

This Sunday's Happenings

Third Grade Bibles


Today is the day! We give our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders their very own bibles. We will present bibles during both services. We ask that Union continue to pray for our children as they study and learn about how much God loves them.

This afternoon at 1:30pm we will host Bible Boot Camp in the Fellowship Hall, for our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and parents. It is a great time of exploring what this book is all about.

UMC 101

Join Rev. Taylor for an introductory class on the United Methodist Church. Learn about our beliefs, our use of scripture, our history, view of baptism and Holy Communion and our ways of doing ministry.

Four Sundays beginning today In the MultiPurpose Room 10:10-10:50 AM



Stephen Ministry

Are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained to offer care to people who are hurting. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

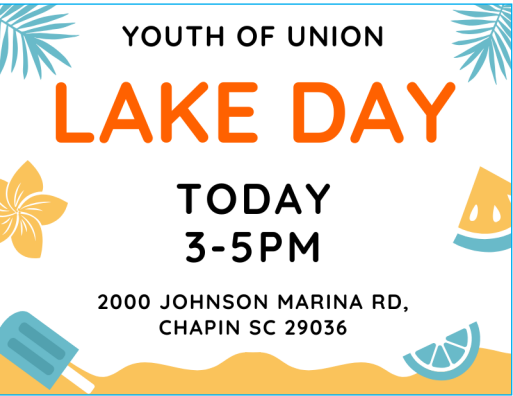
All those who are currently a Stephen Minister or are interested in going through the training to become a Stephen Minister, are invited to join us today, August 17, at 4pm in our Fellowship Hall to learn about the training process to become a Stephen Minister and more.

YOUTH OF UNION

LAKE DAY

TODAY 3-5PM

2000 JOHNSON MARINA RD, CHAPIN SC 29036



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

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES:

As of August 14

IN MEMORIAM

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

Jon and Meredith Rychener in the loss of Jon's brother, **Jeff Rychener**.

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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Michelle Cochcroft, Coordinator Of Contemporary Worship

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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, Director of Youth and Leisure Ministries

PRESENCE

Worship Update	August 10
Worship:	467
On-line views:	202
Sunday School:	unavail.

GIFTS

Week 32, Ending 8/10/2025

Operating Fund	Last Week	2025 Year to Date
Required Giving	\$35,712	\$1,142,792
Actual Giving	\$91,064	\$1,118,544
Over / (Under) Required Giving	\$55,352	(\$24,248)
Building Fund	\$20,124	\$235,119

Weekly Schedule

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

<b>Sunday, August 17</b>		
All Day	Third Grade Bible Presentation	Both Services
9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-up	Chapel
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School	
10:00 AM	UMC 101	MultiPurpose Rm
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:30 PM	Bible Boot Camp	LL Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Sunday School President's Meeting	LL 14
3:00 PM	Youth Lake Day - Woodmen of the World	Off Premises
4:00 PM	Stephen Ministers Gathering	LL Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	SonZone Leaders Meeting	F 218
<b>Monday, August 18</b>		
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
6:00 PM	New Life SS Class Men's Prayer Meeting	LL 13
7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213
7:00 PM	Men's Free-Play Basketball	FMC Gym
<b>Tuesday, August 19</b>		
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
4:00 PM	Private Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
5:45 PM	Total Body Workout	FMC Gym
6:00 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	LL 13
6:30 PM	TLCS 2025 Planning Committee	LL Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, August 20</b>		
6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	MultiPurpose Rm
9:00 AM	Private Pickleball Reservation	FMC Gym
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	LL 10 Choir Room
<b>Thursday, August 21</b>		
8:00 AM	Hikeopaths	Off Premises
9:00 AM	Banner Babes	LL 11
4:00 PM	Private Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
6:00 PM	Engage Team Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Palmetto Master Singers Rehearsal	LL 10 Choir Room
7:00 PM	Domestic Abuse Meeting	EB 211-213
7:00 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, August 22</b>		
10:00 AM	Pickleball- Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym
<b>Saturday, August 23</b>		
All Day	Joy Class Social	Off Premises
<b>Sunday, August 24</b>		
8:30 AM	TLCS Sign Up	Narthex Table
9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-up	Chapel
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School	
10:00 AM	UMC 101	MultiPurpose Rm
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Basketball Coaches Meeting	MultiPurpose Rm
4:00 PM	SonZone KickOff (4th & 5th gr)	F 222
5:00 PM	Youth KickOff Party	FMC Gym

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UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025  
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“When Peace Brings No Peace”  
Luke 12: 49-56

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*This Is My Father's World*

arr. Robert Hobby

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH #428

\*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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 5: 1-7

Pew Bible p. 621

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIVE PRAYER: Based on Luke 12: 49-56

Leader: Lord Jesus, You came to set a fire upon the earth—  
a fire that refines, awakens, and calls us to truth.

