

## 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:

- Pastors
- Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

## 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) Required Giving	\$13,617	(\$111,839)
Building Fund	\$12,842	\$393,984

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

### CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

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)

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## PRESENCE

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



KNOW Christ,  
SHARE Faith,  
SHOW Grace  
Epiphany Sunday

January 4, 2026  
[www.UnionIrmo.org](http://www.UnionIrmo.org)

## "Unfinished Business: A Commitment to Completion"

Welcome & Prayer

Music

Announcements

First Scripture: Jeremiah 37: 1-6

Offertory Prayer

Music & Offertory

Second Scripture: Philippians 1: 1-6

Sermon: "Unfinished Business: A Commitment to Completion"

Rev. Stephen Taylor

Communion

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

Music

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for 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!

- **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](mailto: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](mailto:phyllisplyler@gmail.com). Come and join us!



**SonZone**

Kick off the new year  
Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
at 4 p.m.

All 4th and 5th  
graders join us for a  
night of New Year  
games!  
(and snacks)

Happy New Year



- **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:susan@unionirmo.org)) Thank you!

# NEW YEAR PRAYER WALK



Sunday, January 4 @ 3pm

Gather at Columbia UMC, 1830 Main Street  
Walk to the State House steps

Christians come together downtown to lift up collaboration, connection, and community! We will pray for our capitol city, the state of South Carolina, and all our churches to be neighbors and grow together in the new year!

Wear white and/or yellow!

Scan for full details



Bring the Light!



Sermon Notes

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