

Congregational Concerns

If you have a prayer concern, please write the information below and place it in the offering basket. You can also fill out the Prayer Request form on our website.
Share with:

- ☐ Pastors
- ☐ Prayer Team

Prayer Requests...

Name (optional)

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:

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

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

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.

Presence

Worship Update	Nov. 8
Worship:	410
Online 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
www.UnionIrmo.org

"Trustworthy"

Welcome & Prayer

Music

Announcements

Ministry Moment: Audio & video Opportunities

First Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5: 8-11

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 25: 14-30

Sermon: "Trustworthy"
Rev. Stephen Taylor

Prayers of the People

Music

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 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, **November 16**, at 6:30pm as the floor in the Fellowship Hall is not complete yet.

Surviving the Holidays

- This Tuesday, **November 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, **November 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, **Nov. 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.



- **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.



- **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.

- **Youth of Union: High School Retreat - Jan. 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 - Jan. 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!

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).



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:

_____

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