



**Mental Health for Families Event:**  
**Sunday, April 27, from 5-7pm**

We will have a family-centered mental health event directed at tending to the mental and emotional well being of the entire family. Dinner will be provided and we will have activities for the children/youth.

Kathy Wilbur, a Community Health initiatives Manager for Healthy Learners, will be providing our talk before we break out into discussion groups.

**As faithful stewards, we promise to support the Church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.**  
**CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES:**  
**As of April 10**

*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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**Jake Cosentino, Production Manager**  
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**Erin Schoolmeester, Administrative Assistant**  
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**Stacie Vandervelde, Day School Finance Director**  
**Susan Vinson, Church Administrator**  
**Thomas Walsh, Assistant Director of Youth Ministries**

PRESENCE	
Worship Update	April 6
Worship:	468
On-line views:	119
Sunday School:	345
Healing Service:	98

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**GIFTS**  
 2025 Budget - Weekly Goal \$35,712  
**Week 14, Ending 4/6/2025**  
 Budget Contribution 33,184.00  
 Building Fund Contribution 8,167.00

**Weekly Schedule**  
 For a complete listing of events for the month, please visit our website: [www.unionirmo.org](http://www.unionirmo.org)

Day	Time	Event	Location	
<b>Sunday, April 13</b>	9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-up	Chapel	
	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary	
	10:00 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation		
	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	
<b>Monday, April 14</b>	All Week	Day School Closed - Spring Break		
	7:00 AM	Man in the Mirror	LL Fellowship Hall	
	9:00 AM	Bridge Card Group	LL Fellowship Hall	
	9:30 AM	Needlers	LL 5	
	10:00 AM	Basketball Practice - Private Reservation	FMC Gym	
	11:00 AM	New Ventures Circle Meeting	LL 3	
	6:30 PM	Trustees Meeting	LL 14	
<b>Tuesday, April 15</b>	7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213	
	7:00 PM	Men's free-play basketball	FMC Gym	
	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	Upper Room Bible Study	LL 14	
	5:00 PM	Columbia District UWF Exec. Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall	
<b>Wednesday, April 16</b>	5:45 PM	Total Body Workout	FMC Gym	
	6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	MultiPurpose Room	
	9:00 AM	Pickleball Reservation	FMC Gym	
	5:00 PM	Girls AAU Basketball Practice	FMC Gym	
	6:00 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	LL 14	
	6:15 PM	Handbells Rehearsal	Narthenx	
	6:30 PM	Youth Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
<b>Thursday, April 17</b>	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	LL 10	
	8:00 AM	Hikepaths	Off Premises	
	6:00 PM	Pickleball- Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym	
	7:00 PM	Domestic Abuse Meeting	EB 211-213	
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary	
	7:00 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel	
	<b>Friday, April 18</b>	All Day	Church Office Closed - Good Friday	
10:00 AM		Pickleball- Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym	
1:00 PM		Traditional Worship Team- Sanctuary	Sanctuary	
5:00 PM		AAU Basketball Practice	FMC Gym	
<b>Saturday, April 19</b>		10:00 AM	Traditional Worship Team- Sanctuary	Sanctuary
		6:00 PM	Irmo Firefighters vs. Lexington EMS Basketball Game	FMC Gym
		<b>Sunday, April 20</b>	9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-up
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service		Sanctuary	
10:00 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation			
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service		Sanctuary	
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**UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace  
 PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025  
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**“How to Make Rocks Talk”**  
**Luke 19: 28-40**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *Processional* George Handel

**\*PALM PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna UMH #278

**KID’S TALK**

**\*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.

**CONGREGATONAL PRAYER:**

**God of Peace, just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use us to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us as we proclaim your reign of grace. In the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 118: 1, 2, 19-24** Pew Bible p. 554

**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** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* arr. David Lantz

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,	Fling wide the portals of your heart:
behold the King of glory waits;	Make it a temple, set apart from earthly use
the King of kings is drawing near;	for heaven’s employ,
the Savior of the world is here!	adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.
	Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee.
	Here Lord abide, let me thy inner presence feel;
	Thy grace and love in me reveal.

