

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 47, Ending 11/23/2025

Operating Fund	Last Week	2025 Year to Date
Required Giving	\$35,712	\$1,678,472
Actual Giving	\$42,209	\$1,548,237
Over / (Under) Required Giving	\$6,497	(\$130,235)
Building Fund	\$7,745	\$347,794

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

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

As of November 25

ROSEBUD

(in celebration of the birth of)

Carolyn Ruth Turner was born November 21.

She was born to Tania and Frank Turner.

Carolyn's proud big brother is Winston. Frank is Union's Director of Music Ministries.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Charles Edward Smith

May 2, 1956 - November 21, 2025

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	Nov. 23
Worship:	474
On-line views:	143
Sunday School:	n/a

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KNOW Christ,

SHARE Faith,

SHOW Grace

First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025

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"Ready and Waiting and Watching"

Welcome & Prayer

Music

Announcements

Advent Reading: Lighting the Candle of Hope

Offertory 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.

Scripture: Matthew 24: 36-44

Sermon: "Ready and Waiting and Watching"

Rev. Stephen Taylor

Prayers of the People

Music

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS for November 30, 2025

- The final details for The Living Christmas Story are coming together this week!
Check out the inside tear off for all information and where we need your helping hands!

- **SonZone** is off the next couple weeks. We hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving (Nov 30th) and participate in TLCS (Dec 7th). We will get together **December 14** for our Christmas Party from 4-5:15pm. This will be our wrap up for the year and hope you can join us. Kids are asked to bring a wrapped ornament to share in our exchange.

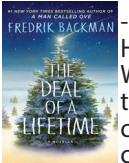
- **Thank you** for supporting our Union Basketball program! If you want to place an order for merchandise please contact Elaine Starks at jebstarks@yahoo.com. The order will be placed the first week of December.



- Children and Family Devotional – Are you looking for a way for your family to slow down and focus this season? We have an Advent Devotional just for you, 25 Days of Christmas. It can be found on the 2nd floor of Education Building near the Sunday School classes. There are stories, questions, activities and crafts to do as a family. We hope this will be a great resource for you.

- The January newsletter deadline is Wednesday, **December 3**. This is earlier than normal because of where Christmas falls! 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.

- Annual Chrismons for our children! Next Sunday, **December 7**, during both worship services, we will be giving a Chrismon ornament to our children during Kids Talk. Thank you to the Banner Babes for making these for our children to hang on their Christmas trees at home. What a wonderful gift to help remind our kids who we celebrate.



- The Wilson Circle Book Club will meet Tuesday, **December 9**, at the Lakeview Retirement Home at 2134 N. Lake Drive, Columbia following the Wilson Circle's luncheon at 11:30 a.m. We will be discussing *The Deal of a Lifetime* by Fredrik Backman. While this book is not on the UWF approved Reading List, it was chosen because of its Christmas theme. There are 2 copies of the book in the UWF Collection in the Church Library. This is a short book; so, if you check it out, please return it to the Library quickly so others can read it.

If you are attending the Book Club meeting, you are invited to attend the luncheon as well. The cost is \$12 cash to be paid upon arrival. Please contact Harriet Simpson at 803-530-5060 by Sunday, Dec. 8, if you plan to attend the luncheon and the Book Club meeting. If you are not attending the luncheon, plan to join the group in the lobby about 12:45 p.m.

- PEP! Christmas Lights Excursion – **December 11** – Join PEP! on Thursday, December 11, for a Christmas excursion to enjoy neighborhood Christmas lights from the comfort of our church bus! We will meet at the bus parking area at 4:45PM and depart at 5:15PM. We'll ride through area neighborhoods to view the lights, with an optional stop at Lizard's Thicket for supper (on your own). Participants may: Stay for supper and continue viewing lights afterward, or Return to the church after supper, or Be dropped off at the church instead of going to supper.

There is no charge for the excursion. Riders are simply asked to contribute toward refilling the bus gas at the end of the trip. Sign-up deadline: December 7 (or earlier if the bus fills). Sign-up sheets will be in the classrooms. For more information, contact Faye Bailey at 803-331-4349 or fayebailey424@gmail.com.

