***Union United Methodist Church***

**2 North Laws Street**

**Bridgeville, DE 19933**

**302-337-7409**

December 11, 2016

**The Lord’s Day**



**Staff**

**Conference Bishop: Bishop Peggy Johnson**

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

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

**Ministers: All Baptized Christians**

**Worship Celebration: December 11, 2016 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

**Union United Methodist Church Third Sunday of Advent**

***Welcome to Union UMC!***

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

**9:00 AM SERVICE**

**\*Praise Song *“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”* Praise Team**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer Pastor Jim**

**Announcements Pastor Jim**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle Luke 1:46-55** *(pg. 780)* **The Tucker Family**

**Advent Song: *Light the Advent candle three, think of heavenly harmony;***

***Angels singing “Peace on Earth” at the blessed Savior’s birth.***

***Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night.***

***Candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.***

**Children’s Story Time Janet Snyder**

*(Immediately following the story, children age 4 through 6th grade leave for Sunday School.)*

**\*Praise Songs *“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”* Praise Team**

***“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”***

**Passing of the Prayer Stole**

**Silent Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer (On Screen)**

**\*Praise Song *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”* UMH #431**

**Scripture John 14:25-31** *(pg. 823)* **Keith McCoy**

**Sermon “The Peace of God” (PEACE) Pastor Jim**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Closing Song  *“It Is Well with My Soul”* UMH #377** *(vs. 1 & 4)*

**\*Benediction Pastor Jim**

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***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 New Members and Announcements Pastor Jim**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** **Luke 1:46-55** *(pg. 780)* **Jane Clifton & Louise Tyndall**

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**\*Call to Worship Nancy Libertini**

Leader: *During the season of peace, we often create quarrels and strife.*

**People: *Forgive us, Prince of Peace, and rule in our hearts.***

Leader: *How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace.*

**People: *Who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion,***

***“Your God reigns.”***

Leader: *The voice of your watchmen – they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy;*

**People: *For eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion.***

Leader: *Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem.*

**People: *For the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.***

Leader:  *Through the death and resurrection of our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we have peace with God.*

**People: *The angels sang of peace the night our Lord was born. We too have a message of peace***

***for the world.***

**\*Opening Prayer**  *(unison)* **Nancy Libertini**

***God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us. God***

***of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us. God of hope,***

***who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us. God of hope, the rock we***

***stand upon, be the center, the focus of our lives always, and particularly this Advent time. Amen.***

**\*Hymn *“It Is Well with My Soul”* UMH #377** *(vs. 1 & 4)*

**Passing of the Prayer Stole**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer Pastor Jim**

**The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)**

**Anthem  *“Were You There on that Christmas Night?”* Chancel Choir**

**\*Hymn *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”* UMH #431**

**Scripture John 14:25-31** *(pg. 823)* **Nancy Libertini**

**Sermon “The Peace of God” (PEACE) Pastor Jim**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology UMH #94**

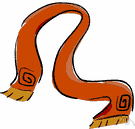
**\*Closing Hymn  *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”* UMH #218**

**\*Benediction Pastor Jim**

**\*Postlude**

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**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.



**Welcome to our Newest Members** – We wish to welcome the Farris Family: David, Suzanne, Harrison, Kayleigh, Shelby, and Lilyan to our Union church family.

**Offering Envelopes** – Offering envelopes for 2017 are now available in the narthex. Contact Sherry Holmes if you have any questions.

**Community Food Pantry** – December has been designated as **“baked beans month”**. Place donations in the designated area in the narthex, in the church office, or drop off at the Food Pantry.

**Christmas Poinsettias** – **TODAY** is the last day to place your order for a poinsettia in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. Order forms are available in the narthex. Cost is $5.50 each. Make checks payable to Jeff’s Greenhouse and give to Pat Correll or turn in to the church office.

**Christmas Love Offering** - *At this time of year, let’s show our love and appreciation for Pastor Jim and Amber in a tangible way. We are collecting monetary gifts to present to him on Sunday, December 18th. Place your love gift in the coin envelopes available in the narthex or in a pew envelope and clearly indicate “Pastor’s Christmas Gift” and place in the offering plate during the worship service.*



**Nursery** – Please note that the nursery will not be staffed on Sunday, Dec. 18th during the 10am musical celebration service.

**Please Claim Your Dishes** - There are several dishes/containers in the kitchen that need to be picked up.  If you made something for the Lewis funeral, or one of the many other events that took place recently, please claim any items that belong to you.  This would be a great help in keeping the kitchen clutter-free.

