

Many Hands, One Body, Sowing Bountifully

Union UMC
Stewardship Campaign for 2027 Budget

Operating Budget Commitment for 2027:

I/We believe in the future of our church and want to be a part of its success. I/We will endeavor to give to the Operating Budget in the following way:

Amount: $ _____

Per: (circle one) Week Month Year

One Year Total: _____

Mortgage & Major Maintenance Commitment for 2027:

I/We will give to the Union UMC Mortgage & Major Maintenance Fund in the following way:

Amount: $ _____

Per: (circle one) Week Month Year

One Year Total: _____

These are a statement of intent and may be altered as circumstances warrant.

Name & Contact Information

Full Name:

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Address:

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Email:

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Thank you for contributing to our Many Hands, One Body, Sowing Bountifully Stewardship Campaign!

Use your phone to scan the QR code to access the commitment form online:

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

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATES:
As of November 12

IN MEMORIAM

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

Patrick and Merry Cobb in the loss of Patrick's father, **David Harrison Cobb.**

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.

Gifts

Week 45, Ending 11/8/2026

Operating Fund	Last Week	2026 Year to Date
Required Giving	$34,167	$1,537,515
Actual Giving	$37,342	$1,479,905
Over / (Under) Required Giving	$3,175	($57,610)
Building Fund	$8,340	$377,486

Union offers electronic giving - UnionIrmo.org - Click on the GIVE tab. Or by scanning here:

Weekly Schedule

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

Sunday, November 15

8:30 AM	Day School Book Fair	WC Room 1
9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-Up	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Disciple- Christian Believer Bible Study	LL 14
12:00 PM	Nikki Circle	F 222
1:00 PM	9-10th gr Boys Basketball Practice	WC Gym
1:30 PM	Children's Team Meeting	EB 205-7
2:30 PM	4-5th gr Girls Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
3:00 PM	6-7th gr Girls Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
3:00 PM	8-12th gr Girls Basketball Practice	WC Gym
3:15 PM	Junior Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	SonZone	F 227
4:45 PM	Youth Worship Team Rehearsal	EB 106
5:00 PM	Youth - Common Ground	FMC Gym & Chapel
5:15 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	EB 106

Monday, November 16

7:00 AM	Man in the Mirror	LL 11
9:00 AM	Bridge Card Group	LL 11
9:00 AM	Private Pickleball Reservation	FMC Gym
9:30 AM	Needlers	LL 5
9:30 AM	Disciple 2 Bible Study	F 223
10:00 AM	Day School Chapel	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Disciple 1 Bible Study	F 227
5:30 PM	Youth Basketball Games	FMC Gym
6:00 PM	Disciple 1 Bible Study	F 222
6:30 PM	Church Council Meeting	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	AA	EB 211 - 213
8:00 PM	Men's Freeplay Basketball	FMC Gym

Tuesday, November 17

9:00 AM	Banner Babes	LL 11
9:00 AM	Church Staff Meeting	F 223
10:00 AM	Pickleball Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym
10:00 AM	Upper Room Bible Study	LL 3
12:00 PM	Sarah Circle Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	Private Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
5:00 PM	New Life Book Club	LL 3
5:15 PM	Total Body Workout	Walking Track
5:30 PM	Joy Class Men's Meal	Off Premises
6:00 PM	Disciple Bible Study - Romans	F 223
6:00 PM	Surviving the Holidays	LL 11
6:30 PM	Family Ministry Team	LL 14
7:30 PM	11-12th gr Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym

Wednesday, November 18

All Day	Llewellyn Hames Circle	Off Premises
6:00 AM	Iron Men Bible Study	MultiPurpose Rm
7:45 AM	Before the Bell HS Bible Study	Off Premises
9:00 AM	Newsletter Prep for Mailing Day	F 222
1:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Supervision Group	LL 14
4:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Supervision Group	LL 14
5:30 PM	4-5th gr Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
6:00 PM	Parents of Young Children Bible Study	LL 3
6:30 PM	Youth Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	LL 10

Thursday, November 19

10:00 AM	Private Pickleball	FMC ½ gym (tower)
1:00 PM	WOW Bible Study	LL Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM	4-7th gr Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
5:30 PM	Youth Advisory Team Meeting	F 218
6:00 PM	Engage Team Commitee Meeting	LL Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Palmetto Mastersingers Rehearsal	LL 10
6:30 PM	8th gr Boys Basketball Practice	WC Gym
6:30 PM	PEP! Event	FMC Gym
7:00 PM	Domestic Abuse Meeting	EB 211-213
7:00 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	11-12th gr Basketball Practice	WC Gym

Friday, November 20

10:00 AM	Pickleball Open Play- members & guests	FMC Gym
5:30 PM	Friday Night Lights Women's Event	Chapel

Saturday, November 21

All Day	Turner Party	FMC Gym
8:00 AM	Youth - Toys to SGL	Off Premises
9:30 AM	Jaime Dow Rehearsal	Chapel
11:00 AM	Funeral Service for Rick Stephens	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Reception for Stephens Family	LL Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 22