**Congregation: Kindle that fire in our hearts, O Lord, that we may walk in Your light and love.**

Leader: Though You spoke of division, we know You call us  
to a deeper unity—one rooted in justice, mercy, and faith.

**Congregation: Unite us in Your truth and make us instruments of Your peace.**

Leader: Help us to read the signs of the times  
and to respond with courage and compassion.

**Congregation: Grant us wisdom, Lord, to follow You faithfully, even when it challenges our comfort or assumptions.**

Leader: Let Your Spirit guide our community toward healing, reconciliation, and hope.

**All: Make us one in heart and purpose, that the world may see Your love in us. Amen**

MINISTRY MOMENT: Third Grade Bible Presentation

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

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*Gather at the River*

arr. Susan Labarr

\*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!



<b>*SCRIPTURE: Luke 12: 49-56</b> Leader: The word of our Lord for the people of God. <b>People: Thanks be to God!</b>			Pew Bible p. 950
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>“When Peace Brings No Peace”</b>		Rev. Faye Jones
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER &amp; THE LORD’S PRAYER</b>			
<b>*HYMN OF RESPONSE</b>	<i>Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus</i>		UMH #349
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>			
<b>*CHORAL BENEDICTION</b>	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>		Peter C. Lutkin
<b>*POSTLUDE</b>	<i>Gavotte</i>		Elizabeth Hill

WORSHIP TODAY

<b>The lovely flowers are given:</b> “Giving all Glory to God for His everlasting love and the blessed assurance of our home in heaven where one day we will reunite. In memory of Dr. Eddie M. Williams III (1949-2021)” - Vickie Williams  “In loving memory of our son, Jeff Womack, on what would have been his 54 <sup>th</sup> birthday on August 15. We love and miss you, Jeff.” - Janelle and Dooley Womack	<b>The lovely flowers are given:</b> “To the Glory of God and in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary – 50 years strong.” - Betty and Stan Hamby  <b>Acolyte</b> – Kate Wheeler <b>Lay Reader</b> – Barbara Hammett  <b>MUSIC &amp; WORSHIP ARTS</b> Chancel Choir; Joey Rothfuss, organist
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Please don't forget to turn off or mute electronic devices before you enter for worship. Thank you.

Third Grade Bibles are Presented to -


Isabella Burggraf	Eva Guthrie	Camp Stewart
Nora Como	Collette Harbour	Vaughn Swygert
Luci Derrick	Sullivan Harbour	Alex Tidwell
Andrew Faile	Witt Johnson	Kayden Tidwell
Will Gantt		
Studying Scripture is one of the most important ways we learn about God. Union UMC presents personal Bibles to each third grade student as a statement of their growing faith development and as recognition of their being old enough to study Scripture on their own. It is our prayer that this gift will be a starting point for a deeper relationship with God, enhanced through the study of God’s word.		

ANNOUNCEMENTS: AUGUST 17, 2025


- **Calling all singers!** The Chancel Choir has a new rehearsal time. Please join us Wednesday nights from 7-8:15pm for rehearsals. The Union Chancel Choir provides music for the 9am Traditional Worship service. The choir will be learning music for the upcoming fall and Advent season. Various types of choral repertoire are programmed throughout the year. All experience levels are welcome! For questions or concerns, please contact Frank Turner, Director of Music Ministries. email~ frank@unionirmo.org
-  - **Early Response Team Trainings** - Have you ever wanted to be part of an Early Response Team for natural disasters through our South Carolina United Methodist Conference? Currently the Disaster Response Ministry has scheduled 3 Early Response Team training sessions, with the anticipation of additional training sessions in the fall. Please register and encourage others to register, as space is limited. Below you will find locations for the training sessions and a QR code to register is above.
- **August 23, 2025** - Mount Hebron UMC (West Columbia, SC) - 3050 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169
  - **September 20, 2025** – North Orangeburg UMC (Orangeburg, SC) - 950 Cook Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118
  - **November 15, 2025** – Sand Hill UMC (Ridgeville, SC) 1961 Summers Drive, Ridgeville, SC 29472

