

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...

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

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES: As of December 31

IN MEMORIAM

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

Brandon Lee and Michele Poyner in the loss of Brandon's mother, **Carol Dawn Young**, on December 19, 2025.

Steve and Terri Leszczyszyn in the loss of both of Steve's parents, his mother, **Peggy Leszczyszyn**, on December 21, 2025, and his father, **Walter Leszczyszyn**, on December 25, 2025.

ROSEBUD (in celebration of the birth of)

Eleanor Hope "Ellie" Samson was born December 15, 2025. She was born to Nick and Danielle Samson. Ellie's proud grandparents are Brian and Ashley Samson.

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.

Name (optional)

PRESENCE		
Worship Update	Dec. 24	Dec. 28
Worship:	990	151
On-line views:	211	240
Sunday School:	n/a	90

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GIFTS		
Week 52, Ending 12/28/2025		
Operating Fund	Last Week	2025 Year to Date
Required Giving	\$35,712	\$1,857,032
Actual Giving	\$49,329	\$1,745,193
Over / (Under)	\$13,617	(\$111,839)
Required Giving		
Building Fund	\$12,842	\$393,984

Weekly Schedule

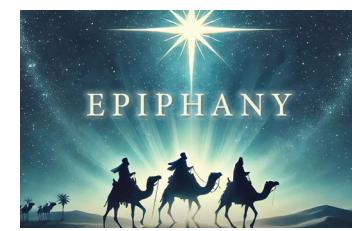
For a complete listing of events for the month, please visit our website: www.unionirmo.org

Sunday, January 4, 2026			
9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-up	Chapel	
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary	
10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages		
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary	
2:30 PM	4th & 5th gr. Girls Basketball Practice	FMC Gym	
3:00 PM	6th-9th gr. Girls Basketball Practice	WC Gym	
5:00 PM	Youth - ANIKO	FMC Gym & Chapel	
6:00 PM	Disciple 4	LL 14	
Monday, January 5			
7:00 AM	Man in the Mirror	LL Fellowship Hall	
9:00 AM	Bridge Card Group	LL Fellowship Hall	
9:00 AM	Private Pickleball Reservation	FMC Gym	
9:30 AM	Needlers	LL 5	
10:00 AM	Disciple 1	F 223	
10:00 AM	Disciple 1	LL 14	
6:00 PM	8th & 9th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym	
6:00 PM	Basketball Games	LL 14	
6:15 PM	Stephen Ministry Supervision Training	LL 11	
6:15 PM	Stephen Ministry Training	WC Gym	
6:30 PM	10th & 11th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	EB 211-213	
7:00 PM	AA	WC Gym	
8:00 PM	Men's free-play basketball		
Tuesday, January 6			
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	
5:15 PM	Total Body Workout	Walking Track	
6:00 PM	10-12th gr. Basketball Practice	FMC Gym	
6:00 PM	Disciple 1	F 223	
6:30 PM	UWF Board Meeting	LL 14	
Wednesday, January 7			
6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	MultiPurpose Rm	
1:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Supervision Group	LL 14	
6:30 PM	Youth Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
7:00 PM	Basketball Practice	WC Gym	
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	LL 10 Choir Room	
Thursday, January 8			
11:00 AM	Heritage Circle	LL Fellowship Hall	
1:00 PM	WOW Bible Study	LL Fellowship Hall	
6:00 PM	4th & 5th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym	
6:00 PM	Palmetto Mastersingers Rehearsal	LL 10	
6:30 PM	6th & 7th gr. Boys Basketball Practice	WC Gym	
7:00 PM	Domestic Abuse Meeting	EB 211-213	
Friday, January 9			
10:00 AM	Pickleball- Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym	
Saturday, January 10			
3:00 PM	Funeral	Sanctuary	
Sunday, January 11			
9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-up	Chapel	
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary	
10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages		
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary	
1:00 PM	Children's Team Meeting	EB 204	
2:30 PM	4th & 5th gr. Girls Basketball Practice	FMC Gym	
3:00 PM	6th-9th gr. Girls Basketball Practice	WC Gym	
4:00 PM	Nominations Committee Meeting	F 218	
4:00 PM	SonZone (4th & 5th gr.)	F 222	
4:00 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	EB 106-Underground	
4:15 PM	Junior Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
5:00 PM	Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
5:00 PM	Youth - ANIKO	FMC Gym	
5:15 PM	Kid's Choir Rehearsal	EB 106-Underground	
6:00 PM	Disciple 4	LL 14	



UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace
Epiphany Sunday



January 4, 2026
www.UnionIrmo.org

"Unfinished Business: A Commitment to Completion" Philippians 1: 1-6

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Thomas McKinney, cello

arr. B.C. Dockery

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Who Hunger

TFWS #2126

*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 37: 1-6

Pew Bible p. 727

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, you gave us a garden of Eden, and we chose instead the barrenness of our own making. You gave us the Light of the world, and we chose to wander in darkness. Forgive us our self-centeredness and lack of commitment to you. Forget not your covenant with us, O God, and choose to empower us still to be messengers of your good news in Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Mark Hayes

*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: Philippians 1: 1-6

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Pew Bible p. 1068

SERMON

"Unfinished Business: A Commitment to Completion"

Rev. Stephen Taylor

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christ invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with one another. To receive the elements come forward as the ushers direct you. Once you are served, you may pray at the altar, or return to your pew.

Gluten Free Station is set up to the far left of the Sanctuary

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Pastor Continues ... The Great Thanksgiving

Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Pastor Continues ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith

Congregation: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Pastor Completes the Thanksgiving.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION MUSIC:

*What Child Is This?
Away in a Manger
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Thomas McKinney, cello*

Bryan Stanley
Gordon Schuster
Albin Whitworth

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

TFWS #2153

***BENEDICTION**

Angels We Have Heard On High

arr. Fred Bock

WORSHIP TODAY

The lovely flowers are given:

"To the Glory of God and in memory of Llewellyn, in remembrance of her birthday, January 5.
- With love, Herb Hames

"To the Glory of God and in memory of Annette's mom, Llewellyn Hames."
- With love, Ken, Annette and Jonathan Nash

Crucifer – Melissa Majewski

Acolyte – Nora Rankin

Lay Reader – Margie Mitchell

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

Thomas McKinney, cello; Chancel Choir;
Joey Rothfuss, organist

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: JANUARY 4, 2026



- Lights! Camera! Action! SC UMC Lay Leadership Convocation! - January 9-10, 2026 at Journey UMC in Columbia - WHO IS INVITED? Anyone serving in one or more of the following lay leadership positions in their local church - Church Council Chair, Lay Leader, Lay Member to AC, SPRC Chair, Finance Chair, Trustees Chair, Church Treasurer, UMM President, UWF President, Young Adult Rep., Youth Ministry Rep., Nominations Chair. There is no limit on the number of attendees from all local churches, so register now before all of the seats are gone!

Learn more about this learning opportunity and to register, scan the QR code on the right! [Deadline to register is today, January 4, by midnight.](#)

- Kid's Choir will start back next Sunday, January 11 at 5:15pm in the Underground. See you next week!

- The next meeting of the Wilson Circle Book Club will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 1:30.p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. This celebrated novel is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country have too often been forgotten. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, Frances "Frankie" McGrath joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. A #1 New York Times, USA Today, Washington Post, and Los Angeles Times bestseller, *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

There is 1 copy of the book in the UWF collection on the Church Library and LOTS of large print, regular print, and ebooks at both the Lexington and Richland Libraries. All are welcome to join us. If you have questions, please contact Harriet Simpson at 803-530-5060 or Becky Dixon 803-361-5046.

- PEP! - Bingo & Board Games - Wednesday, January 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 February newsletter deadline is Wednesday, **January 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.

- Youth of Union - High School Retreat - January 16-19 - For our High School ONLY winter retreat, we will head up to Sevierville, TN for a weekend of fellowship, fun, and relaxation! We will spend time together cooking, playing games, watching movies, and exploring the Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg areas. Cost is \$300 and includes all meals and activities that we will do. Sign up today with the QR code.

