

*Union United Methodist Church*  
*2 North Laws Street*  
*Bridgeville, DE 19933*  
*302-337-7409*

**January 8, 2017**

*The Lord's Day*



Staff

**Senior Pastor: Rev. James Penuel III**

**District Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa**

**Conference Bishop: Bishop Peggy Johnson**

**Ministers: All Baptized Christians**

**Welcome to Union UMC!**

**Where we are Building Bridges Together Using Our Heads, Hands & Hearts for Jesus.**

**9:00 AM SERVICE**

Welcome and Opening Prayer		Rev. Al Taylor
*Call to Worship		Rev. Al Taylor
Leader: <i>The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.</i>		
<b>People: <i>We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.</i></b>		
Leader: <i>The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.</i>		
<b>People: <i>The darkness that surrounds us is gone!</i></b>		
Leader: <i>Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.</i>		
<b>People: <i>Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others. AMEN.</i></b>		
*Praise Song	<b>"Shine, Jesus Shine"</b>	Praise Team
Children's Story Time		Rev. Al Taylor
<i>(Immediately following the story, children age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade leave for Sunday School.)</i>		
Announcements		Rev. Al Taylor
Passing of the Prayer Stole		
Silent Prayer		
Prayers of the People		
The Lord's Prayer		(On Screen)
*Praise Songs	<b>"We Three Kings"</b>	Praise Team
Scripture	<b>Matthew 2:1-12</b> (pg. 733)	Keith McCoy
Sermon	<b>"Receiving A Gift"</b>	Rev. Al Taylor
Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<b>"Offering"</b>	Praise Team
*Doxology		
*Closing Song	<b>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</b>	Praise Team
*Benediction		Rev. Al Taylor

# Union United Methodist Church

**Please sign the attendance register and make any changes in your information.**

Please note: † The Nursery is available during the service for infants up through 3 years of age.

† Hearing assistance is available in the entrance area of the church.

† A Gift bag is available in the entrance area for first-time visitors.

† Coloring books and crayons for children are available in the entrance area of the Church.

## 11:00 AM SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Al Taylor

**\*Call to Worship**

Janet Wildes

Leader: *The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.*

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Leader: *The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.*

**People: The darkness that surrounds us is gone!**

Leader: *Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.*

**People: Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Prayer** (unison)

Janet Wildes

***Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, you brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star, even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.***

**\*Hymn**

**"We Three Kings"**

UMH #254

Passing of the Prayer Stole

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Al Taylor

The Lord's Prayer

(on screen)

Anthem

Chancel Choir

**\*Hymn**

**"Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me"**

(on screen)

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 733)

Janet Wildes

Sermon

“Receiving A Gift”

Rev. Al Taylor

Tithes and Offerings

\*Offertory Response

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.*

\*Closing Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH #230

\*Benediction

Rev. Al Taylor

\*Postlude

*\*Please Stand As You Are Able*



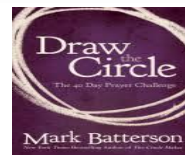
**Guest Speaker** - Rev. Al Taylor will be our guest speaker for the day.

**Prayer Stole Opportunity** - Each week during the worship service we ask someone to take the prayer stole as a reminder to pray for our church and its ministries for 15 minutes a day. Return the stole the following Sunday. Let us all continue to pray for our church.



**Epiphany Sunday Children’s Celebration** – The children’s Sunday School class time will be extended today through 10:45am to allow additional time for making fleece pillows and scarves to give to the Code Purple shelters assisting the homeless in our area. Children and parents are welcome to join in --- refreshments will be served.

**40-Day Prayer Challenge** – The 40-day prayer challenge series based on the book “Draw the Circle” which features 40 true, faith-building stories of God’s answers to prayers will resume on Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Debbie in the church office if you would like to have a study book.



**Community Food Pantry** – January has been designated as “Dry Cereal” month. Donations of assorted boxed cereals and instant breakfast cereals (oatmeal, cream of wheat, grits, etc.) are needed. If donating instant breakfast cereals, please make sure the boxes contain individual packets. Place donations in the designated area in the narthex, in the church office, or drop off at the Food Pantry.