9:00 AM	Praise Band Warm-Up	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	UUMC Basketball PEp Rally	FMC Gym
10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Disciple- Christian Believer Bible Study	LL 14
12:15 PM	Packing Care Packages for Older Youth	F 222
1:00 PM	9-10th gr Boys Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
1:00 PM	Decorating Sanctuary for Advent	Sanctuary
2:30 PM	4-5th gr Girls Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
3:00 PM	6-7th gr Girls Basketball Practice	FMC Gym
3:00 PM	8-12th gr Girls Basketball Practice	WC Gym
3:15 PM	Junior Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Adult Leaps of Faith Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	SonZone	F 227
5:00 PM	Village Class "Friendsgiving"	WC Gym
5:00 PM	Youth - Common Ground	FMC Gym & Chapel
5:15 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	EB 106

Presence

Worship Update	Nov. 8
Worship:	410
On-line views:	224
Sunday School:	336

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UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace
25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026
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"Trustworthy"
Matthew 25: 14-30

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**	For the Healing of the Nations	UMH #428
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**	The Apostles' Creed	UMH #881
***MUSICAL RESPONSE**	Glory Be to the Father	UMH #71

FIRST SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 5: 8-11 — Pew Bible p. 1077

Reader: The Holy Scriptures for us the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

Loving God, open our eyes to see what is beautiful, our minds to know what is true, and our hears to love what is good. Grant that in our speaking we may speak words that honor you and that in our singing, we may sing your praise. Teach us to walk daily in your joy and peace. Amen.

MINISTRY MOMENT: Audio & Video Opportunities

CHILDREN'S CHURCH DISMISSAL

Friendly Reminder: Children ages 3yrs-Kindergarten only
Children's Church takes place in the FMC 222 just outside the Sanctuary.
Children are to be picked up from this location following the service.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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***DOXOLOGY**	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94

***SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25: 14-30** — Pew Bible p. 904

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord for us the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON	**"Trustworthy"**	Rev. Stephen Taylor

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**	A Charge to Keep I Have	UMH #413

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

WORSHIP TODAY

The lovely flowers are given:
"The flowers are given by Rev. Patricia Hough in recoginition of ther 50th anniversary of ordinaton by the United Church of Christ at the Franklin Federated Church partnership between the U.C.C. and the United Methodist Church." - Rev. Patricia Hough

Acolyte – Caleb Thompson
Lay Reader – Matt Church

MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS
Chancel Choir; Sharon Rattray, guest organist

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NOVEMBER 15, 2026

- **It's the last day for the Scholastic Book Fair!** - We have a special open time just for you on Sunday, **Nov. 15**, from 8:30am-12:30pm. This is the perfect opportunity to purchase Christmas presents for your kids, grandkids, neighbors -OR- shop for the Sharing God's Love Toy Drive, which ends today. Did you know each of our Day School teachers creates a wishlist of books at the fair that they would love to have in their classroom? Make plans to stop by, shop, support our Union Day School, and you can even add a book to our teacher's bookshelves!

- **Big Creek Mission Trip Info Meeting!** - Join us today, **November 15**, at 4pm in the Underground to learn more about our Big Creek Mission Trip, **July 25-31, 2027**. This mission trip is open to anyone who is interested. Since you will be working with youth, you must be Safe Sanctuary trained before we leave for the trip in July 2027. If you have any questions, email Thomas Walsh at thomas@unionirmo.org.

- **Church Council Location Change** - Church Council will meet in the Sanctuary on Monday evening, **Nov.16**, at 6:30pm as the floor in the Fellowship Hall is not complete yet.

Surviving the Holidays - This Tuesday, **Nov. 17**, 6-7:30pm in the Commons Room (LL3) The holidays present unique challenges for people who are grieving. Surviving the Holidays is designed to provide support, understanding and tools to navigate through this season. There are Surviving the Holiday books that will be available at the meeting for $10. Please let us know you'll be attending Surviving the Holidays by calling the church office or on the GriefShare website.

- **PEP! Christmas Carol Sing-Along** - Join us Thursday, **November 19**, at 6:30pm in the FMC Gym for a festive evening of Christmas carols led by Candice Conder! Enjoy singing your favorite Christmas songs together, along with a catered meal and wonderful fellowship. Dinner is $15 per person. Please sign up in your Sunday School class. Sign-ups and payment are due by Sunday, November 15. For questions, contact Phyllis Plyler at Phyllisplyler@gmail.com. We hope you'll join us for a joyful evening of Christmas music, good food, and fellowship as we celebrate the season together!

- **TLCS: Whistle While You Work** - Saturday, **Nov. 21**, 8am-12pm - Workday in the Market with Christmas music.

- **Help Decorate the church for Advent!** - The Traditional Worship Team invites Union people to help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent on Sunday, **November 22** at 1pm.

- **Basketball Pep Rally:** Join Youth of Union for an exciting Basketball Pep Rally next Sunday, **November 22**, from 10-10:30am in the FMC Gym! Come out and show your support for our basketball teams as we get ready for an amazing season filled with spirit, teamwork, and fun. Bring your energy, cheer on our players, and help make this event unforgettable. Plus, there will be stickers for everyone! Merchandise will also be available for purchase. We look forward to seeing you there as we come together to celebrate and support our teams.

