

Community Resource Expo

Shower of Hope

NEXT SATURDAY!
MAY 17, 2025
10AM -1PM

UNION UMC FAMILY MINISTRY CENTER

FAMILY ACTIVITIES! **FREE GIVEAWAYS**

FREE EVENT!

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

HOSTED BY
UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH OF
UNION UMC- IRMO

Diapers are still needed!



Vacation Bible School is coming!

Are you ready to go on a Road Trip from June 16-19?

The QR codes below are active and ready to hear from you!

Volunteers - let us know how you can help! Some areas we need help are: small group leaders, crafts, recreation, traffic, and prayers for all our team and participants. Child care is available for our volunteers with children 3 years old and under.

Parents & Grandparents - if you are already planning your summer fun, be sure to register your kids! Bible School is open for children turning 4 by Sept. 1 thru finished 5th grade. (Please fill out a separate form for each child).

If you have any questions, be sure to contact Suzy at suzy@unionirmo.org.

Volunteer Sign Up -



Parent Sign Up -



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

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES:
As of May 7

IN MEMORIAM

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

Barbara Immerso in the loss of her mother,
Betty Smith

Bettye Hamby in the loss of her mother,
Florence Madeline Mullen

Celebrating the birth of
Genevieve "Vivi" Elise Morgan was born on May 5. She was born to Paige and Ben Morgan. Vivi's siblings are Maddie, Emilia, Walker and Lucy. Paige is an Assistant Director at our Day School.

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
- Rev. Stephen Taylor, Lead Pastor**
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 - Rev. Faye Jones, Associate Pastor**
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 - Rev. David Anderson, Minister of Visitation**
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 - Rev. Dick Holliday, Retired Pastor**
 - Rev. Paul Van Dine, Retired Pastor**
 - Rev. Eric Shepard, Retired Pastor**
 - Rev. Neil Yongue, Jr., Retired Pastor**
 - Tim Alewine, Facilities Manager**
Suzy Broadus,
Director of Ministries to Children & Families
 - Andrea Campbell, Nursery Director**
 - Eleanor Cannon,**
Director of Youth and Leisure Ministries
 - Michelle Cochcroft,**
Coord. Of Contemporary Worship
 - Jake Cosentino, Production Manager**
 - Jenny Gantt, Assistant Day School Director**
 - Leslie Kulp, Day School Director**
 - Laura Mars, Finance Director**
 - Paige Morgan, Assistant Day School Director**
Amy Nedbalek,
Director of Communications and Promotions
 - Steve Ragan, Assistant Facilities Manager**
 - Joey Rothfuss, Organist**
 - Frank Turner, Director of Music Ministries**
 - Stacie Vandervelde, Day School Finance Director**
 - Susan Vinson, Church Administrator**
 - Thomas Walsh, Assistant Director of Youth Ministries**

GIFTS

2025 Budget - Weekly Goal \$35,712

Week 18, Ending 5/4/2025

Budget Contribution	29,184.00
Building Fund Contribution	7,740.00

Weekly Schedule

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

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, May 11	9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-up	Chapel
	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School	
	11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
	3:15 PM	Junior Leaps Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	Adult Leaps Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Monday, May 12	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
	6:30 PM	Trustees Meeting	LL 14
	7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213
	7:00 PM	Men's free-play basketball	FMC Gym
Tuesday, May 13	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
	12:00 PM	Wilson Circle	Off Premises
	1:30 PM	Wilson Circle Book Club	Off Premises
Wednesday, May 14	4:00 PM	Private Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
	5:45 PM	Total Body Workout	FMC Gym
	6:00 PM	SPRC Meeting	F 223
	All Day	Newsletter Deadline	F 216
	All Day	Packing for Shower of Hope	LL 3
	6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	MultiPurpose Room
Thursday, May 15	9:00 AM	Pickleball Reservation	FMC Gym
	10:00 AM	Rosa Hook Circle Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
	1:00 PM	PEP! Bingo and Board Games	LL Fellowship Hall
	1:00 PM	Shower of Hope Packing Party	LL 11
	6:20 PM	Parents of Toddlers Bible Study	LL Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Youth Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 16	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	LL 10
	All Day	Packing for Shower of Hope	LL 3
	All Day	Last day of Half Day School	
	8:00 AM	Hikepaths	Off Premises
	9:30 AM	4K Graduation	Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	Private Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
Saturday, May 17	6:00 PM	Pickleball- Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym
	7:00 PM	Domestic Abuse Meeting	EB 211-213
	7:00 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel
	All Day	Shower of Hope	LL 3
	All Day	Shower of Hope Set-Up	FMC Gym
	10:00 AM	Iris and Forrest Bouknight graveside service	FMC Gym Cemetery
Sunday, May 18	9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-up	Chapel
	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School	
	11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
	2:00 PM	Cemetery Endowment Committee	LL 14
	3:15 PM	Junior Leaps Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Monday, May 19	4:00 PM	Adult Leaps Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	SonZone Year End Party	Off Premises
	5:00 PM	Youth Year End Party	FMC Gym

PRESENCE

Worship Update	May 4
Worship:	450
On-line views:	141
Sunday School:	381

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KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace
Fourth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