- PEP! - Lunch and Learn with us! - January 22 at 12:30pm in the FMC Gym - Come and learn over lunch with us! Jennifer Tardy, a holistic nutritionist, will present the program while we enjoy soup, sandwiches and dessert. Cost is \$15 per person and it is due by Sunday, January 18. Sign ups can be through your Sunday School boxes, or by contacting Phyllis Plyler at phyllisplyler@gmail.com. Come and join us!

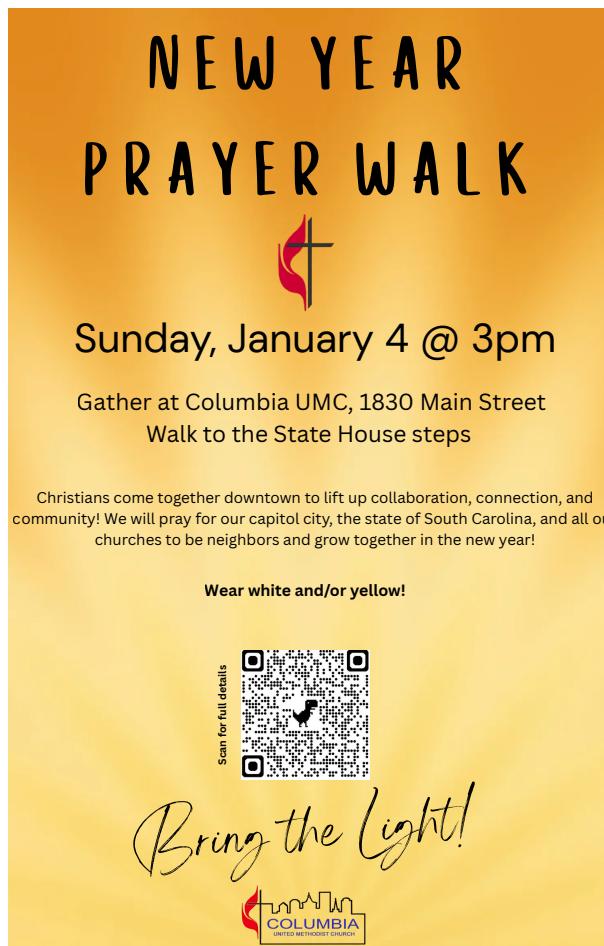
 **- Youth of Union - Revolution - Jan. 30-Feb. 1** - This year's theme for Revolution is Seek First, based on Matthew 6:33. This will be an incredible weekend of worship, fellowship, fun, and learning how we can seek God first in all things. We will crash at Union for the weekend and have an awesome time together! You can still register up until the event, but a Revolution tshirt is not guaranteed. Cost is \$100. Financial assistance is available - if needed, contact Thomas. Sign up today with the QR code.

 **- Union Basketball:** Game schedules for all 8 Union teams are available at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. Grab one today and come and cheer on our teams!

- The 2026 altar flower calendar is out! Sign up for flowers and recognize a special Sunday in your life by stopping by the table in the Narthex. The cost is \$58.00 per vase.

 **- Summer 2026 Mission Trip - June 14-20** - This summer we will head to serve with the Appalachia Service Project. We will work through direct service on some home rehab projects along with regional education and cultural immersion for the community we are serving in. This trip is open to the whole church as we need adult leaders who have construction skills to lead our teams on the sites. For youth, you must have completed 6th grade to attend. HARD DEADLINE OF 2/23 TO REGISTER. Cost is \$425. Financial assistance is available - if needed, contact Thomas at thomas@unionirmo.org. Sign up today with the QR code.

- 2026 Calendar Note - Room reservations do not automatically roll over to 2026. Please contact Susan in the church office to ensure that your group (Circle, Bible Study, Committee meetings, etc) are scheduled into the new year. (susan@unionirmo.org) Thank you!



Sermon Notes

"Unfinished Business:

A Commitment to Completion"

Philippians 1: 1-6