

Union is partnering with Rev. Luke Rhyee, MD, and Healing Guatemala to bring sight to the blind through their Cataract Camps



YESENIA
Yesenia is 21 years old. She was born with congenital cataracts, which left her completely blind at 5 y.o. Yesenia lived blind for 16 years until she got cataract surgeries in both of her eyes at Bethesda Cataract Camp in October 2024.



Bethesda Hospital has held several Cataract Camps, where doctors spend a week at the clinic performing as many as 80 cataract surgeries. Such surgeries are far beyond the financial abilities of the majority of people in the area. Healing Guatemala charges each person \$50, and depends on donations to cover the remaining \$250 of the cost of each surgery.

Members and families can "adopt" a doll figure that represents the person to whom they will give sight. The goal is to raise funds during February and on Transfiguration Sunday, March 2, celebrate God's grace that allows us to directly be a part of Jesus' mission to give sight to the blind.

Check the narthex for more dolls and more information and how you can get involved and Give Sight as we continue the mission of Christ!

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

**CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES:
As of February 13**

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.

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PRESENCE

Worship Update	Feb. 9
Worship:	405
On-line views:	159
Sunday School:	384

UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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GIFTS

2025 Budget - Weekly Goal \$35,712

Week 6, Ending 2/9/2025

Budget Contribution	33,277.00
Building Fund Contribution	6,249.00
Souper Bowl Offering	1,192.49

Weekly Schedule

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

Sunday, February 16

8:00 AM	Pancake Supper Ticket Sales	Narthex table
8:00 AM	Grits, Grace & Gratitude Sign Up	Narthex table
8:30 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive Sign Up	Narthex table
9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-up	Chapel
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:15 PM	Junior Leaps Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Adult Leaps Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Disciple 3	LL 14
5:00 PM	Christian Believer Disciple Bible Study	F 227
5:00 PM	Youth - ANIKO	FMC Gym
6:00 PM	Disciple 3 Bible Study	LL 14

Monday, February 17

All Day	Day School Closed - President's Day	
All Day	Church Office Closed - President's Day	
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, February 18

9:00 AM	Banner Babes	LL 11
9:30 AM	Church Staff Meeting	F 223
10:00 AM	Pickleball- Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym
10:00 AM	Spiritual Formation Covenant Group Mtg	Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM	Upper Room Bible Study	LL 14
5:45 PM	Total Body Workout	WC Gym
6:00 PM	Pickleball- Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym
6:00 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	LL 13

Wednesday, February 19

6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	MultiPurpose Room
9:00 AM	Pickleball Reservation	FMC Gym
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, February 20

8:00 AM	Hikeopaths	Off Premises
6:00 PM	Engage Team Meeting	LL 14
6:00 PM	Spiritual Formation Covenant Group	LL 11
6:30 PM	11th & 12th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	WC Gym
6:30 PM	4th & 5th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
6:30 PM	Day School Committee Meeting	EB 203-204
7:00 PM	Domestic Abuse Meeting	EB 211-213
7:00 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel

Friday, February 21

10:00 AM	Pickleball- Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym
6:00 PM	IF Conference "Friday Night Lights"	Chapel

Saturday, February 22

12:00 PM	PEP! Lake Murray History Cruise	Off Premises
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Sunday, February 23

8:00 AM	Pancake Supper Ticket Sales	Narthex table
8:00 AM	Grits, Grace & Gratitude Sign Up	Narthex table
8:30 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive Sign Up	Narthex table
9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-up	Chapel
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
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**UNION UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany



February 16, 2025

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Simon of Cyrene: "The Cross Bearer"
Mark 15: 21

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Mary Bonnett Chancel Chimers

arr. Barbara Kinyon

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

To God Be the Glory

UMH #98

***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.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

Lord, we thank you for believing in us. Every time we take one step, you take two. We ask for cloudless days; you beam down sunshine. We ask for mercy; you shower us with love. We ask for success; you crown us with victory. Your love is too great for us to understand. Double our faith; double our courage; double our praise! Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3: 11-13

Pew Bible p. 1111

MINISTRY MOMENT: Engage Team

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

He Never Failed Me Yet
Frieda Todd, soloist

Robert Ray

I will sing of God's mercy, every day, every hour, He gives me power. I will sing and give thanks to Thee, for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out. He is my God, and I'll serve Him, no matter what the test.

I know God is able to deliver in time of storm. I know that He'll keep you safe from all earthly harm. One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed.

Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh? And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you.