Fellowship and Worship Opportunities at Union

**God’s Fire Youth Group -** (grades 7th – 12th) – God’s Fire youth will meet at 2:30pm today for Christmas caroling at the Country Rest Home in Greenwood. Sticks practice will immediately follow at the church. Next Sunday, Dec. 18th at 6pm – Christmas Party – see Tammy for more details.

**Christmas “Mitten Tree” & Baskets:** If you have taken a mitten from our tree to provide clothing or toys for a child this Christmas, please have your wrapped gifts *(with the mitten attached)* to the church **TODAY**. Delivery of gifts will be on Saturday, Dec. 17th – help is needed for delivery as well. Baskets:Items needed are: peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, stuffing, gravy, instant potatoes, cereal, soup, crackers, pudding packs, apple sauce, fruit cups, canned pastas. Bring your items to the church office or place in the narthex clearly marked Christmas Baskets.

**“A Disciple’s Path”** – The last Bible Study date with Pastor Jim is on Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 7pm.

**Food Drive** – The Woodbridge School District is holding their annual food drive through Dec. 16th. Non-perishable food items will be delivered to our Food Pantry throughout the week. Help is needed to sort and store the items.

**UMW Meeting** – Thursday, Dec. 15th at 11:30am at Jimmy’s Grille.

**Christmas Float** - “All Aboard” for the Union UMC Christmas Float!  Join us at the Bridgeville Parade this Saturday, Dec. 17th at 4:30pm. **“Caroling in the Park”** will take place at 6pm following the parade.

**Christmas Musical & Reception** – Next Sunday, Dec. 18th at 10am. Join us for a musical celebration of Christmas. Immediately following the service, the Worship Committee will host a reception in honor of all members of the Music Department in appreciation of the wonderful music they provide throughout the year.  Finger foods and appetizers are needed *(cheese and fruit trays, cookies, brownies, etc. - please no cakes or pies)*. We hope that you will join us as we honor those who give of their time and talents for us to enjoy. ***A flyer is available in the narthex for use in inviting friends, family members, and neighbors to the Christmas musical, the Christmas Eve candlelight service, and our Christmas Day service.***

**Winter Camps** – *Registration forms and additional information are available in the narthex or church office.*

Christmas Day Camp – Friday, Dec. 23rd from 9am to 3pm (for ages 5-10 yrs.) – Join our Christmas party for a fun-filled day of holiday cheer! Build a gingerbread house, play games, meet up with old friends, and some very special guests! [Cost $15]

New Year’s Eve Lock-In – Saturday, Dec. 31st (7pm) to Sunday, Jan. 1st (10am) [for ages 9-12 yrs.) – Welcome in the new year with our camp staff! Participate in an epic nerf battle and games. [Cost $20]



**Disaster Relief** – A member of the Farris family is working with the American Red Cross and a local fire company in the Gatlinburg, TN area to collect relief items for the fire victims. Items needed: blankets, non-perishable food, toiletries, over-the-counter medications, and cough drops. Any donations are appreciated and can be placed in the drop-box located in the foyer area.

**Sunday Worship Leaders**

**Today’s Worship Leaders**

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|  | **9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship** | **11:00 AM – Traditional Worship** |
| **Worship Leader(s)** | **Praise Team** | **Nancy Libertini** |
| **Scripture Reader / Liturgist** | **Keith McCoy** | **Nancy Libertini** |
| **Advent Scripture & Candle** | **The Tucker Family** | **Jane Clifton & Louise Tyndall** |
| **Children’s Storyteller** | **Janet Snyder** | **------------------------** |
| **Greeters** | **Garry & Carla Killmon** | **Dottie Van Helmond & Helen Lawson** |
| **Ushers** | **David Knowles** | **John Clawson** |
| **Nursery Care Providers** | **Jill or Aaron Jackson and Jennie Bradley** | **Rachel Hovermale and TBD** |
| **Finance Committee Counter** | **Don Heflin** | |

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**Next Week’s Worship Leaders**

**December 18, 2016**

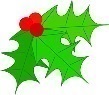
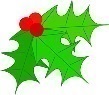
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|  | **10:00 AM – Christmas Music Celebration** |
| **Worship Leader(s)** | **Nancy Libertini** |
| **Scripture Reader / Liturgist** | **Nancy Libertini** |
| **Advent Scripture & Candle** |  |
| **Children’s Storyteller** | **------------------------** |
| **Greeters** | **Rev. Dr. Tom & Meredith Connar & Josie Hunsberger** |
| **Ushers** | **John Clawson** |
| **Nursery Care Providers** | **-------------------------** |
| **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) 43* ; *(9am Worship) 94*; *(11am Worship) 59***

