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Union Connection

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

WHAT'S INSIDE

Info????????????????



September 6th

One Worship at 10:30 am
both in-person or live streaming.
We hope to share Holy Communion
and we plan to include a Remembrance time for those
who have died over the past 5 months of the pandemic.
No Childrens' Church but Wiggle bags will be provided.

September 13th

One Worship service at 10:30 am
both in-person or live streaming.
This will be our Confirmation Sunday.

September 20th

Two worship times at 9:00 & 11:10 am
both in-person and live streaming.

*Please pay special attention to signs directing you
as you enter and exit the Sanctuary.*

During this time of uncertainty, children need the gift of hope.

Gift of Hope

Mother's Day Offering • Work Day Offering

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 6 • 2020

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

Sunday September 6: Happiness is a Habit (Psalm 1:1-5)

In September we begin a 4-week sermon series, "Happiness is..."

And to prepare our hearts for Sunday's message in song, prayer, scripture reading and proclamation, follow this daily reading of short scripture selections, beginning in the Old Testament and working our way to Jesus' own words in the New Testament.

This week, think about the word "choice." Every day we make hundreds, or even thousands of choices, from big decisions to small ones. What do your choices say about your relationship with God? How might choices help or harm happiness?

-**August 31** (Law): Deuteronomy 30:19-20

-**September 1** (History): Joshua 24:14-18

-**September 2** (Wisdom): Proverbs 3:1-8

-**September 3** (Prophets): Isaiah 30:18-22

-**September 4** (Letters): Philippians 4:8-9

-**September 5** (Gospel): Luke 10:38-42

UPCOMING TOPICS

September 13: Happiness is Community (Philippians 1:3-11)

September 20: Happiness is Letting Go (2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

September 27: Happiness is not Circumstantial (1 Thessalonians 5:16-22)



Have you considered making a gift to the Union United Methodist Church Permanent Endowment Fund? A gift to the Endowment Fund ensures that Union will continue to have an impact on the lives of our community even after we are gone. There are many ways to remember the Endowment Fund in your estate planning, but you can also give a current gift of cash or securities. Cash gifts

can simply be made out to UUMC and designated for the Endowment Fund. You can also give securities that have appreciated over time and avoid paying tax on the gains (please consult your tax advisor). Please contact Barbara Tanner in the Church Finance Office (financeoffice@unionunitedmethodist.org) and she can help you through the process of donating securities. Stay tuned for more tips throughout this year on how you can leave a legacy gift to Union's Endowment Fund for generations to come.



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

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Our Ministry Team

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Rev. Stephen P. Taylor

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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
liz@unionirmo.org



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



BLESSING BOX

The Blessing Box is running low. Please stop by and drop off a few cans of non-perishable food. The box is located by the side parking lot near the FMC building.

FOLLOW US: @unionumcirmo

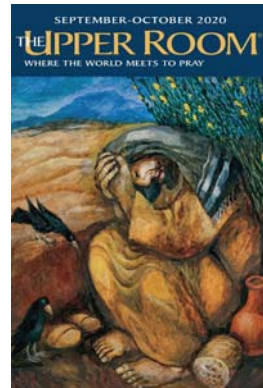


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UPPER ROOMS

Are available in the Church Office Reception Area for anyone who would like one.

Price:
\$.50 for small print
\$1 for large print




Monday-Thursday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

THE WALKING TRACK IS OPEN!

Guidelines:

- Bring a driver's license and sign-in
- Only 5 people on the track at one time
- Remember to practice social distancing
- Only open during church office hours.



Easter Donations

We were not able to adorn our sanctuary this year with Easter lilies but all your donations were made to the Lenten Mission Fund (this year to Sharing God's Love). Thank you for your loving generosity.

These donations were given . . .