\* 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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-  - **SonZone is coming!** Will your 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader join us next Sunday, **August 24**, from 4-5:15pm? We will meet in the FMC room 223 for games, snacks and learning about God’s promises. Let Suzy know if you have any questions (suzy@unionirmo.org). Can’t wait for a great year!!
- **Confirmation Classes** begin on Sunday, **September 7**, at 10am with a Parent Orientation meeting in the Underground. If you/your student would like to be part of the Confirmation class of 2026, and have not received a registration packet, please contact Rev. Faye at faye@unionirmo.org.
- **Family Worship Night** - Families of Youth: You are invited to join us on Sunday, **September 7**, from 5-7:30pm for family worship night! We will start in the FMC with games and dinner and then head to the Chapel for some fun, worship, and a message. Then, you will get a chance to go and meet your students’ small group leaders and get to know them better. This is a night you do not want to miss out on!

- **Leaps of Faith Dance Ministry is looking for additional dancers** - If you like to dance, you are invited to join one of the Leaps of Faith Liturgical dance groups. We welcome all ages from 4K to Senior Adult! No dance experience necessary!! Dancers will present during various Worship Services and special events. This is a wonderful opportunity to become part of a small group, get some great exercise, have fun, and engage in worship with mind, body, and soul. The start date, practice times, and locations are listed below. Please direct any questions to Linda Caldwell (803-422-2989) or Gloria Stansell (843-475-5978).
- **Junior Leaps:** (4K through 4th Grade) Sundays, 4:15-5pm (Sanctuary) – **Start Date 9/7**
  - **Youth Leaps:** (5th Grade through Adult) - Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm (Sanctuary) – **Start Date 8/27**
  - **Adult Leaps:** (18 and Over) Sundays, 5-6pm (Sanctuary) – **Start Date 9/7**
-  - **TRAINING NEW ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS** - Any young person currently in 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade who is interested in becoming part of the acolyte team which serves during the 9:00 service is invited to attend an information/training session in the sanctuary on Sunday, **September 7**, at 3:00 p.m. Young persons who usually attend the 11:00 service but are interested in serving their church as an acolyte or crucifer from 3 to 6 times per year are also welcome to attend and learn what the role of an acolyte is all about. Anyone who is interested in just getting information or in being trained should contact Gail Elfert at either celfert@aol.com or 803-466-2403 (cell/text).

- **Children and Youth Music Ministries** - Kickoffs are coming soon! Add these dates to your calendar so your child or teen can be sure to attend. Children’s Worship Team Kickoff - September 14, 5:15-6pm; Youth Worship Team Kickoff - September 21, 4-5pm. If you have any questions please email Jaime Dow, at jaime@unionirmo.org.
- **Youth of Union Fall Retreat** - All youth grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, join us as we head to Awanita for our Fall Retreat! This will take place **September 12-14** and will be a weekend of fun, relationship building, worship, and fellowship. The cost is \$200 per person. Financial assistance is available - contact Thomas at thomas@unionirmo.org if needed. Registration is open now and will close Sept. 5. Sign up using the QR on the right! 
- **Union Day School is hiring!** - Our Day School is looking to hire an infant teacher from 8:30am-5:30pm. If you’re interested or know someone who is, please email our Day School Director, Leslie Kulp at lkulp@unionirmo.org. We’re also looking for a custodian who would work from 4:30-7:30pm daily.

The Faith Circle  
Kickoff Event

Tuesday, August 19th - 6:15pm

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Contact Zoe Ayers or Sara Reinhardt for more info.  
zoeayers13@gmail.com or jsr8716@gmail.com

Register for Before the Bell updates below - 

**BEFORE THE BELL**

HIGH SCHOOL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT STUDY

LATE START WEDNESDAYS 8/27 - 10/1 7:30-8:30AM

LOCATION: CHICKENBUTT DONUTS

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THOMAS OR REV. FAYE  
THOMAS@UNIONIRMO.ORG OR FAYE@UNIONIRMO.ORG

Youth of Union

“KICKOFF” PARTY

Join us as we “kickoff” the new year! We’ll have tailgate games, food, prizes, and of course lots of fun!

August 24 | 5-7 PM  
FMC Gym

Bring friends!

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)