**Last Week’s tithes, pledges and plate offerings: $5,221**

***Lily’s Fence Update*** *- $4,440 has been raised so far placing us approximately 65% of the way to reaching our goal of $7,000. We’re stepping out on faith and the fence was constructed last week. A $30 donation covers the cost of one foot of fencing. Donations toward this project should be clearly marked “Lily’s Fence” and placed in the offering plate.*

**UUMC’S Week-at-a-Glance Calendar**

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| **Sunday – 12/11/16 – The Lord’s Day – Third Sunday of Advent**  9:00 am – Contemporary Worship & Children’s Sunday School  10:00 am – Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes  11:00 am – Traditional Worship  2:30 pm - God’s Fire Youth Group @ the Country Rest Home followed by Sticks Practice |
| **Monday – 12/12/2016**  11:00 am – Exercise Class  *Food Drive*  *benefiting the Community Food Pantry –*  *Dec. 12th – 16th*  5:30 pm – Joyful Ringers Practice |
| **Tuesday – 12/13/2016**  7:00 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study *(last class)* |
| **Wednesday – 12/14/2016**  11:00 am – Exercise Class  7:00 pm – Jubilee Handbell Practice |
| Image result**Thursday – 12/15/2016**  11:30 pm – UMW Meeting @ Jimmy’s Grille  7:00 pm – Choir Practice |
| **Friday – 12/16/2016**  11:00 am – Exercise Class |
| **Saturday – 12/17/2016**  9:00 am – Noon – Christmas Basket & Gift Delivery  4:30 pm – Bridgeville Parade  6:00 pm – Caroling in the Park |

**Church Staff**

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# Union United Methodist Church-Bridgeville, Delaware

**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).

***"Don't forget the Church Mouse when doing your holiday shopping and at other times during the year. There is a large inventory of handmade crafts, jewelry, furniture, lamps, Christmas items, etc. available.  Plus a new Princess Corner has recently been created with items available for young girls".***



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**Prayer List**

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| **Gladys Adams**  **Jeff & Devon Allen & Family**  **Dee Ballog**  **Tina Busby**  **Robin Castle**  **Kelly Marie Caudill**  **Donna Carini**  **James & Charlotte Cooley**  **Tom Crockett**  **Driscoll & Torbert Families**  **Ron Fleetwood**  **The Gaunt Family**  **Nancy Germanos**  **Connie Hartzell**  **Pat Holden**  **Chuck Holmes**  **Marty Holmes**  **Bob Hoyer**  **Frank & Charlotte Hunsberger**  **Christopher Jackson**  **The Family of Lisa Jefferson**  **Renie Jefferson**  **Ken Jones**  **Beth Judy**  **Tara Keel** | **Jan Marie Kolnut**  **Elizabeth Krone**  **The Family of Kay Lewis**  **Sharlene Lewis**  **Nancy Libertini**  **Ralph & Betty Lockard**  **The Marvel Family**  **Trey McDyre**  **Andrew McVey**  **Gene & Marialice McVey**  **Laurel Melendez**  **Grant Milton**  **Caroline Mitchell**  **Bryce Moore**  **Hollis & Mary Noel & Family**  **Rick Passwaters**  **Virginia Pepper**  **Kevin Ramey**  **Walt & Janice Rudy**  **Pat Russell**  **David Sampson**  **Kay Seitz**  **Bonnie Smith**  **Tim Snider**  **Charlotte Speicher** | **Kurt Spicer**  **Elisabeth Tassone**  **Glenn Taylor**  **Ruth Ann Tull**  **Trey & Tyler Tyndall**  **Bill and Ellen Vanderwende**  **Joanna Vanorman**  **Marjori Vanucci**  **Bonnie Walker**  **Lauren Weaver**  **Linda & John Wheedleton**  **Sherry Whisette**  **Gil Wildes**  **Jennifer Williams**  **Beverly Wright**  **Marian Wyatt**   * **Local Schools & Teachers** * **Military & Veterans** * **Missionaries** * **Open Ministry Positions at Union Church** * **Teen Challenge** * **Home of Hope** * **Our Nation** |

***Our Church Members in Retirement and Assisted Care Facilities:***

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| **Manor House**  1001 Middleford Road  Seaford, DE 19973 | **Country Rest Home**  12046 Sunset Lane  Greenwood, DE 19950 | Image result |
| *Millie Leger* |
| **Milford Place**  500 S. Dupont Blvd.  Milford, DE 19963 |
| *Jack Bennett #17*  *Ann Brenner #273*  *Mary Lankford #2*  *George Marshall #102* |
| *Gloria Trivits* |