***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: Mark 15: 21**

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

Pew Bible p. 928

SERMON	Simon of Cyrene: "The Cross Bearer"	Rev. Faye Jones
PASTORAL PRAYER		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	I Want Jesus to Walk with Me	UMH #521
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	God Be With You	Thomas A. Dorsey
*POSTLUDE	Gigue from Suite in D	Jeremiah Clarke

WORSHIP TODAY

The lovely flowers are given:

"In loving memory of Clifton C. Adams, Sr. who was born 100 years ago on Feb. 17, 1925. We love and miss you every day, Daddy."
- Mary Hammond and family

"To the Glory of God and to celebrate Alexis Robinson's birthday on February 18."
- Russell, Claire, and Erin Robinson

Acolyte – Caleb Thompson
Lay Reader – Tim Livingston
Liturgist – Rev. David Anderson

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Mary Bonnett Chancel Chimers; Frieda Todd, soloist; Chancel Choir; Joey Rothfuss, organist

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: FEBRUARY 16, 2025

- **The Engage Team** is a group of Union members who greet members and visitors on Sunday mornings, special services, special events throughout the year, and who ensure UUMC is engaged in our community. If you would like to join our team, please contact Cindy Hall at hallcindy12@yahoo.com.

- **The church office will be closed** tomorrow, **February 17**, for Presidents Day.

- **Hikepaths** - Thursday, **February 20** - Visiting Cook's Mountain in the Wateree Wildlife Management Area near Eastover, SC. Access will be by a newly completed portion of the Palmetto Trail through the WMA. Round trip is about 6 miles. Cook's Mountain is a "breath-taking" 371 foot outcropping, one of the highest summits in Richland County. Meet at the Union bus shelter at 8am on Feb. 20. Bring water, snacks and a few dollars for bus fuel. Travel is about 1 hour. Lunch will be at Angels Diner. Return approx. 3:30pm.

- **PEP! - Lake Murray History Tour** - Saturday, **February 22**, 12-2pm. Brunch menu available for purchase during the cruise. Boat opens at 11am for seating. Hosted by PEP! 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.

- **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.

- **UMC101** - Rev. Taylor's introductory course on the United Methodist Church will be offered during the first four Sundays of March. Learn about our beliefs, our use of scripture, our history, view of baptism and Holy Communion and our ways of doing ministry. **March 2, 9, 16, and 23** in the Multipurpose Room (off the FMC gym) from 10:10 to 10:50 AM.

- **Middle School Winter Retreat** will be held on **March 14-16** at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simon's Island, GA. Registration is open! Scan the QR code to sign up today. Cost will be \$200 and will be all inclusive. Financial Aid is available, if needed. Contact Eleanor Cannon for more information.



- **Red Cross Blood Drive - March 16**, 8am-1pm - Be a part of the lifesaving cause and give blood with the American Red Cross at Union in our FMC Gym. To make an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "29063" in the "Find a Blood Drive" search box. Sponsored by the Heritage Circle.

* 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

- **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.

- **SUMMER MISSIONS TRIP** - Join us as we head up to Western North Carolina to assist in Hurricane Helene disaster cleanup and rebuilding. We depart Saturday **June 7** and return Thursday **June 12, 2025**. Cost is \$500 per person. Deposit of \$50 holds your spot. Register by scanning the QR code on the right. There is a hard registration deadline of May 5. This trip is for Middle School, High School and Adults! All adults are invited to join us, even if you don't typically work with Youth of Union ministries. Please note: every adult 18 and over will be required to be Safe Sanctuaries compliant. Financial assistance is available, if needed. Contact Eleanor Cannon for more information or for financial assistance.



Congregational Concerns

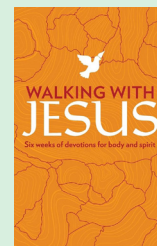
If you have a prayer concern, please write the information below and place it in the offering basket. You may also fill out the Prayer Request form on our website or you can email it to: Prayers@UnionIrm.org.

Share with:

- Pastors
- Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

WALKING WITH JESUS - 40 days of spiritual and physical wellness practices for Lent! If you're interested in joining this VIRTUAL support group for Lenten wellness, register here: <https://union.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2763114> or by scanning the QR code below.



We'll meet on Tuesday, **March 4** at 6:45pm for a meet and greet of our group and to receive devotion book journals. We'll discuss our goals for the 40 days, whether spiritual or physical (or both), and how we can be supportive of and pray for one another. We will keep connected via GroupMe and have bi-weekly check ins.

Cost for the book is \$12, or you can order one for yourself: Walking With Jesus: Six Weeks of Devotions for Body and Spirit. Contact Eleanor Cannon for more information! Eleanor@unionirmo.org



Join us for a **Pancake Supper** on Shrove Tuesday, **March 4** in our FMC Gym!

For more information on this event, please see the New Life Sunday School class or visit with them in the narthex for the next three Sundays.



Lenten Wednesday Suppers coming soon! Plan to join us on Wednesday evenings **March 12 - April 9** for dinner, fellowship and community in our FMC Gym. More details to come.

Name (optional)