- **Packing Care Packages for Our Older Youth** - The Bridge at Union will gather for Care Packaging on Sunday, **November 22**, after the 11am worship service, in Room F222. Join us as we send love and prayers to our church's post-high-school young adults. If you would like to stay informed about the ministry, please scan the QR code on the right to join our Band App. Or, if you prefer, contact Annah Hiers at annah.hiers@gmail.com or 803-730-6638. We always welcome volunteers to help us handwrite notes & cards as well!

- **TLCS: Cookies and Construction!** - Sunday, **November 29**, 1-5pm - This is our last day of building before the Living Christmas Story comes to life. We will finish up outside with our afternoon workout of spreading pinestraw, hanging burlap, and finishing construction details. Inside, we will be making Christmas cookies for families riding through Bethlehem on the bus. Many hands are needed to bring Bethlehem to Irmo!



- **The Living Christmas Story Flyers & Posters are now available!** - Please stop by the narthex and grab a handful of posters to place and share everywhere you can think of. This is our 33rd 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. Bethlehem comes to life **December 4-6**, from 6:30-9 p.m. New! - electronic versions of these flyers are available on our website - UnionIrmo.org/community

- **HELP NEEDED!** We need YOU to sign up to help with THE LIVING CHRISTMAS STORY FOR THE DAY SCHOOL! It will be Friday morning, **December 4**. 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 phyllisplyer@gmail.com.

* 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 Wilson Circle Book Club** will meet Tuesday, **December 8, 2026** at Lakeview Retirement Community, 2134 N. Lake Drive following the Wilson Circle luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. Susan Harrison will lead the discussion of the book, *Season's Greetings: Christmas Letters From Those Who Were There*, by Ruth L. Boling. There are 5 copies of the book in the UWF collection in the Church Library. Used copies of the book can also be purchased through online book companies such as Abe Books and Thrift Books.

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 plan to attend the Book Club meeting but are not a member of the Wilson Circle, you are invited to attend the luncheon as well. The cost is $12 cash to be paid upon arrival. Please contact Harriet Simpson by Sunday, Dec. 6 if you want your name added to the list for the luncheon. If you are not attending the luncheon, plan to join the group in the lobby of Lakeview Retirement Community about 12:45 p.m.

- Youth of Union: High School Retreat - January 15-18, 2027 - For our High School students, get ready for an unforgettable weekend in the Asheville area! Join us for a time filled with fun, fellowship, games, group activities, cooking together, and plenty of opportunities to make new memories. Take a break from the everyday routine, grow closer to your friends, and enjoy a weekend of connection, laughter, and time together! The cost is $350 per student and includes all meals and planned activities. Sign up today!

- **Youth of Union: Revolution - January 29-31, 2027** - Join us for an incredible weekend of worship, fellowship, fun, and growing together in our faith. We'll spend the weekend staying at Union, enjoying time together, and building friendships! The cost is $100 per student. Register by December 28 to guarantee your T-shirt. Registration will remain open until the event, but T-shirts are not guaranteed after the deadline. Financial assistance is available- if needed, contact Thomas at thomas@unionirmo.org. Sign up today!

- **SCUMC *Advocate* for All Plan** - Beginning November 1, all of the *Advocate*'s digital content is now free, from the website, e-newsletters, and e-edition to our app. The Advocate is a publication and has been serving South Carolina United Methodists since 1837. Its mission is to foster discipleship within South Carolina Methodism by providing relevant news in various formats to unite followers in Christ. You can sign up to get free notifications of the Advocate's monthly e-editions and other news at www.advocatesc.org/newsletter/.



- **Christmas Devotional for our Children's Families!** - Parents, be sure to pick up a copy of the Laugh and Grow Family Advent Devotional. This is a great way to spend time this season remembering why we celebrate, with low prep and stress! Devotionals are on the check-in table on the 2nd floor of the Education Building. They are available for any of our families with children.

C – O – S – T

Searching for a new ministry opportunity in our congregation? There will be a cost, you know, but there will also be great rewards. Stephen Ministry is our congregation's one-to-one caring ministry. Right now we're looking for members who are willing to pay the

Commitment
Of
Self and
Time

and become Stephen Ministers, remembering that the blessings will outweigh the costs. To find out more about this ministry and our upcoming class in January, please contact Jan Buck at janetbuck1028@gmail.com or 803-414-2222 today.

Online Giving Note:

We are shifting our online giving from Vanco to Realm by December 1, 2026.

(Vanco was recently purchased by ACS Technologies, and we already use Realm, a subsidiary of ACST, for our membership database.)

All current, automatically scheduled gifts will be transferred into Realm and continue as scheduled.

If you need to update your giving for 2027, you will need to create a new login through Realm to update and manage your scheduled gifts. We will be sending out more information on this transition, new login directions and more, as we get closer to December 1.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email our finance office (finance@unionirmo.org).



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.

Share with:

☐ Pastors
☐ Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

Name (optional)