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Union United Methodist Church Irmo, South Carolina

KNOW Christ, SHARE Faith, SHOW Grace

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Sunday Worship

Sanctuary
 9:00 am
 and
 11:10 am

Sunday School

10:10 am
 Education Building,
 Family Ministry Center
 & Sanctuary
 Lower Level

Rev. Stephen P. Taylor,
 Senior Minister

Rev. Jeri Katherine W. Sipes,
 Associate Minister

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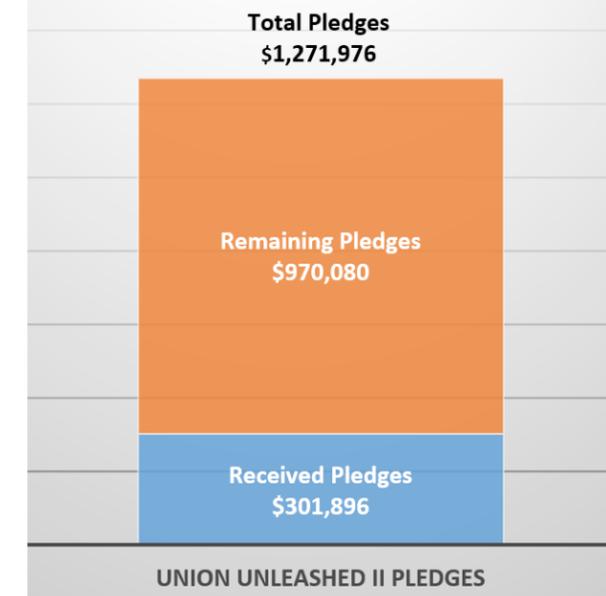
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UNION UNLEASHED

Union Unleashed II Update

We are 6 months into our 3-year capital campaign and we are well on our way to reaching our goal. We are only 1/6th of the way and, as of December 31st, we have already received just under 1/3rd of the total pledges for the campaign!

Pledges Received as of 12/31/2018



Union Unleashed II is our 3-year capital campaign to pay down the mortgage on our Family Ministries Center. If you have not pledged and would like to join in this effort, you can call the church office and indicate your pledge. Alternatively, you can just indicate on your offering that your gift is for the capital campaign.
 Thank you for your faithful giving!



SHROVE TUESDAY

Event: Pancake Supper
 All you can eat and a Fun time with Dixie Land Music

Date: Tuesday, March 5

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Place: Family Ministry Center Gym

Advance: Adult \$6 | Child (3-10) \$5 | Family Max \$20

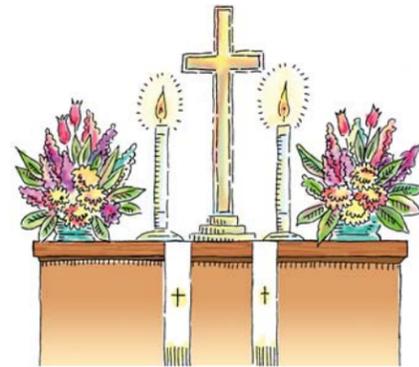
Door: Adult \$7 | Child (3-10) \$5 | Family Max \$24

Tickets will be available for purchase before and after Sunday School Hour in the Narthex on **February 24 and March 3, 2019.**

Members of New Life Class will also have tickets for advance purchase.

**UMC 101
FEBRUARY 3, 10, 17 & 24**

UMC 101 is an introductory course to Union United Methodist Church, taught by the pastors. It is for new members, persons considering membership, or those who have been members and would like a refresher on the basics. Basic Beliefs, Our Worship and Sacraments, How We Get Things Done and The Mission and Opportunities at Union are just some of the topics discussed. Register by emailing admin@unionunitedmethodist.org or calling the church office @ 781-3013. Meets in the Multipurpose Room of the Family Ministry Center from 10-11 am on Sundays.



2019 FLOWER INCREASE

Beginning February 1 the altar flowers will increase from \$35 per arrangement to \$40 per arrangement. Flowers for the Narthex will now be \$50 per arrangement since those arrangements are larger than the arrangements on the altar.

REMINDER:

There are still dates available on the flower calendar.



