

## Congregational Concerns

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- Pastors  
 Prayer Team

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Name (optional)

## GIFTS

2025 Budget - Weekly Goal \$35,712

**Week 9, Ending 3/2/2025**

Budget Contribution	47,391.00
Building Fund Contribution	15,677.00

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

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As of March 5

*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  
UnionIrmo.org  
for a complete listing of events,  
services, & activities!

## PRESENCE

<u>Worship Update</u>	<u>Mar. 2</u>
Worship:	489
On-line views:	178
Sunday School:	398

### UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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KNOW Christ,  
SHARE Faith,  
SHOW Grace  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 2025  
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## “Improving Our Swag”

Welcome

Music

Announcements

Ministry Moment: Salkehatchie Summer Service

Junior Leaps

First Scripture: Philippians 2: 1-11

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: Colossians 3: 1-4, 12-15

“Improving Our Swag”

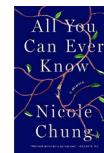
Rev. Stephen Taylor

Prayers of the People

Music

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for March 9, 2025



The next meeting of the **Wilson Circle Book Club** is on Tuesday, **March 11, 2025**, at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing the book, *All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir*, by Nicole Chung. It was named a Best Book of the Year by more than 20 outlets, including NPR, The Washington Post, and TIME Magazine. Nicole Chung was born premature, given up for adoption by her Korean parents, and adopted by white parents. She grew up in a small town and faced prejudice her adoptive parents couldn’t see. Chung tells of her search for her biological parents, which coincides with the birth of her own child.

There are two copies of the book in the UWF collection in the Church Library, one copy in the Lexington County Public Library, and one regular print and one large print in the Richland County Public Library. All are welcome to join us. If you have questions, please contact Harriet Simpson at 803-530-5060 or Becky Dixon at 803-361-5046.

- **The April newsletter deadline** is Wednesday, **March 12**. 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.

- **PEP! - Bingo & Board Games** - Wednesday, **March 12**, at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall! All are welcome!

- **Middle School Lock In!** Join us next Saturday, **March 15** for a fun night of shenanigans and fellowship! We'll go on some adventures and play some games, eat lots of snacks and have fun together! We will stay overnight at the church and go to worship/ discipleship together in the morning. Cost of \$50 covers all food and activities. Friends are welcome! Sign up today! <https://union.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2742919>



- **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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter "29063" in the "Find a Blood Drive" search box. Sponsored by the Heritage Circle.



- **It's Easter Egg Hunt time!** Will you help us fill some eggs for hunting? Starting **March 16** we will have empty plastic eggs available for filling with individually wrapped treats (candy or toys). We ask all eggs be returned no later than Sunday, April 6, in time for our hunt on April 12. Bins for pick up and return will be found in the narthex during those times. Thank you for your help!

- **Shoe Drive for Sharing God's Love** - The missions committee will be collecting new shoes for Sharing God's Love during Lent from **March 16 to April 13** in the narthex. Please take a shoe cut out of the tree and purchase a new pair of shoes for the size and gender listed on the paper. Bring your shoes back to the narthex under the tree once purchased by April 13 (Palm Sunday). We will take them to Sharing God's Love. Thanks for helping families in need.

- **New Member Sunday** - We're welcoming new members at both services on Sunday, **March 23**. If you're thinking about joining the Union family, this would be a perfect opportunity! Please get in contact with Erin at [Erin@unionirmo.org](mailto:Erin@unionirmo.org) about your desire to join.

- **PEP! March Event with our Youth - Stations of the Cross - March 23**, 5:00pm, in the FMC Gym - Join us for a meal and activity with our youth. Meal will be a baked potato bar, chili, salad and dessert. Cost is \$15 per person, and is due by March 16. Sign up sheets are in your Sunday School class boxes. The Stations of the Cross is a historic tradition that originated from the Via Dolorosa, a procession in Old Jerusalem that is believed to be the path that Jesus took from Gethsemane to the tomb. The Stations of the Cross made its way into churches around the world as a common way of participating in the suffering of Christ and as a way to reflect and contemplate the meaning of Good Friday. There will be 14 interactive stations, each with a different scripture and message to ponder. This activity will guide our hearts and minds toward Jesus as we prepare for Holy Week.

- **Day School Sunday** - Help us celebrate our Day School on Sunday, **March 30**, during both worship services. During the 10 a.m. hour we will have a drop-in in the Wesley Center, with light refreshments, come meet and greet our children and their families.

- **Interested in the book of Revelation?** Rev. Stephen Taylor will start teaching his 10-week study on the book of Revelation in the Journey Sunday School Class beginning on **March 30**. All who are interested are welcome to join. The Journey class is located in the Chapel.

- **A new circle, Llewellyn Hames Circle**, is being organized on **April 30** at 10:00 AM in the Commons Room of our church. Llewellyn Hames was involved in many aspects of leadership at Union and her life was a Christ like example. Our monthly circle meetings will begin at 10:00AM, the third Wednesday of each month, except our April organizational meeting due to the Easter holiday. All women presently not in a United Women in Faith circle are invited to come and learn about this new group. This circle will encourage our namesake's characteristics of a strong Christian faith, family, and service to others. If you have any questions, contact Ann Copelan at 803 606-2855 or email [ann.columbia52@gmail.com](mailto:ann.columbia52@gmail.com).

- **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.



- **Salkehatchie Summer Service**: Join us as we head to Lake Murray Salkehatchie from **July 12-19!** Youth must be at least 14 by the first day of camp to participate. Registration is open now! Cost is \$250 per person. Financial assistance is available - if needed, contact Eleanor Cannon at [eleanor@unionirmo.org](mailto:eleanor@unionirmo.org). 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. Sign up here or with the QR code (left): <https://union.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2770964>

- **Heads up!** - We're updating our church records! As we work through our membership database, we will be sending out queries to verify and update the information we have on hand. These emails will be coming from [Volunteer@UnionIrmO.org](mailto:Volunteer@UnionIrmO.org). Please give these requests your immediate attention. Thanks in advance for your response! If you have any questions please contact Susan in the church office.

- **New Staff Member!** - We extend a heartfelt welcome to Union's new Facilities Manager, Tim Alewine. Tim is from Pomaria, and brings to Union extensive experience in property management, including HVAC troubleshooting and repair. Tim also has a military background and is retired from the US Air Force and SC Air National Guard. Tim's office is in the church office area - #F214 and his phone extension is 101. Please stop by and say hello and welcome Tim to the Union family.



Living into Hope & Healing  
**Give Sight**  
As of Monday, March 3,  
we've received funding for  
**230** cataract surgeries!  
**Thank you Union!**

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