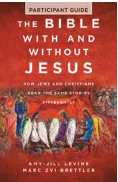


Wednesday Suppers are here!

Join us on Wednesday evenings through the fall for supper and fellowship. Dinner is 5:30-6pm in the FMC Gym; activity or study is 6:15-7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall

Our fall study is working through *The Bible With and Without Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine and Dr. Marc Zvi Brettler.

Participant books are \$18 each. You can order your own or indicate you would like to purchase one through the church and pick it up when you join us for the study. Sign ups are available online as well, scan the QR code on the right. RSVPs are due by the Sunday prior at 5pm.



Wednesday Night Schedule

October 15 - BBQ Night  
*The Bible With & Without Jesus*, week 4

October 22 - Soup and Salad Night  
*The Bible With & Without Jesus*, week 5

October 29 - Pizza Night  
*The Bible With & Without Jesus*, week 6

November 5 - Snack Pack Night;  
dinner and activity  
\*\*There is NO charge for dinner on Nov. 5.  
Donations will be accepted and go directly to our Snack Pack ministry.\*\*

Check if your child needs nursery.

Check if you would like to purchase a study book through Union UMC. If you would like more than one book, please indicate how many here:

Recommended cost per person for dinner is \$9. (Union’s cost per person is ~\$14.) Recommended family max (for a family of 5) is \$40.

Name:

Total Number Attending:  
(Adults & Children)

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

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES:  
As of October 9

IN MEMORIAM

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

Bill and Nan Gray in the loss of Bill’s sister,  
Gisele Hammonds.

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.

GIFTS		
Week 40, Ending 10/5/2025		
Operating Fund	Last Week	2025 Year to Date
Required Giving	\$35,712	\$1,428,488
Actual Giving	\$51,695	\$1,314,469
Over / (Under) Required Giving	\$15,983	(\$114,019)
Building Fund	\$13,299	\$296,525

Weekly Schedule

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

Sunday, October 12			Thursday, October 16		
8:00 AM	Trunk or Treat Sign Up	Narthex Table	7:00 AM	Grandparents Day for Union Day School	FMC Gym
9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-up	Chapel	8:00 AM	Hikeopaths	Off Premises
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary	All Day	PEP! to Jeter Mountain Farm	Off Premises
10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages		1:00 PM	WOW Bible Study	LL 11
10:00 AM	Confirmation	EB 106 (Underground)	1:30 PM	Day School Finance Meeting	LL 11
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary	4:00 PM	Private Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
12:00 PM	New Member Luncheon	WC Gym	6:00 PM	4th & 5th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
4:00 PM	SonZone (4th & 5th graders)	F 227	6:00 PM	Palmetto Master Singers Rehersal	LL 10 Choir Room
4:00 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	EB 106 (Underground)	6:15 PM	Shower of Hope Meeting	LL 14
4:15 PM	Junior Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	LL 11	6:30 PM	6th & 7th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	WC Gym
5:00 PM	Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary	7:00 PM	Domestic Abuse Meeting	EB 211-213
5:00 PM	Youth: ANIKO	FMC Gym	7:00 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:15 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	EB 106 (Underground)	Friday, October 17		
6:00 PM	Disciple 4	LL 14	10:00 AM	Pickleball- Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym
Monday, October 13			Saturday, October 18		
7:00 AM	Man in the Mirror	LL Fellowship Hall	All Day	Private O'Donnell Family Gathering	LL Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM	Bridge Card Group	LL Fellowship Hall	9:00 AM	Boy's Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
9:00 AM	Private Pickleball Reservation	FMC Gym	9:00 AM	Annual Conference Called Meeting	LL 11
9:30 AM	Needlers	LL 5	Sunday, October 19		
10:00 AM	Disciple 1	F 223	8:00 AM	Trunk or Treat Sign Up	Narthex Table
10:00 AM	Disciple 1	LL 14	9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-up	Chapel
6:00 PM	8th & 9th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:15 PM	Stephen Ministry Training	LL 11	10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	
6:30 PM	10th & 11th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	WC Gym	10:00 AM	Confirmation	EB 106 (Underground)
6:30 PM	Trustees Meeting	LL 14	11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213	12:00 PM	Church Council Luncheon	MultiPurpose Room
7:30 PM	Men's free-play basketball	FMC Gym	2:00 PM	Church Charge Conference	Sanctuary
Tuesday, October 14			2:30 PM	4th & 5th gr. Girls Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
9:00 AM	Banner Babes	LL 11	4:00 PM	SonZone (4th & 5th graders)	F 227
9:30 AM	Church Staff Meeting	F 223	4:00 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	EB 106 (Underground)
9:30 AM	The Deeper Journey Class	LL Fellowship Hall	4:15 PM	Junior Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	LL 11
10:00 PM	Pickleball- Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym	5:00 PM	Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Upper Room Bible Study	LL 14	5:00 PM	Youth: ANIKO	FMC Gym
12:00 PM	Wilson Circle	LL Fellowship Hall	5:15 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	EB 106 (Underground)
1:30 PM	Wilson Circle Book Club	LL Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM	Disciple 4	LL 14
5:45 PM	Total Body Workout	WC Gym	Wednesday, October 15		
6:00 PM	Disciple 1	F223	All Day	Newsletter Deadline	F 216 (Amy's office)
7:00 PM	UWF Bunco Night	FMC Gym	6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	MultiPurpose Rm
			8:00 AM	Llewellyn Hames Circle	Off Premises
			5:30 PM	Wednesday Night Supper	FMC Gym
			6:15 PM	The Bible with & without Jesus Study	LL Fellowship Hall
			6:20 PM	Toddler Parents Bible Study	LL 3
			6:30 PM	Youth Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
			7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehersal	LL 10 Choir Room