- In memory of LeRoy (Lee) Barber – I will always love you – by Deedie Barber
- To God be the glory and in honor of the Ladies Usher Team by Domi Kyle
- In honor of our children, Jessica and Thomas, by Lora and Marshall McKinney
- In memory of our parents, Estelle and Oliver Whetstone and Jessie and Joseph Pendarvis, whose faith brought us here, by Zonnie and Phyllis Pendarvis
- In memory of Tom Ackerman (Glenna Dean's Dad) and Mae Ellen Wilson (Joe's Mom) – We miss you every day! – by Joe, Glenna Dean and Sarah Wildt
- To the glory of God and in honor of our children, their spouses, and our grandchildren by Lewis and Arlene Milligan
- To the glory of God and in memory of our daughter, Alice, by Lewis and Arlene Milligan
- In celebration of our risen Lord and in memory of our daughter, Elizabeth, by David and Debby Bruner
- In honor of the Traditional Worship Team for all their work to glorify God in the 9 AM services by Sheryl Todd
- To the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Paul, by Jeannie Jeter
- In honor of Janet Ruark's 90th Birthday (Ross' mother) by Ross and Paula Ruark
- In honor of Rob and Penny Thompson by Caleb and Maisie Thompson
- In memory of my beloved husband, Bill, and our beloved son, David, by Pat Swygert
- In honor of our children and grandchildren by Chuck and Suzanne Wilber
- In memory of Brock McKinney – Praying for comfort for his family and friends – by Vickie Eisenman
- In memory of Jan Croft – Thankful for your friendship – Love, Richie and Vickie
- In memory of my Mother and Dad, Iva Mae and Lee Dixon – They were the best parents in this world – by Becky Dixon
- In honor of UUMC congregation and staff, UUM Chancel Choir (Don & Joey), Joy SS Class, Wilson Circle and WOW Bible Study Group – I appreciate all of you! – by Becky Dixon
- In honor of Harrison T. Holcombe by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Knudsen
- In memory of Christopher T. Knudsen by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Knudsen
- In loving memory of Nedra Smith, our beautiful wife and mother who we miss very much, by Bob, Rob & family and Gil & family
- In loving memory of my husband, John "Roy" Graham, by Bonnie S. Graham
- In loving memory of my parents, Owen and Mattie Slice, by Bonnie S. Graham
- In memory of Rev. Red and Belva Williams by Sherry, Danny, Dawn and Wendi
- In memory of Sam Diggie by John and Jane Brooks
- In honor of Lewis and Arlene Milligan by your children and grandchildren
- In loving memory of Alice Milligan by Lisa Milligan and the girls



Union has a new website: unionirmo.org

New staff emails:

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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.unionirmo.org.



How to Help Your Child Adapt to Wearing a Mask



Explain WHY

Use easy-to-understand language and positive phrasing.

For example, "Many people are sick right now. Wearing a mask will protect you from germs."



Take a Picture

Ask family members or friends to take pictures of themselves wearing masks.

You can even arrange a virtual get together so everyone can show off their masks.



Practice Makes Perfect

Shape the behavior by breaking it down into smaller steps. Then practice & reinforce each step.

1. Holding the mask.
2. Putting it against his or her face.
3. Securing the elastic.



Let's Pretend

Integrate masks into your favorite pretend play schemes.

Encourage your child to dress up as a doctor, nurse, or veterinarian.



Get Creative

Allow your child to decorate their mask using crayons or markers.

If you are planning to make a DIY cloth mask, allow him/her to pick the fabric color or pattern.



Stuffed Animals & Dolls Need Masks Too

Put a mask on your child's favorite stuffed animal or doll as a reminder that we are all in this together!



Start with Familiar Clothing

Choose clothing that your child already wears and turn it into a mask.

Some ideas include: a scarf, balaclava or bandana



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KIDS WEARING MASKS CLIPART BY: BUNNY ON A CLOUD



“Raise up a child in the way of the Lord...”
Proverbs 22:6a

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for our Children is still going strong! Our Children of Union Facebook has a link to this week’s video lesson as well as a question to talk about with your children. Contact Miss Suzy if your children (3 -10 years old) haven’t been receiving mail each week from the church. The mailings include activity sheets for Sunday school and other lessons. (suzy@unionirmo.org)

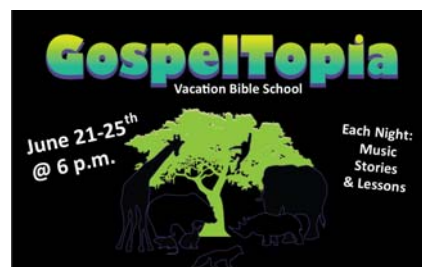
We hope to return with in person Sunday school for children on October 4th. Letters with details and expected changes are going out next week. (Using our Sunday school mailing list, so be sure we have your address). Now more than ever, we need you to fill out a registration form for your children. Forms will be mailed with the letter next week with a return envelope. Please help us make plans for the Fall (and beyond) by filling out a form, for each child, and returning it the church office.