- Youth of Union Christmas Party – Join us on Sunday, **December 14**, from 5-7pm for our annual Christmas Party in the FMC Gym! We will have games, a gingerbread house competition, and our small group gift exchange! Gift limit is \$10 and no gag gifts. You do not want to miss out on this!

- Jan's Van Sign Up is Open! – Mark your calendars, Jan's Van (Lexington Medical Center's Mobile Mammography Van) will be at Union UMC on Monday and Tuesday, **January 19-20, 2026**, from 9am-4pm. Stop by the table in the narthex to learn more and to sign up for your spot today.

Important 2025 Year End Giving Reminders

- All contributions for 2025 must be received by Wednesday, December 31 to be recorded on your 2025 giving statement. If you are mailing a year-end contribution, please be sure to mail it in time that we receive it prior to December 31st. Any contributions received after December 31, will be included on your 2026 giving statement.
- If you are considering a stock gift for 2025, please consider starting the process now. It can take a week or more for these transactions to be processed by the brokerages. If you are making a stock gift, please make sure you use our correct account at Fidelity for us to receive the gift. Laura in the finance office can provide this information to you. (laura@unionirmo.org) Also, please let Laura know that a gift is being sent so that we can be sure to credit it to the correct donor.
- If your address has changed during 2025, please make sure the church has your correct address as we prepare your year-end giving statements.
- All expense reimbursements that relate to 2025 should be turned into the church office by December 31st. Any reimbursements requests related to 2025 received after December 31st may be applied to the 2026 budget rather than the 2025 budget.

- Parking Reminder: Kindly avoid parking on the sidewalks in front of the chapel and sanctuary. Let's be considerate of our neighbors and ensure the sidewalks remain clear for pedestrians. Thank you!



ENDOWMENT FUND
INVESTING IN UNION'S FUTURE

- The Endowment Fund has some great news to share during this season of giving thanks! Our fund has done well so far this year, thanks to steady earnings growth and congregational donations. We are pleased to announce that we anticipate having funds available for 2026 projects and missions. Thanks to your continued support, we will be able to invest in programs that make a difference to our church and our community. The official announcement and exact funding amount will be made in early 2026. Applications are now being accepted for consideration in advance of the announcement. Happy Thanksgiving from the Endowment Committee!

Please join the
NIKKI CIRCLE

NOVEMBER 30
12:30-1:30 PM
PICNIC LUNCH &
crafts

Rescheduled
for today!

Bring your own lunch and join us in the Wesley Center for holiday craft time.

Nikki Circle is for young ladies ages 4-11
Devotions, fellowship and fun
Please RSVP to Carolyn Nicholson- 704-502-8348

Upcoming Schedule for Children and Youth Choir

Sunday, November 30 - Combined rehearsal with children and youth - 5:15-6:00 pm
Sunday, December 7 - No rehearsal - TLCS
Saturday December 13 - 9:30-10:15am - Combined dress rehearsal in the Sanctuary
Sunday, December 14 - Youth and Children sing for Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 14- Combined Rehearsal with children and youth - 5:15-6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 24 - Youth and Children Sing for the Contemporary Worship Service at 4pm
Sunday, December 28 - No rehearsal

THE
LIVING
CHRISTMAS
STORY

December 5-7

Final Details!

Bethlehem comes to life
next weekend!

Building Bethlehem - Final Set Construction!

Today, November 30 - 1-5pm- All final details go out and EVERYTHING comes together! Burlap, pine straw, and final building needs. Help us finish bringing our backyard Bethlehem to life!

Prop Help for TLCS!

Join us on Wednesday, **December 3**, at 9:30am in the TLCS Village to put out the props and get each scene ready for the big performance coming next weekend!

Help Needed for the Day School Walk Thru!

We need YOU to sign up to help with the Living Christmas Story for the Day School! It will be Friday morning, **Dec. 5**. We need you at the church by 8:30am to get into costume. It will be until about 10:30am. Signup sheets are in your Sunday School boxes or by contacting Phyllis Plyler at phyllisplyler@gmail.com.

Flyers & Posters are available!

Please stop by the narthex and grab a handful of posters to share everywhere you can think of. This is our 32nd year of bringing Bethlehem to Irmo, and we need your help to get the word out! Be sure to add it to your own calendar as well, either by signing up to play a role, or by driving through.