May 11, 2025
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"God Makes a Way Changing the Outcome"

Acts 9: 36-42

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Meditation from *Thais* Jules Massenet
Jarrold Haning, violin

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah UMH #127

***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: Revelation 7: 9-17 Pew Bible p. 1122

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
God of grace and love, we thank you for all that you have given us through the loving care and diligent work of our mothers. We pray for your blessings upon all mothers: for those who somehow manage day to day, and for those who feel it slipping away; for those who are trying to make Christ real to their families, and for those who do not know him as their Savior or how to cast their cares on him. For each one according to her need, hear our prayer, and draw all mothers closer to you today; through your Son, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Benjamin George Williamson UMH 39
Kyle and Alexis Williamson, parents; Margot, sister
Jean Cooper, Jay Williamson, Kellie Williamson, and Dora Graddick, grandparents

MINISTRY MOMENT: Epworth Children's Home
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 *The Journey* arr. Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir Men's Ensemble

***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: Acts 9: 36-42

Leader: The word of our Lord for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Pew Bible p. 1001

SERMON "God Makes a Way Changing the Outcome"

Rev. Stephen Taylor

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** Blessed Assurance UMH #369

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *May the Peace of the Lord Go with You* Charles Yannerella

***POSTLUDE** *Our Parent, by Whose Name* John David Edwards

WORSHIP TODAY

The lovely flowers are given:

"A Mother who loves God and lives her faith is a blessing to her children. To the Glory of God and in recognition of the important role of Mothers throughout the ages."
- David and Susan Harrison

"To the Glory of God with Mother's Day wishes to my Mom; and birthday wishes to my brother, Quentin on May 14 and to my Mom on May 15."
Love always, Alexis (Kyzer)

Crucifer – Mary Hall Montgomery
Acolyte – Caleb Thompson
Lay Reader – Matt Church

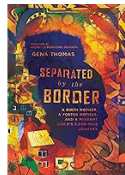
MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Chancel Choir; Chancel Choir Men's Ensemble;
Jarrod Haning, violin; Joey Rothfuss, organist

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAY 11, 2025

- TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING! Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Epworth's care breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. The physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual care they receive transforms their lives. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.



- The next meeting of the Wilson Circle Book Club is on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at Lakeview Retirement Community 2134 North Lake Drive following the Wilson Circle's luncheon at 11:30 a.m. We will be discussing the book, *Separated By The Border: A Birth Mother, A Foster Mother, and a Migrant Child's 3,000-Mile Journey*, by Gena Thomas. In 2017 five-year-old Julia was separated from her mother, Guadalupe, during their journey from Honduras to the United States. At the U.S. border, Julia came through as an unaccompanied minor after being separated from her stepfather who was deported. The author, Gena Thomas, a former Spanish-speaking missionary who became Julia's foster mother, shares her story and that of Guadalupe as they navigate the immigration and foster care systems.

All are welcome to join us. If you plan to attend the Book Club meeting but are not a member of Wilson Circle, you are invited to attend the luncheon as well. Please contact Harriet Simpson at 803-530-5060 to let her know to add you to the list by today, Sunday, May 11, 2025. The cost is \$12 cash to be paid on arrival. If you are not attending the luncheon, plan to join the group in the lobby of Lakeview Retirement Community at 12:45 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Harriet Simpson at 803-530-5060 or Becky Dixon at 803-361-5046. The Book Club does not meet during the summer and will reconvene on September 9, 2025.

- PEP! - Bingo & Board Games - Wednesday, May 14, at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall! All are welcome!

* 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 June & July newsletter deadline is Wednesday, May 14. 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.

- Shower of Hope Flyers & Posters are available! Stop by the table in 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!

- PEP! - May Event - Old Fashioned Gospel Hymn Sing - Thursday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the FMC Gym with Frank Turner, our Choir Director. There will be a catered bbq dinner from Hudson's BBQ. Cost is \$15 per person. Sign ups and payment are due by Sunday, May 18. More information will be on the sign up sheets in Sunday School boxes. Any questions about this event or to get involved, please contact Phyllis Plyler at phyllisplyler@gmail.com.

- Parents Time Out – Saturday, May 24, from 11am–2pm. Our nursery will be available for infants - 1st grade, just let us know if you are coming. Contact Andrea Campbell by Wednesday, May 21, to reserve a spot for your kids. (andreamarie6368@gmail.com) We ask for \$10 per child to cover the cost of lunch and supplies.

- Graduation Sunday is June 1, 2025 - Join us on Sunday, June 1, at both 9 and 11am services as we celebrate our graduates for 2025!

- This year Union is partnering with Grace UMC on Harbison for Vacation Bible School. They will have kids and volunteers coming here to Union and we want to give Union the opportunity to participate in their summer fun. They are hosting 4 weeks of: Joy in the Mess. On the following Thursdays, **June 12, June 26, July 10 and July 17**, from 5:30-7:30pm families are invited for dinner, activities and lessons together. This is guaranteed to be fun with Rev. Meg Cook! Contact Rev. Cook (mscook@umcsc.org) to let her know you will be coming, or use the QR code on the right to sign up today!



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)