3RD GRADE BIBLES

A special tradition each year is presenting our rising 3rd graders with their own Bible. If you have not received an email from Suzy about this, contact her so we can sure to have one for your child and that their name is spelled correctly. (suzy@unionirmo.org)

NURSERY

When we resume in person worship our nursery will be ready for your children 3 years old and under. Our nursery staff has been working hard to disinfect the toys and rooms. We are asking our workers to wear masks and smocks when they come in as well. Parents are asked to help us by waiting at the door to drop kids off, and bringing sippy cups or bottles for their child each week. A full list of all we have done and are doing was mailed to our families and available upon request.



Vacation Bible School – Virtual Edition 2020

What a wonderful and different celebration we experienced this year for Vacation Bible School. Our directors, Annette Nash, Gayle Puckett, Julia Faile and Pam Howell did an amazing job navigating the ever changes waters we found ourselves in this year. While Bible school looked a little different this year there was still plenty of fun to be had. Our theme was “Gospeltopia” Our daily adventures took us through the jungles of Gospeltopia where we met a new friend each time. Our children (and adults) enjoyed a new video each night that included music (from our families), a skit with a new friend, an object lesson and bible lesson. The adventure taught us that Jesus loves us, Jesus takes care of us, Jesus is strong, Jesus saves us and we should tell others about Jesus.



We had 77 children register for Bible school this year and each received an Adventure Bag that contained needed supplies and fun items to help them experience the week. The adventure bags included lesson plans for each day, daily craft supplies, sidewalk chalk and other extras. The children were encouraged to use the sidewalk chalk in their driveways to share their VBS excitement with their neighbors. You can see some of our crafts in the pictures and the fun being had by our children.



Each year we support a mission project and this year was no different. We are proud to support the McKinney Vento project this year, they help children who are homeless or in financial need, in our school district. Thanks to our families for donating a cart full of food, underwear and socks for our local kids. Thank you all for your prayers and support this year and every year for our Vacation Bible School.



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

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Youth of Union
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@YouthofUnion

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UPCOMING EVENT YOUTH ICE CREAM

YOUTH ICE CREAM SUNDAY will be held on **Sunday September 13th from 5-6:30pm.**
We will celebrate our Confirmands, who will be confirmed that morning during worship,
and welcome them as “official” Youth of Union! We’ll have individually packaged
ice cream bars/pops/cups and outdoor games of 9 square/Gaga ball/Etc. Friends are welcome!
Please wear a mask. Hand sanitizer will be provided and social distancing will be observed.



INTERESTED IN A MISSION TRIP TO ZIMBABWE, AFRICA?

Update:
If you’ve already been on an international mission trip and will be 19 years of age
at the time of the trip, please prayerfully consider participating in this journey.
On **September 27**, there will be an interest meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 2 pm.
Please wear your mask and remember to social distance.

Trip date: March 25 - April 8, 2022

Cost: \$3500

Primary Mission: Finish Chitenderano UMC

If you have questions, please contact Lora McKinney at lrckunc@gmail.com.



OUR PURPOSE

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

THE VISION OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

On behalf of Union's United Methodist Women, we want to welcome you. We look forward to working with you, with our many circles, project and Bible Studies. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please call the church office or contact one of the following officers:

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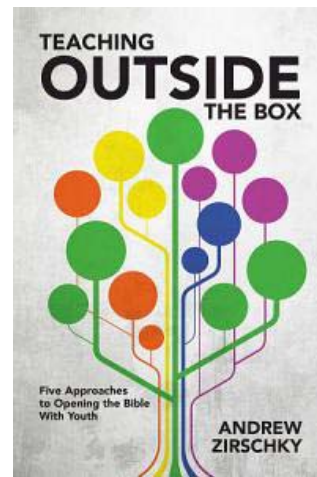
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UMW READING PROGRAM



TEACHING OUTSIDE THE BOX,
by Andrew Zirschky

Category: Leadership Development

You are invited to go on a journey with Jeremy Bevins, a fictional youth worker who discovers five unique approaches to teaching Scripture with the help of wise octogenarian, Seymour Mathetai. The book provides both the theory and practical skills to change the way you use the Bible in the faith formation of adolescents.

The UMW are collecting cancelled postage stamps for Marion Mission Storehouse. The storehouse sells the stamps for profit which is used to send shoes, clothes and medical supplies to Methodist Churches in Zambia and Republic of the Congo. When collecting the stamps, please trim the excess envelope paper to a 1/4 inch border around the stamp. Trimming is not required but is very helpful as it has to be done before donating to the Storehouse. There is a collection box located in the Church Office reception area.

The UMW are also collecting pull tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Susan Vinson (F 208) can accept your tab donations.