# Fellowship and Worship Opportunities at Union

**God's Fire Youth Group** – Please keep the youth group, Pastor Jim, and the leaders in prayer as they return today from the youth rally in Ocean City. There will be no youth group meeting this evening. Regular meetings will resume next Sunday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

## Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- ❖ **SPRC** – Monday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Colonial Room.
- ❖ **Worship Committee** – Tuesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Colonial Room.
- ❖ **Lay Shepherds** – Tuesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ **UMW Meeting** – Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ **Evangelism & Outreach Committee** – Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- ❖ **Finance Committee** – Monday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm.
- ❖ **Church Council** – Tuesday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



**Joyful Ringers** (*Children's Handbells*) – Practice will resume on Monday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

**Jubilee Ringers** (*Adult Handbells*) – Practice will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Secret Pal Reveal & UMW Meeting** – This year's Secret Pal reveal will take place immediately following the UMW meeting on Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> [1pm]. Please bring your final gift for the Secret Pal you had in 2016. We will also draw for a new pal on this date. If you are not currently participating and would like more details or wish to join, please contact Joan Hastings at 302-337-7156. New participant forms may be picked up in the church office.



**Aging Faithfully** – There will not be a gathering of the Aging Faithfully group during the month of January.

**Leadership Training** – Saturday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 11:30am at the Avenue UMC (20 N. Church St. in Milford). Training workshops are open to all church people and clergy. Church leaders and committee members are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to equip and prepare yourself for the ministry you are involved with. **Workshops are being offered in the following areas: Lay Leaders; SPRC; Trustees; Finance; Nominations & Leadership; Evangelism; Worship; Children's Ministry; Prayer & Healing; Mission Insite, and several others.** A complete list of workshops has been posted outside the church office along with registration forms (cost is \$7). Registration deadline is Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms may be turned in to the church office.



**Special Guest Speakers** – Sunday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Ron Jester, The Gideons International  
Sunday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sam Mitchell, Ministerial Candidate





# Sunday Worship Leaders



## Today's Worship Leaders

January 8, 2017

	9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship	11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
Worship Leader(s)	Praise Team	Janet Wildes
Scripture Reader / Liturgist	Keith McCoy	Janet Wildes
Children's Storyteller	Rev. Al Taylor	-----
Greeters	Ann Castle	Cathy Warrington and Joan Hastings
Ushers	Jeanne Wilson	Marty Holmes
Nursery Care Providers	Jill or Aaron Jackson and Jennie Bradley	Rachel Hovermale & TBD
Finance Committee Counter	Don Heflin	

## Next Week's Worship Leaders

January 15, 2017

	9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship	11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
Worship Leader(s)	Praise Team	Jeff LaChance
Scripture Reader / Liturgist	TBD	Jeff LaChance
Children's Storyteller	Rachel Hovermale	-----
Greeters	Ann Castle	"Bootsie" Sipple and Louise Tyndall
Ushers	Jeanne Wilson	Marty Holmes
Nursery Care Providers	Jenny Keim and Larry Snyder	Bev Repa & TBD
Finance Committee Counter	Don Heflin	

*Note: All announcements and items for the bulletin are due by Wednesday at 1:00 pm.*

**Last Week's Church Attendance was: (Sunday School) 25; (9am Worship) 44; (11am Worship) 108**  
**Last Week's tithes, pledges and plate offerings: \$5,257**