**March 6
7:00 PM
Sanctuary**



Each week the sermon is posted on the website unionunitedmethodist.org under the NEWS tab. Scroll down to find them listed by date and title.



tacklehunger.org

February 3rd is Super Bowl Sunday! Give to the Souper Bowl of Caring in honor of your favorite team! Students will be at their posts in the Narthex before and after worship on Sunday, February 3rd with soup pots collecting donations through Souper Bowl of Caring for Sharing God's Love! 100% of our collections will go directly back into our community via Sharing God's Love!

Offering Envelopes



2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are available in the narthex. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact Jamey Jones in the Finance Office at 781.3013 ext. 104.



We extend our sympathy to the following families at the loss of their loved ones:

IN MEMORIAM

Dwight Nunamaker Derrick
June 14, 1934 – November 24, 2018

Dorothy Funk
June 3, 1928 – November 26, 2018

Donald Franklin Looney Sr.
November 14, 1944 – November 28, 2018

William David Swygert
September 25, 1933 – December 21, 2018

SYMPATHY

Charles E. Willyerd
father-in-law of Betty Willyerd



Rachel Lynn Coulter
who was born on December 3, 2018,
daughter of Becca and Jacob Coulter



**Welcome
Our New
Members**

Carol and Ken Hubbard

**Kelly Howard, Leah Howard
and Hannah Loback**

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 call the church office (781-3013) and let us know.

Our Ministry Team

Senior Minister
Rev. Stephen P. Taylor

Associate Minister
Rev. Jeri Katherine W. Sipes

Minister of Visitation
Rev. David Anderson

Retired Pastors
Rev. Tommy R. Bailey
Rev. Dick Holliday
Rev. Paul Van Dine

Administrative Assistant
Monica Crodian

Communications
Liz Edwards

**Coordinator of
Contemporary Worship**
Michelle Cochcroft

Custodians
Emily Geiger
Kyle Wisnewski

Director of Music Ministries
Don Kirkindoll

**Director of Youth and
Leisure Ministries**
Eleanor Smolen

Facilities Manager
Ned Calvert

Finance
Jamey Jones

Kindergarten
Barbie Creswell

**Director of Ministries to
Children & Families**
Suzy Broadus

Nursery Coordinator
Stacy Burggraf

Organist
Joey Rothfuss

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Spread the Word

Just a reminder of the different opportunities available at Union to help you spread the word about upcoming events.

**Weekly Bulletin,
Sunday School Announcements
and Website News**

Deadline: Noon on Tuesday

Monthly Newsletter

Deadline: 15 of each month

Please email your information to
Liz Edwards at
[communications@
unionunitedmethodist.org](mailto:communications@unionunitedmethodist.org)



AN EVENING OF PRAYER & SELF-DENIAL FEBRUARY 26

The Union UMW will have an evening of Prayer & Self-Denial on Tuesday, February 26, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

All are invited to attend.

circle chairs please contact

Nancy Embler

nancy.realtyagent@gmail.com

or

Joy Downs

elymay2@aol.com

by February 20th

to let them know how many members in your circle will attend.

Nursery available upon request.



HOME REFERRALS FOR LAKE MURRAY SALKEHATCHIE

If anyone knows of a homeowner (no rental properties, please) in the Columbia (29210 or 29212), Irmo, and Chapin areas whose home needs a little TLC, please contact Jeff Radenbaugh, 803-609-7999, the.jeffr@gmail.com. We are looking to improve the quality of life for families in our community by making their homes safe, warm, and dry. Work will be done by youth and semi-skilled adults during the week of July 20-27, 2019.

Grieving the death of a spouse?

Or do you know someone who is?



Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear.

Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar.

You'll hear:

- o Practical advice from others who've been there.
- o What to expect in your grief.
- o How to cope with life without your spouse.
- o Why it won't always hurt this much.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.

Date: Sunday, February 3

Time: 3 – 5pm

Place: UUMC – Education Bldg.

Rm 214

Contact: Church Office @ 781-3013



Sponsored by stephenministry@unionunitedmethodist.org



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Trust Me!

Has someone ever told you "Trust Me," and then let you down? Our Stephen Ministers are people you really can trust. They are committed to providing the best Christian care possible to their care receivers. They are people you can trust and depend on.