**\*Doxology:** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*SCRIPTURE: Luke 19: 28-40** Pew Bible p. 957

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

**SERMON** **“How to Make Rocks Talk”** Rev. Faye Jones

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

\***HYMN OF RESPONSE** All Glory, Laud, and Honor UMH #280

\***BENEDICTION**

\***CHORAL BENEDICTION** The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter C. Lutkin

\***POSTLUDE** Cantate Domino Stewart Landon

**WORSHIP TODAY**

**The lovely flowers are given:**

"To the Glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of Maria Anderson and Lily Anderson Catoe." - David Anderson

**Acolyte** – Reeves Barrineau  
**Lay Reader** – Jean Cooper

**MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS**  
Chancel Choir; Joey Rothfuss, organist

"To the Glory of God and in honor of our son, Parker Monroe Long's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday." - Brian, Celeste, Emma, and Hampton

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



**HOLY WEEK**

**Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 17**

**Worship** (Holy Communion)  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Easter - Sunday, April 20**

**Worship**  
**9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.**

The Union family is invited to bring real flowers Easter morning for the flowering of the cross outside the Sanctuary. This represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of his resurrection.

**Sunday School**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Nursery is provided for infant to three years old for all services.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: APRIL 13, 2025**

- **Shoe Drive for Sharing God's Love** - Thanks for taking the shoe cut outs off of the tree for Sharing God's Love. They are thrilled to have so many new shoes to share. Please bring your shoes back to the narthex under the tree once purchased by this Sunday (April 13). Thanks for helping families in need.

- **Only a few weeks left of SonZone** until Summertime! We hope all of our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will join us tonight for a night of games! Same time 4pm. Then watch your schedules and emails as we are off for Easter and our Mental Health Family night. With only 2 weeks left then, we are working on wrapping up the year with a mission/birthday/location party May 18. Parents if you haven't been receiving Suzy's email, now's the time to let her know (suzy@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  
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- **The May newsletter deadline** is Wednesday, April 16. 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.

- Please note, **the church office will be closed** on Friday, April 18, for Good Friday.

- **Easter Flowers** - The Union family is invited to bring real flowers Easter morning, April 20, for the flowering of the cross outside the Sanctuary. This represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of his resurrection.

- **ONE Worship - April 27** is Confirmation Sunday! - Plan to be here at 10:30 a.m. for ONE Worship Service to celebrate our youth who will be confirmed into the church. Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m.

- **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.

- **Stephen Ministry Reunion!** - Calling ALL Stephen Ministers and Leaders from Union and other churches! Join us on Monday, May 5, at 6:30pm in our Fellowship Hall as we gather together to support this much needed and effective ministry.

- **SAVE THE DATE!! - The Joy Class Spring Garage Sale** is later than usual this spring. It is on May 10, 2025. Drop offs and pick up will begin May 5-9, 2025. Thank you for your continued support.

- **Shower of Hope Flyers & Posters are now available!** - Please stop by the narthex and grab a handful of posters or flyers to place and share everywhere you can think of. This Community Resource Expo on May 17 from 8am-1pm will be an excellent event for the new and growing families in our community, and we need your help to get the word out!

- **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.



- **Vacation Bible School is coming!** Let's go camping June 16-19, Monday thru Thursday. We are going on a "Road Trip: On the Go with God!" Volunteer and parent sign ups are here! Volunteers are needed in all areas from registration, crafts, small group leaders, recreation and more. Parents, Bible School is open for children turning 4 by Sept. 1 thru finished 5th grade. Scan the QR code in our pews and select "Event Sign Ups" for the appropriate links. If you have any questions, be sure to contact Suzy at suzy@unionirmo.org.

- **Attention All Golfers** - The Leisure Ministries Team is trying to plan a church-wide golf outing. To do so we need to determine interest in the event. The tentative plan is to play a Captain's Choice tourney on either Sunday, October 12, or Monday, October 13. If you are interested, please email Scott Conley at sconley61@gmail.com.

- **We are seeking volunteers** from Union to help with tutoring at Irmo Elementary School. If you would be interested please fill out the form by scanning the QR code on the right. If you have any questions please contact Monica Crodian at mjc3261@gmail.com.



1. You will need to complete the form in blue or black ink.
2. Include a copy of an official photo ID (driver's license front and back)
3. Return completed form and license copy (front and back) to IES.



**MAY 17, 2025**  
**10AM -1PM**  
**UNION UMC**  
**FAMILY MINISTRY**  
**CENTER**

**For all families who are expecting, have children from infants to 4K, Kinship Care Families and more!**

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**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...

Name (optional)

Please join the **NIKKI CIRCLE**

**APRIL 27TH - 12-1:30PM**

**PICNIC LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP**

Young Ladies Circle for ages 4-5th grade  
Devotions, fellowship and fun  
Pack a lunch and meet us on the playground  
More info text Carolyn Nicholson  
704-502-8348