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“Responding to the Unseen”  
Luke 17: 11-21

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Praise to the Lord the Almighty arr. Paul Manz

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN We Gather Together UMH #131

\*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: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 Pew Bible p. 717

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

Compassionate God, in your holy presence we gather. We bless you for your steadfast love and for your abundant mercy. Your life-giving gifts to us never end. We thank you for your forgiveness; for removing the burden of our sins from us. With all your people, we offer you our thanksgiving, our worship, our gifts, and our service. Amen.

MINISTRY MOMENT: Toy Drive for Sharing God’s Love Christmas Shop McRea Delbridge

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 A Song of Praise (Text adapted from Psalm 145, 150) Ed Smart

\*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: Luke 17: 11-21 Pew Bible p. 955

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

SERMON “Responding to the Unseen” Rev. Stephen Taylor

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE Trust and Obey UMH #467

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION The Lord Be With You Charles Yannerella

\*POSTLUDE God of Grace and Glory arr. Paul Manz



WORSHIP TODAY

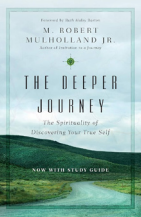
The lovely flowers are given:  
“To the Glory of God and in honor of the Joy  
Sunday School Class from one who loves you.”  
  
“To the Glory of God and in memory of  
Ken’s Dad, Will Nash.”  
- Ken, Annette, and Jonathan Nash

Acolyte – Maggie Hall  
Lay Reader – Margie Mitchell  
  
MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS  
Chancel Choir; Sharon Rattray, guest organist

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: OCTOBER 12, 2025

- **SonZone:** We are having a great time in SonZone each Sunday from 4-5:15pm. Hope your 4th and 5th graders will join us too! Tonight, **October 12**, we are checking out God’s Promise of a Savior. Next Sunday, October 19, is our Annual Pumpkin Carving Night!! Just let me know if your SonZoner will be here so we can have enough pumpkins to carve. (suzy@unionirmo.org).



- **SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASS: THE DEEPER JOURNEY** by Robert Mulholland, jr. (author of *Invitation to a Journey*) - Join us as we delve deeper into our own spiritual formation and growth. Everyone is welcome (see prerequisites below). We’ll be using Mulholland’s *The Deeper Journey* book which you can acquire through any number of booksellers, including Amazon. Susan Harrison is the facilitator.  
Tuesday, **October 14** - 9:30 – 11:30am - Fellowship Hall (read chapters 1-4)  
Tuesday, **October 28** - 9:30 – 11:30am - Fellowship Hall (read chapters 5-7)

**Prerequisites:** Read *Invitation to a Journey* or have taken the spring class; read assigned chapters before class as listed above. To register, email [susanharrison@me.com](mailto:susanharrison@me.com) or text 704-657-6918. Any questions, contact Susan.