The Stephen Ministers here at Union are there for you during difficult times...big or small. If you would like to have someone to talk to, who will keep your conversation confidential, please contact the Church Office 781-3013 and a Stephen Leader will contact you.



Our next GriefShare Program is scheduled to begin February 13, 2019. Each of the 13 weekly sessions is self-contained, so you are welcome to begin attending at any point.

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often people, including Christians, tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family members, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

**GriefShare will be held Wednesdays,
February 13—May 15, 2019**

6:30-8 pm

Education Building Room #214

Cost:

Workbook \$15 (scholarships available)

Any questions or to register contact
the church office @ 781-3013

E-Mail:

stephenministry@unionunitedmethodist.org



Dear Union family,
 Many thanks for making Christmas a special and wonderful time for me and others unable to be active in our beloved church.

The beautiful red tote was filled with many festive and useful gifts. What a JOY!

I am so proud to be a child of God in my church family called Union.

Again, many thanks for your Christian love and supporting spirit.

Happy New Year to all and blessings that Union will continue to shine a bright light everywhere!

In His Love, Mabel Nunnery

P.E.P.! CARD PARTY

**Meets every Monday
 when the Church Office is open
 10:00 A. M. – 12:00 Noon
 Fellowship Hall**

Come! Have fun relaxing with friendly, fun-loving people.

You are urged to join us for Bridge, Hand-and-Foot, Canasta, or other games.

To learn more call
Corey Ann Lacy (957-6863)

**JANUARY
 28th**

**FEBRUARY
 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th**



2019 CONFIRMAND CLASS

Union Family,

I wanted to let our adult Sunday school classes know that we have 22 confirmands this year, and we will be heading to Lake Junaluska for our annual retreat March 1-3. Below are the names of our confirmands, please be in prayer for our young people, but also consider writing a note of encouragement or sending a small agape gift to be opened while on retreat. If you'd like to reach out to our confirmands in such a way, have all items to Rev. Jeri Katherine's office by February 17. Thank you for your continuous love and support of these growing children of faith!

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| Isabelle Bates | Keith Keller | Eleanor O'Leary | Jordan Stansell |
| Margaret Chapple | Natalie Kirkindoll | Gaines Roberts | Jonathan Tucker |
| Reagan Chapple | Joseph Kiser | Erin Robinson | Elizabeth Vann |
| Trysten Counas | Jacob Klutz | Jada Sandsted | Daniel Wolff |
| JT Grooms | Caroline Lindler | Ryan Sandsted | |
| Hollis Head | Gracie Morris | Christian Smolen | |



PRESCHOOL POST

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year for currently enrolled students, their siblings and Union church members will begin February 25. If you have questions and/or would like a tour, please call the preschool office at 781-0630. You can pick up a registration form in the preschool office or visit the church website and click on the preschool link. Registration forms should be turned in with the registration fee (\$100 for UUMC members and half price for siblings) by March 1st to confirm your child's placement. Open registration will begin March 4, 2019.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If inclement weather should occur that causes conditions to be unsafe for the members to attend worship services or other church functions, information will be obtained from the Sheriff's Dept., S.C. Highway Dept, and the Weather Station. Then a decision will be made. Cancellation information will be placed on the TV report, Union's Facebook Page and the church phone message at 781-3013. If the church line is busy when you call, please try again.



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To be good stewards by turning off all lights and making sure all doors are locked and completely closed when you leave the building.

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Monday-Thursday
 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

SIGN-UP FOR UNION E-MAIL UPDATE



In an effort to keep you up to date with the happenings at Union, we have an email list. You can join by clicking on the "Union E-mail Update" button on the left side of the Home Page on the website. By joining, you will begin receiving weekly updates on Fridays of events and activities that are going on at Union and any reminders that pertain to Sunday.

We want you to know what's happening, so join us by going to the website at www.unionunitedmethodist.org.



Children of Union
 "Raise up a child in the way of the Lord..."
 Proverbs 22:6a

SUNDAYS

Nursery (6wks-2yrs)

We love our little ones and provide a nursery each Sunday morning in the Family Minister Center: Lower Level (Rm F111)

Children's Sunday School (3k-5th grade)

Children 3years old through 5th grade join us on the 2nd floor of the Educational Building for some great Bible stories, activities and fun. Parents check out Sparkhouse: Activate Faith, online to see what your children are learning.