MEMORIALS

Given in memory of Ophie Atkinson by: Aline Leitner Fellowship Sunday School Class, Linda Connor, Jean Eng, Jane & Bryan Graham, Carolyn Leitner

Given in memory of Carolyn Carpenter, sister of Buz Busbee by: Arlene and Lewis Milligan

Given in memory of Michael Counas, husband of Ann Counas by: John Rowland Sunday School class, Arlene & Lewis Milligan, Connie and Bob Warren

Given in memory of Roy Fulmer (Bo) Davis, father of Darren Davis by: Joy SS Class, Joann McKie, Morgan & Joyce Stokely

Given in memory of Sam Diggle, husband of Linda Diggle by: Cheyrl Boone, Jeanette & Jerry Coulter, Deborah Cox, Frances Gunter, Sharon & John Hanson, Jeannie & Mike Hart, John Rowland SS Class, Barry & William Lide, Ann & Jim Martin, Ann & Robert May, Donna & Bill McElveen, Arlene & Lewis Milligan, Marla & William Overton and LMC Business Office Staff, Jean & Kenneth Peaden, Susan & David Plyler, Lois & Bob Taylor, Connie & Bob Warren, Wilson Circle

Given in memory of Eunice Grant Galloway, mother of Ben Galloway by: Arlene & Lewis Milligan

Given in memory of Mary Gardner, sister of Suzanne Wilber by: Arlene & Lewis Milligan

Given in memory of Bert Josey by: Aline Leitner Fellowship Sunday School Class, Linda Connor, Jean Eng, Jane & Bryan Graham, Lib & Horis Simmons, Harriet & Ted Simpson, Judy Weston, Lynn & Marsh Willis

Given in memory of Carol Kennedy by: Kelly K. Moore

Given in memory of Judy Knight, sister of Suzie Gammon by: Elizabeth & Don Allen

Given in memory of Dr. Pearce McCall, brother of Alice Martin by: Barry and Bill Lide, Arlene & Lewis Milligan, Linda & Bill Price

Given in memory of Brock McKinney, son of Miriam and Stan McKinney by: Liz & Kevin Englehart, Caroline & Kent Evatt, Jeff Fuller, Glenn Garrett, Joselyn & Cressie Holcombe, Kenneth Kilgore, Virginia Ann McCarter and family, Ann & Jim Martin, New Life Sunday School Class, Doris & Marshall Nichols, Trina R. Sheets, Karen & William Shepard, Niki & Robert Stewart, Connie & Bob Warren, Lynn & Marsh Willis, Jane & Marcus Zollinger

Given in memory of Bernice Olive by: Aline Leitner Fellowship Sunday School Class, Linda Connor, Jane & Bryan Graham

Given in memory of Brenda Teague, mother of Phil Teague and grandmother of Michelle Cochcroft by: Pam Head, New Life Sunday School Class, Lynn & Marsh Willis

Given in memory of John Teague, husband of Jean Teague by: Aline Leitner Fellowship Sunday School Class, Linda Connor, Jean Eng, Jane & Bryan Graham, Ruth & Del Jenkins, Lynda, Mark & Derek Rodman, Harriet & Ted Simpson, Robert Smith, Connie & Bob Warren, Judy Weston

Given in memory of Louie Eugene Wiggins, father of Ashley Samson by: Ashley Samson

Given in memory of Linda Williams, husband of Butch Williams by: Elaine & John Bouknight, John Boulware, Barney & Lynn Brewer, Jane & John Brooks, Barbara Cox, Avis & Bobby Cunningham, Allianne & Howard Duvall, Eau Claire High Football Group c/o Blaine Walker, Roberta & Bob Ferrell, Jane & Bryan Graham, Sharon & John Hanson, Joanna & George Holland, John Rowland SS Class, Nell & Ken Lester, Barry & Bill Lide, Arlene & Lewis Milligan, Jean & James Munn, Barbara & Arthur Neville, Cathryn & Jay Rivers, Kay & Les Shealy, Cecile Strait, Anna Bess Tisdale, Connie & Bob Warren

HONORARIUMS

Given in honor of Nora Whitley by: Connie Parker-Gatti

Given in honor of Bethany by: Renee & Chris Lindler

Given in honor of Connie and Bob Warren by: Arlene and Lewis Milligan

Given in honor of Carolyn Hellams, Nora Whitley and Ramonda Leaman by: Kelly K. Moore

Given in honor of Steve Hunt by: The Warren Group

Given in honor of John Hanson by: Connie Parker-Gatti

