

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

2025 Budget - Weekly Goal \$35,712

Week 6, Ending 2/9/2025

Budget Contribution	26,505.00
Building Fund Contribution	4,378.00
Souper Bowl Offering	1,192.00

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

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

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.

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

PRESENCE

<u>Worship Update</u>	<u>Feb. 9</u>
Worship:	405
On-line views:	159
Sunday School:	384

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KNOW Christ,
SHARE Faith,
SHOW Grace
6th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 16, 2025
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Simon of Cyrene: "The Cross Bearer"

Welcome

Music

Announcements

Ministry Moment: Engage Team

First Scripture: 1 John 3: 11-13

Music & Offertory

Prayer

Children's Church Dismissal

Friendly Reminder: Children ages 3yrs-Kindergarten only
Children's Church takes place in F222 just outside the Sanctuary
Children are to be picked up from this location following the service.

Second Scripture: Mark 15: 21

Simon of Cyrene: "The Cross Bearer"

Rev. Faye Jones

Prayers of the People

Music

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 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.

- **Hikeopaths** - 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.



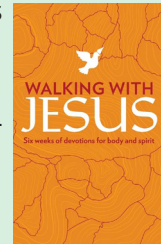
- **Red Cross Blood Drive - March 16**, 8am-1pm - Be a part of the lifesaving cause and give blood with the American Red Cross at Union in our FMC Gym. To make an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "29063" in the "Find a Blood Drive" search box. Sponsored by the Heritage Circle.

- **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.



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.



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.

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



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!