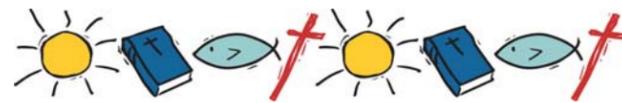
Children's Church (3k-5k)

We meet during each worship service, all but the 1st Sundays so our children can experience communion with their families. After the children's moment during worship the children will be escorted to the Wesley Center where you can pick your children up after worship.

We're Back in Action!!

SonZone on Sunday nights for our 4th and 5th graders. We start with a light dinner at 5pm (please bring \$2). Followed by an evening of fun, faith-growing and fellowship from 5:30-7pm. Meet us in the Family Ministry Center! Don't forget to bring a friend!

CONTACT: Suzy Broadus
 Director of Ministries to Children & Families
suzy@unionunitedmethodist.org



Note from Suzy

I'm so excited to be at Union as the new Director of Children and Family Ministry. There is so much we can do together and I can't wait! If you want to be involved in sharing God love and stories with our children let me know! Call, email or even smoke signals!
suzy@unionunitedmethodist.org or
 803-781-3013 ext 124 .



PARENTS' TIME OUT!

- February 16** from 4:30-7:30pm
- March 23** from 2:00-5:00pm
- April 13** from 4:30-7:30pm
- May 18** from 2:00-5:00pm
- June 15** from 4:30-7:30pm

Children ages infant to 1st grade \$10/child, includes snack on Saturday afternoons and pizza on Saturday evenings

RSVP the Wednesday before
Stacy.Burggraf@gmail.com

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 20th from 4:00-6:00 pm
 Watch for all the details on the Big Hunt!!
 Vacation Bible School June 23rd to 27th Be careful we might just step back in time!



**YOUTH OF UNION
 MINISTRIES
 6TH-12TH GRADES**

**IMPORTANT
 COMMUNICATION INFO
 STAY IN THE KNOW!**

JOIN OUR TEXTING PLATFORM TO GET UP TO DATE TEXT MESSAGES ABOUT ALL THINGS YOUTH OF UNION!

Text: YouthofUnion
 (all one word – NO spaces)
 To: 84576

*Open a new text message. In the "to" space, where you would enter a phone number, you enter 84576. In the space where you would write a message, you enter YouthOfUnion.

Send message and await the automated response.*
BE SURE TO CLICK THE LINK AND COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION!
 This is VERY important!

You may also keep up with us on Social Media and our very own website!

www.youthofunion.com

Instagram:
 YouthofUnion

Facebook:
 Youth of Union

Twitter:
 @YouthofUnion

WEEKLY SCHEDULE & CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Contact Eleanor Smolen for more info at 912-332-2606 or
Eleanor@unionunitedmethodist.org

SUNDAY

- 10am "The Thread" Sunday School
 [1st Sunday of the Month is Pancake Breakfast]
- 4-4:50pm Youth Choir
- 5-7pm Dinner & Lifeline (Youth Group) and Confirmation Sessions

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30-8:30am High School Prayer Breakfast
- 7-8pm Leaps of Faith Dance Team

SPECIAL EVENTS OR DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/30 - Alaska Mission Team Meeting**
 6pm in the Underground. Please do everything possible to attend if you are part of the Mission Team going to Alaska – we have many things to discuss and decide!
- 2/3 – Souper Bowl of Caring Collection Day**
- 2/10 & 2/17- Pasta Dinner Tickets**
 Alaska Mission team will be selling tickets for their February 24th Pasta Dinner. Dinner plates will be available after both services on 2/24, and may be eaten at church with friends or taken to go! Support our mission in Alaska by purchasing tickets to the pasta dinner!
- 3/1-3 – Confirmation Retreat**
- 3/5@5:30pm– Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**
- 4/7 @5pm – Youth Easter Egg Hunt** (yes – you get to hunt eggs!)
- 4/14 @5pm – Passover Dinner/Passion of the Christ**
- 4/20 – Children's Easter Egg Hunt** (Youth help)
- 5/5 – Youth Sunday**
- 5/19 – Confirmation Day**
- 6/2 – Graduation Sunday**
SENIOR PARENTS: Please be sure you have been in touch with Eleanor regarding Senior/Grad Sunday. If you have not notified her regarding your student's participation in this event, please do so immediately. Plans have already begun and will be finalized very soon! We look forward to honoring our grads and want to make this day as special as possible!
- 6/9 – 15 – 2019 Alaska GraceWorks Mission Trip**



