

## 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)

## 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

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

### CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

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.*

## PRESENCE

Worship Update	Oct. 5
Worship:	479
On-line views:	168
Sunday School:	345

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KNOW Christ,  
SHARE Faith,  
SHOW Grace

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

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## "Responding to the Unseen"

Welcome & Prayer

Music

Announcements

Ministry Moment: Toy Drive for Sharing God's Love Christmas Shop

First Scripture: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Prayer

Music & Offertory

Children's Church Dismissal after offertory music

**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: Luke 17: 11-21

Sermon: "Responding to the Unseen"

Rev. Stephen Taylor

Prayers of the People

Music

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for October 12, 2025

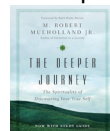
- **SonZone:** We are having a great time in SonZone each Sunday from 4-5:15pm. Hope your 4th and 5th graders will join us too! Tonight, **October 12**, we are checking out God's Promise of a Savior. Next Sunday, October 19, is our Annual Pumpkin Carving Night!! Just let me know if your SonZoner will 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 [susanhharrison@me.com](mailto:susanhharrison@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 Dakota 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.

- **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 ([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!

- **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.



- **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. 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. Sign up today with the QR code on the left.



possible using the QR Code on the right or the link on the Church website. Please email UnionTLCSCasting@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 NEEDS YOU!!** - This is the "Last Casting Call" for TLCSC Volunteers for all ages and all roles! TLCSC Signups run through the end of October and we still have several more hundred roles to fill!! Please sign up as soon as



**GOOD CHICKEN FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

**15% OF PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO UNION DAY SCHOOL**



**OCTOBER 28, 2025**  
**3:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:  
**1325 Dutch Fork Rd • Irmo, SC**

**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



**UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
"KNOW CHRIST, SHARE FAITH, SHOW GRACE."

INVITES YOU TO...

**A SERVICE OF HEALING**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

**7582 WOODROW STREET; IRMO, SC 29063**

## Wednesday Suppers!

Join us on Wednesday evenings through the fall for supper and fellowship.

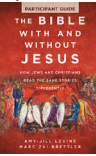
Dinner is 5:30-6pm in the FMC Gym; activity or study is 6:15-7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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)