym
6:30 PM	4th & 5th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
7:00 PM	Domestic Abuse Meeting	EB 211-213
Friday, January 24		
10:00 AM	Pickleball- Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym
4:00 PM	Youth- Revolution	Off Premises
Saturday, January 25		
All Day	Youth- Revolution	Off Premises
Sunday, January 26		
All Day	Youth- Revolution	Off Premises
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation	
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KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025
www.UnionIrmo.org

"Living into Hope & Healing - There's More" 1 John 3: 1-3

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

If You But Trust In God
Mary Bonnett Chancel Chimers

arr. Kevin McChesney

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us

UMH #100

*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: Isaiah 62: 1-6

Pew Bible p. 678-9

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER: (from "Prayers" by Martin Luther King, Jr., 1953)

O Loving Father, from your hand have come all the days of the past. To you we look for whatever good the future holds. We are not satisfied with the world as we have it, for there is too little of your kingdom. We look for the new earth which dwells in righteousness and comes from you. We pray that we may be children of light, the kind of people who reflect the love of Christ, and for whose ministry the world longs. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Mark Hayes

*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: 1 John 3: 1-3

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

Pew Bible p. 1111

SERMON

"Living into Hope & Healing - There's More"

Rev. Stephen Taylor

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF RESPONSE	The Summons	TFWS# 2130
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	Grace to You	
*POSTLUDE	Fanfare of Praise	Gilbert Martin

WORSHIP TODAY

The lovely flowers are given:

“Happiest of birthdays to our sunshine, Anna Rogers Haile. She is a gift from the Lord, and we are so thankful!”
- Morgan and Joyce Stokely

“To the Glory of God and in memory of Larry Midkiff as we celebrate his birthday today.”
- Sandy Midkiff

Acolyte – Kate Wheeler
Lay Reader – Libby Tucker

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Chancel Choir; Joey Rothfuss, organist;
Mary Bonnett Chancel Chimers

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: JANUARY 19, 2025

- **The church office** will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 20, 2025.

- **PEP! Luncheon - January 23 - DEADLINE IS TODAY January 19, 2025.** The catered meal is \$15.00, signup sheets and payment envelopes were given to the Sunday School classrooms for the PEP! Luncheon. Make checks payable to Union United Methodist Church memo note PEP! The event will be in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 PM.

Are your “ducks in a row”? Estate planning is not just a one-time event but an ongoing process that evolves with the stages of life. Whether you're building a future as a Young Family, supporting loved ones as an Adult Child, preparing for Retirement, or navigating Mental or Physical Decline, having the right strategies in place is essential.

Join us as Thomas Hughes, Associate Attorney at Lawyer Lisa, shares valuable insights into Elder Law. Learn the key strategies you need for each phase of life and how to adapt your plans as you transition. Remember, what you don't know *could* hurt you—don't miss this important presentation! If you have questions, please contact Faye Bailey fayebailey424@gmail.com or 803-331-4349.

- **Yoga Class Begins January 27** - Leisure Ministries Team is sponsoring a new weekly Yoga Class beginning on Monday, January 27, 6-7 pm. Class will take place in the Underground Room in the Education Building. Use side entrance near courtyard. No Yoga experience is necessary. Please bring a Yoga mat, water bottle and \$10 for the instructor. The instructor for this class is Shelley Owen, who attends Union and is an experienced, certified Yoga instructor. No advance sign up is needed. Please join us! For more information see Eleanor Cannon or Shelley Owen.

- **Souper Bowl of Caring** will be celebrated on Sunday, February 9 (Super Bowl Sunday). Youth of Union will be collecting monetary donations in “Souper Bowl” pots for Sharing God’s Love. Bring your extra change for Sharing God’s Love!

- **Union Basketball Banquet** will be held on Sunday, February 23 at 3:00pm in the FMC Gym. All 2024-2025 season players, coaches and parents are invited to attend.