MISSIONS SUPPORTED BY UNION UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- Mission to Conference
- Epworth Children's Home
- Gifts in Memory and Mission
- Family Shelter
- Special Mission Recognition
- Sister Care
- World Thank Offering
- Sharing God's Love
- John's Island Rural Mission
- The Woman's Shelter
- Killingsworth
- Snack Pack's Program
- Wallace Family Life Center
- Vacation Bible School
- Alston Wilkes Society
- Camp Friarsgate
- Asbury Hills
- Bethlehem Center, Columbia, Spartanburg

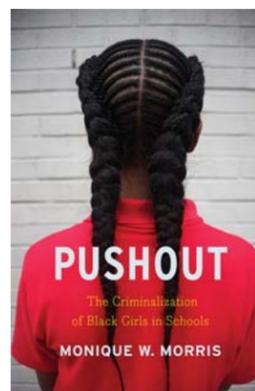


- Joy Downs
- Nancy Embler
- Becky King
- Lisa Mansfield
- Jean How
- Mandy Ayers
- Katie Bullard
- Lindsay Head
- Gail Miller
- Marie Knight
- Mona Holliday
- Marie Frick
- Jackie Able
- Jane Davis
- Ann May
- Kathy Tedeschi

UMW READING PROGRAM

You are invited to participate in the UMW Reading Program here at Union. This program is designed to raise awareness among Methodist men and women in 5 different areas: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. In Plan A you are asked to read one book of your choice from the approved selections in each of the five categories within a year (August-July). You may also select to participate in Plan B (10 books), Plan C (15 books) or Plan D (20 books). These books are located in the UMW library which is inside the Church library on the lower level of the Sanctuary Building. Sign out sheets are available as well as tracking forms. You may begin at any time and forms need to be turned in by July 31 in the appropriate folder. Each January at least 10 new books are added to our shelves – 2 in each category. You are also asked to read articles in the RESPONSE magazine located next to the sign out sheet.

Featured Book: PUSHOUT by Monique W. Morris
The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools
 Despite increased attention to the mass and over-incarceration of black men, the plight of criminalized black women is overlooked, under-reported, and under-analyzed. PUSHOUT shows how even with obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities and beyond, and challenges the rest of us to do the same.



Questions?? Please contact Connie Warren, (connieswarren33@gmail.com)

Union United Methodist Women End of Year Mission Giving

<u>Organization</u>	<u>2018 Gift</u>
Killingsworth	\$400.00
Wallace Family Life Center	\$300.00
Sharing God's Love	\$775.00
Epworth Children's Home	\$775.00
Family Shelter	\$200.00
Alston Wilkes	\$100.00
Asbury Hills	\$100.00
Women's Shelter	\$100.00
Total Giving	\$2750.00



Union UMW 2018 Financial Information

- **Our 2018 projected Pledge Money was \$6770.00. We collected \$7164.00 in actual Pledge Money.**
- **We collected \$420.00 in World Thank Offering.**
- **We collected the following Love Offerings totaling \$1251.00:**
 - \$241.00 at the Sacrificial Meal payable to Wallace Family Life
 - \$410.00 at the Spring Program payable to Leeza's Care Connection
 - \$600.00 at the Fall Meeting payable to Happy Wheels
 - \$441.05 at the Christmas Program payable to Epworth Children's Home Independent Living Cottage
- **We met our Conference obligations to Missionary Programs making Union UMW a Five Star Mission and a Gold Seal Mission Unit.**
- **We collected \$778.50 in Killingsworth quarters.**
- **Breakdown of Budget Spending**
 - 48% to UMW District (5 Star & Gold Seal Units)
 - 8% on Union UMW programs and supplies
 - 11% carry over to 2019
 - 33% on year end local giving