

## 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@Unionlrmo.org. Share with:

- Pastors  
 Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

Name (optional)

## GIFTS

**Week 5, Ending 2/1/2026**

Operating Fund	Last Week	2026 Year to Date
Required Giving	\$34,167	\$170,835
Actual Giving	\$39,190	\$209,992
Over / (Under) Required Giving	\$5,023	\$39,157
Building Fund	\$18,317	\$47,529

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

### CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

**As of February 4**

### IN MEMORIAM

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

Tippi Craig in the loss of her sister,  
**Mary Louise "Weesie" Anderson.**

**Sharon K. Hanson**  
**July 28, 1939 - February 2, 2026**

*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

<b>Worship Update</b>	<b>Feb. 1</b>
Worship:	snow day
On-line views:	454
Sunday School:	snow day

### **UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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KNOW Christ,  
SHARE Faith,  
SHOW Grace  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
Scouting Ministries Sunday  
February 8, 2026  
[www.Unionlrmo.org](http://www.Unionlrmo.org)

## "Saltless Salt?"

Welcome

Music

Announcements

Ministry Moment: Scouting Sunday

First Scripture: Psalm 112: 1-10

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.

Second Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-20

Sermon: "Saltless Salt?"

Rev. Rett Haselden

Prayers of the People

Music

Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for February 8, 2026



- The next meeting of the **Wilson Circle Book Club** is on Tuesday, **February 10, 2026** at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing the book, *What We Remember Will Be Saved: A Story of Refugees and the Things They Carry* by Stephanie Saldaña. Saldaña, a journalist and scholar who lived in Syria before the war, journeys across nine countries to meet refugees and learn what they took with them when they escaped. What she discovered was little things matter a great deal. Saldaña introduces us to "a woman who saved her city in a dress, a musician who saved his stories in songs, and a couple who rebuilt their destroyed pharmacy even as the city around them fell apart." She shows the reader a religiously diverse corner of the Middle East on the edge of unraveling and the people keeping it alive with their stories. You do not need to be a member of the Wilson Circle to participate in the Book Club. 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.

- **PEP! - Bingo & Board Games** - Wednesday, February 11 at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall! All are welcome!

- **The March newsletter deadline** is Wednesday, February 11. 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.

- **UUMC Phone System** - Union is updating our phone system on **February 16, 2026** while the office is closed. You will not be able to call the church on Monday, February 16. We are hoping to have it completed in one day. Please be patient with us as we learn a new system in the coming weeks!

**ASP** - **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. Sign up today with the QR code.

- **A Return to the Holy Land** - Tour groups have returned to Israel. Reverends Stephen and Cynthia Taylor are planning an 8-day trip departing January 20, 2027. If you would like more information about this trip, an Interest Meeting will be held on Sunday, **March 1** at 4 PM, in the Fellowship Hall, or email to stephen@unionirmo.org.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - **Save the Date for our Easter Egg Hunt!**  
- **March 28 at 10am** - Open to all ages, where families hunt together. There will be games, crafts, The Big Hunt and coffee for parents to keep up (free).

We need your help with one of our crafts during the Egg Hunt. We will be creating Resurrection Eggs for the kids to take home and share the story of Jesus with their family and friends. This means we need some Egg Cartons. Will you start saving your egg cartons for us to us? Our goal is to collect 100 egg cartons. There will be a box in the Narthex near the flower calendar to put your egg cartons in or bring them to Suzy's office.

- If you requested **Giving Envelopes for 2026**, they are available for pick up in the narthex. The envelopes are organized by last name. Thanks!

- **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!

- **PEP! Trip: Washington, DC** - America's 250th Celebration - **September 2, 2026** | 5 Days - Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with Union UMC PEP! on a guided Grand Tour of Washington, DC, including Monticello, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian Museums, National Cathedral, Memorials, Mt. Vernon, DC sightseeing and more. Meals included: 4 Continental Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 2 Dinners. Pricing per person: Double \$1,345 | Triple \$1,255 | Quad \$1,215 | Single \$1,659; Deposit: \$350 per person — paid directly to Christian Tours. Early booking discounts available thru May 30. To reserve: Contact Christian Tours at 800-476-3900 - Important! When reserving, be sure to mention Union UMC, Irmo SC. Contact Faye Bailey at (803) 331-4349 | fayebailey424@gmail.com with questions.

**Updated youth & kids choir schedules!**

**Kids Worship Schedule- 5:15-6:00**

- Feb 8
- Feb 15
- Feb 22
- March 8
- March 15
- March 22
- April 12
- April 19
- April 26
- May 17

**Dates to Sing:**

- March 22 at 9:00 with Chancel Choir
- April 26 Joint Service for Confirmation

**Youth Worship Schedule**

- Feb 8 4:45- 5:30
- Feb 22- 4:45-5:30
- March 1 Youth Band
- March 8 4:45-5:30
- March 15 4:45-5:30
- March 22 Sing with Chancel Choir at 9:00 and rehearsal 4:45-5:30
- March 29 no rehearsal
- April 19 4:45-5:30
- April 26 Sing Joint Service and rehearsal 4:45-5:30
- May 3 Youth Band
- May 17- Sing Grad Sunday and 4:45-5:30 Party

**BEFORE THE BELL**  
HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY!

**FEBRUARY 11, 25  
MARCH 11 & 18  
APRIL 1, 15, 22, 29**

**LATE START WEDNESDAYS  
7:45-8:45AM**

LOCATION: SONIC (BALLENTINE)  
1150 DUTCH FORK RD, IRMO, SC 29063  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT THOMAS OR REV. FAYE  
THOMAS@UNIONIRMO.ORG OR FAYE@UNIONIRMO.ORG

**PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN BIBLE STUDY**

February 11      March 11  
February 25      March 25

Meets in LL3 at 6:20pm.  
Childcare is provided!  
Contact jsr8716@gmail.com for more information

**Ash Wednesday**

Service at 7 p.m.  
**February 18**

**Ashes to go**  
At Loveland Coffee  
7-10 a.m.

**UNION DAY SCHOOL**

**Sunday**

**February 22, 2026**

Join us at both services on Sunday, February 22, to learn more about our Day School and how we can support this ministry!

Drop by the Wesley Center at 10 a.m. to say hello to some of our Day School families!

Don't miss the children singing at the 11am service!

**Thanks for joining us on Scouting Ministries Sunday!**  
We welcome and recognize the members and leaders of our Scout Troop 95 in worship today!

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

Today, as you leave worship, our youth will be in the Narthex collecting money to donate to Sharing God's Love.

**Rise AGAINST HUNGER EXPERIENCE**

Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity.

Join the movement!  
Will you join us for an exciting, hands-on volunteer opportunity to package meals for global hunger relief? Check out our packaging event details below. We hope to see you there!

**February 25  
6:30pm**

Scan to sign up today!

If you want to join us for dinner before packing, scan QR code below.

Cost: \$10;  
Menu: chicken bog, side salad, green beans & roll