- Our Leisure team is holding a **Pickleball Tournament!** - **March 1, 2025** in the FMC Gym. Mixed Doubles - All Skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$40 per player and donations accepted from spectators. All Proceeds Benefit Union’s Snack Pack Program. Register today on Union’s Team Reach app or contact Amy Conley at 803.397.2428

- **Middle School Winter Retreat** will be held on **March 14-16** at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simon’s Island, GA. Registration will open on February 1. Cost will be \$200 and will be all inclusive. Financial Aid is available, if needed. Contact Eleanor Cannon for more information.

- **Youth of Union need your help!** We’re looking for Sunday Morning Youth Discipleship leaders to lead our Youth classes on Sunday mornings. You will be put on a teaching rotation and teach either middle or high schoolers once a month. We are currently working on a discussion-based study series that is taking us throughout the Bible – each session is mapped out for you with discussion questions (and answers) – it’s very simple to lead by! For more information or if you are interested, please contact Thomas Walsh at thomas@unionirmo.org.

* 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

- **Special Announcement from SPRC:** Ned Calvert has decided to retire as of January 31, 2025. We thank him for the work that he has done to keep our facilities running smoothly and available for our members and community so that we can continue the many missions and the work of the church. We will begin a search for a new Facilities Manager immediately. If you know of anyone that is well-suited for this part-time position (25 hours per week), please refer them to Susan Vinson, Church Administrator, or Libby Tucker, incoming Chair of SPRC for 2025.

- **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.

- **Spiritual Formation Covenant Group** - Spiritual formation is a lifelong process of deepening one’s relationship with God and becoming more Christ-like. We will cover: the process, aligning with the image of Christ, the scope and impact of our lives, spirituality, pilgrimage, spiritual disciplines and companions on the way.

This program will be divided into four sessions during 2025. The first session will be offered: (choose which works better for you, days or evenings) **Tuesdays** - February 11, 18, 25 and March 4. 10:00-noon OR **Thursdays** - February 6, 13, 20, 27. 6:00 – 8:00pm

The book, *Invitation to a Journey, A Road Map for Spiritual Formation* by M. Robert Mulholland, Jr. will be used throughout. This book is available from a variety of sellers including Amazon and Thriftbooks. All participants should acquire their own copy. The book and a notebook will be needed for each class. The program will be facilitated by Susan Harrison. To register: susanharrison@me.com or text 704-657-6918 or by scanning the QR code on the right. Direct any questions to Susan. Room location will be announced closer to the start of the program.



LAKE MURRAY HISTORY TOUR
WELCOME UNION UNITED METHODIST
SATURDAY 12-2 PM
\$35 ADULT / \$30 CHILDREN

Spirit of Lake Murray
Saturday History Bunch Cruise
■ Saturday, February 22, 2025 12:00 PM

Saturday 2 Hour History Cruise! 12-2pm. Brunch Menu available for purchase during the cruise. Boat opens at 11am for seating.

Reservations are required and must be completed online (spiritoflakemurray.com). If anyone needs help with booking their reservation, please contact Faye Bailey for assistance. Book now as this is on a first come basis.

We will meet in Ballentine at the Spirit of Lake Murray, 216 Shadowood Drive, Irmo, SC 29063.

HOLY SMOKES
PATHFINDERS BARBECUE

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY GRAB & GO BBQ FUNDRAISER

Support the Pathfinders Sunday School Class
Funds raised assist local missions

Pre-order in Narthex Jan. 12 & 19 or in Adult Sunday School Classes Jan. 12-Feb. 2	\$15 per lb. OR \$60 for 5 lbs. (packaged in 5-1 lb. tubs)	Pre-orders only Pick up Wesley Center Porch February 9 10:00 am-12:15 pm
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*cash or check made payable to Pathfinders Class or Venmo: @jenni-farmer-1
Paypal: jennifarmer0228@yahoo.com

You can pre-order in the narthex today, Jan. 19, use the order form on the right, or sign up in your Adult Sunday School class through Feb. 2

Pathfinders Super Bowl BBQ Order Form:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Number of pounds of pulled pork you would like to order:
(\$15/lb or \$60 for 5 lbs.)

Payment Type: (please circle one)

Cash

Check (made out to Pathfinders Class)

Venmo: @jenni-farmer-1

Paypal: jennifarmer0228@yahoo.com

Please put your order form and payment, where applicable, in the offering plate.
Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!