## UUMC'S Week-at-a-Glance Calendar

<p><b><u>Sunday – 1/8/17 – The Lord's Day</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am – Contemporary Worship &amp; Children's Sunday School            10:00 am - Adult Sunday School Class            10:45 am – Children's Epiphany Celebration Ends            11:00 am – Traditional Worship</p>
<p><b><u>Monday – 1/9/2017</u></b></p> <p>11:00 am – Exercise Class            5:30 pm – Joyful Ringers Handbell Practice            6:30 pm – SPRC Meeting</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday – 1/10/2017</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday – 1/11/2017</u></b></p> <p>11:00 am – Exercise Class            7:00 pm – Jubilee Ringers Handbell Practice</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday – 1/12/2017</u></b></p> <p>7:00 pm – Choir Practice</p>
<p><b><u>Friday – 1/13/2017</u></b></p> <p>11:00 am – Exercise Class</p>
<p><b><u>Saturday – 1/14/2017</u></b></p>

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**The Church Mouse Consignment Boutique & Art Gallery** - Open 10am-4pm Thursday – Saturday – A ministry of UUMC.



Bring us your items and we'll sell them for you -- come join our consigning team. We're looking for home décor items, furniture, quilts, glassware, ladies accessories, and much more --for a complete listing visit

[www.unionunitedmethodistde.org](http://www.unionunitedmethodistde.org). Any questions, please call (302-956-0591) or e-mail: [church\\_mouse@comcast.net](mailto:church_mouse@comcast.net).

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Prayer List



<p>Gladys Adams                  Jeff &amp; Devon Allen &amp; Family                  Rev. Dale Brown &amp; Family                  Tina Busby                  Robin Castle                  Kelly Marie Caudill                  Donna Carini                  James &amp; Charlotte Cooley                  Tom Crockett                  Ron Fleetwood                  The Gaunt Family                  Nancy Germanos                  Connie Hartzell                  Pat Holden                  Chuck Holmes                  Marty Holmes                  Bob Hoyer                  Frank &amp; Charlotte Hunsberger                  Christopher Jackson                  Renie Jefferson                  Ken Jones                  Beth Judy                  Tara Keel                  Jan Marie Kolnut                  Elizabeth Krone</p>	<p>Sharlene Lewis                  Nancy Libertini                  Ralph &amp; Betty Lockard                  Mickey &amp; Molly Lauck                  The Marvel Family                  Trey McDyre                  Andrew McVey                  Gene &amp; Marialice McVey                  Laurel Melendez                  Grant Milton                  Caroline Mitchell                  Marie Mitchell                  Bryce Moore                  Hollis &amp; Mary Noel &amp; Family                  Rick Passwaters                  Virginia Pepper                  Kevin Ramey                  Walt &amp; Janice Rudy                  Pat Russell                  David Sampson                  Kay Seitz                  The Sherwood Family                  Bonnie Smith                  Tim Snider                  Charlotte Speicher</p>	<p>Kurt Spicer                  Elisabeth Tassone                  Glenn Taylor                  Mary Ann Tull                  Trey &amp; Tyler Tyndall                  Bill and Ellen Vanderwende                  Joanna Vanorman                  Marjori Vanucci                  Bonnie Walker                  Lauren Weaver                  Linda &amp; John Wheedleton                  Sherry Whisette                  Jennifer Williams                  Beverly Wright                  Marian Wyatt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Schools &amp; Teachers</li> <li>• Military &amp; Veterans</li> <li>• Missionaries</li> <li>• Open Ministry Positions at Union Church</li> <li>• Teen Challenge</li> <li>• Home of Hope</li> <li>• Our Nation</li> </ul>
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**Our Church Members in Retirement and Assisted Care Facilities:**

<p><b><u>Manor House</u></b>                  1001 Middleford Road                  Seaford, DE 19973</p>	<p><b><u>Country Rest Home</u></b>                  12046 Sunset Lane                  Greenwood, DE 19950</p>	<p><b>Prayer Requests</b>                  We are here to pray for you!</p>
	<p><i>Millie Leger</i></p>	
<p><i>Jack Bennett #17                  Ann Brenner #273                  Mary Lankford #2                  George Marshall #102</i></p>	<p><b><u>Milford Place</u></b>                  500 S. Dupont Blvd.                  Milford, DE 19963</p>	
	<p><i>Gloria Trivits</i></p>	