- The next meeting of the **Wilson Circle Book Club** will be held Tuesday, **October 14, 2025** at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. It’s the story of Rosalie Iron Wing, a Native American girl from the Dakhota tribe, from the time she is placed in the foster care system at age 12 through her marriage to a white farmer and her return to her abandoned childhood cabin in Minnesota following the death of her husband years later. As she struggles to survive, she discovers a hidden box of seeds left by her great-great grandmother. The story focuses on Rosalie but includes the perspectives of her great-great grandmother, her great aunt, and her best friend from childhood, each of whom reveals the effects of either the 1862 US-Dakota War, the removal of Indigenous children from their families, or modern farming practices on the water and land. *The Seed Keeper* won the 2022 Minnesota Book Award in Fiction. 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 November newsletter deadline** is Wednesday, **October 15**. 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](mailto:amy@unionirmo.org).

- **Third Quarter Statements** - The church will be emailing your contribution statement to you using the email address we have on file. If we do not have your email address, we will mail the statement to you. This is in effort to cut down on our cost for mailing with stamps, envelopes, labels & more. You can expect to receive third quarter statements the week of October 13. If you have any questions, concerns, or would prefer to receive a paper copy, please contact Laura Mars in the church office. If you would like to verify or update your email address, please contact Tiffany Braley. Thank you, Finance Committee of UUMC

- **Parents Time Out:** Saturday, **October 25**, from 11am–2pm our nursery team will host a Parent’s Time Out. Children infant thru 6 years old are invited to come. Please RSVP to Andrea Williams if your children will attend so we can plan for lunch. Cost is \$10/ child to cover lunch and supplies. Contact Andrea at: [nurseryuumc@gmail.com](mailto:nurseryuumc@gmail.com) (new email!). We need to know by Wednesday, October 22.

- **Union Needlers Need Your Help!** - Our church is blessed to have 27 graduates (19 of which are boys as well as 8 girls) in the Spring of 2026. The Needlers need 100% cotton fabric to make quilts for them. Collections boxes will be in the Narthex and the church office. Thank you for helping us continue to gift our seniors with a token of our love for them!

\* 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.

- **Our Youth and Children’s Music** are off to a fantastic start! We are currently starting to work on learning music to sing for Christmas. Both groups will sing on December 14 for the Lessons and Carols service at 9am, and Christmas Eve at the Contemporary service at 4pm. If you are interested in your youth/child singing, rehearsals are Sunday 4-5pm for Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) and 5:15-6pm for kids (ages 4K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) in EB 106 (Underground). We are very excited our kids will be participating this year and would love to have as many families participating as possible! Any questions contact Jaime Dow at [Jaime@unionirmo.org](mailto:Jaime@unionirmo.org).



- **Union Basketball** - The season is approaching, and we need your help and support in a few different ways. Our teams would love for you to come and catch a game and cheer them on throughout the season. Be on the lookout in November for schedules that will be available in the Narthex. Also, on both **November 2** and Nov. 9 you can pick up your own merch to wear in support of our teams! Finally, we will be hosting some games at Union this year and we need help running the score tables. If interested, please contact Thomas at [thomas@unionirmo.org](mailto:thomas@unionirmo.org). We are looking forward to another great year of Union Basketball and can’t do it without your support!

- **Youth of Union Fall Retreat - November 14-16** - We are headed to Awanita Valley for a weekend of fellowship, spiritual growth, relationship building, and fun! Registration is open now until October 27. We will meet at Union at 4pm on Friday and return by 2pm on Sunday. Cost is \$200. Financial assistance is available. If needed or if you have any questions, please contact Thomas Walsh at [thomas@unionirmo.org](mailto:thomas@unionirmo.org). Sign up today with the QR code on the left.



- **UNION NEEDS YOU!!** - This is the “Last Casting Call” for TLCS Volunteers for all ages and all roles! TLCS Signups run through the end of October and we still have several more hundred roles to fill!! Please sign up as soon as possible using the QR Code on the right or the link on the Church website. Please email [UnionTLCS Casting@gmail.com](mailto:UnionTLCS Casting@gmail.com) if you have any questions and/or are able to add additional night(s) to your original signup. Union will present the story of Jesus’ birth to our Irmo community Dec. 5-7, 2025.



Union Basketball Merch

Available for purchase in the narthex - **November 2 & 9!**



Hat: \$10  
T-shirt: \$15  
Sweatpants: \$15  
Hoodie/Crewneck: \$25

Orders with pre-sale are available as well! Checks Payable to UUMC



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TRUST IN THE LORD ALWAYS...- ISAIAH 26:4A



NOVEMBER 2, 2025  
6:00 PM

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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](mailto:Prayers@UnionIrmo.org).

Share with:

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Prayer Requests...

Name (optional)