***Union United Methodist Church***

 **2 North Laws Street**

**Bridgeville, DE 19933**

**302-337-7409**

December 18, 2016

A Celebration of Music



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

**Chancel Choir Directors: Steve Johnson/Candi Allebach**

**Jubilee Bell Ringers Director: Cindy Heflin**

**Joyful Bell Ringers Directors: Joanne Jones/Cindy Heflin**

**Joyful Singers Director: Joanne Jones/Sherry Holmes**

**God’s Fire Stick Ministry Director: Laura Lee Mitchell**

**Worship Celebration: December 18, 2016 10:00 AM**

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

***Union United Methodist Church***

***Welcome to Union UMC!***

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

***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.*



**Prelude**

**Special Music *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* Jubilee Bell Ringers**

**Welcome Pastor Jim**

**Passing of the Prayer Stoles**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle [JOY] Matthew 1:18-25 Jeff, Pam & Tayden Tull**

**\*Christmas Call to Worship Pastor Jim**

Leader: *We gather in preparation*

**People: *For good news is about to be proclaimed.***

Leader: *We gather in expectation*

**People: *For joy is about to break forth in our midst.***

Leader: *We gather in celebration*

**People: *For we are those people who have said***

 ***Yes to the manger, Yes to the One incarnate for others,***

 ***Yes to the wholeness of God.***

Leader: *In preparation and expectation, let us celebrate.*

**\*Opening Carol  *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*** *(vs. 1,2,3 only)* **UMH #236**

**Special Music *“Silent Night”*  Joyful Bell Ringers**

 ***“Joy to the World ”***

**Carol *“Away in a Manger”* UMH #217**

**Special Music *“Baby Jesus, We Love You”* Joyful Singers**

 ***“A Gift to You”***

**Special Music *“Mary’s Boy Child”* Praise Team**

**Special Music *“Pastoral Christmas”* Jubilee Bell Ringers**

 ***“O Little Town of Bethlehem”***

**Carol *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* UMH #240**

**Pastoral Prayer Pastor Jim**

**Special Music *“Mary, Did You Know?”* Praise Team**

**Reading Pastor Jim**

**Anthem  *“A Great Light”*  Chancel Choir**

**Reading Pastor Jim**

**Anthem *“This Holy Night”* Chancel Choir**

**Reading Pastor Jim**

**Anthem *“What Child Is This”* Chancel Choir**

**Reading Pastor Jim**

**Anthem *“Child and King”* Chancel Choir**

**Reading Pastor Jim**

**Anthem *“A Christmas Laudamus”* Chancel Choir**

**Offering**

**Doxology**

**Special Presentation *“When Hope Came Down”* God’s Fire Stick Ministry**

**\*Carol *“Joy to the World”* UMH #246**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*Please Stand As You Are Able*



We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all those that have participated in the music ministries of UUMC this year: the Chancel Choir, the Joyful & Jubilee Handbell Choirs; God’s Fire Stick Ministry; the Pianists and Organists; many Soloists & Instrumentalists; the Praise Band, and our Director of Music. The Worship Committee invites everyone to the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Christmas program this morning for light refreshments and fellowship.

Fellowship and Worship Opportunities at Union

**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.



**Nursery** – Please note that the nursery will not be staffed this morning during the 10am musical celebration service.

**Welcome to our Newest Members** – We wish to welcome Gary and Cinda Allison to our Union church family.

**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 Christmas Day. 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.*

**God’s Fire Youth Group -** (grades 7th – 12th) – Christmas Party this evening at 6pm. See Tammy Williamson if you need more information.  *[No Youth Group on Dec. 25th or Jan. 1st.]*

**Christmas Eve Service** – Saturday, Dec. 24th – Join us on Christmas Eve at 6pm for Silent Communion and at 7pm for the Candlelight service. A wonderful way to celebrate the Eve of Christ’s birth.

**Financial Update:** *With only two more Sundays remaining this year, we are close to meeting our budget requirements for 2016. Currently we remain $21,000 short.  Please prayerfully consider what part you may have in helping us meet our financial obligations for the year. If you are unable to be here on a Sunday, your offering can be mailed to the church office.*

 *The Finance Committee*

**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]



 **Christmas Day** – Join us at 10am to celebrate the birth of Jesus. There is no

 Sunday School for children or adults. Sunday School will resume on Jan.1st.



**40-Day Prayer Challenge** - On Sunday, Jan. 1st, we will begin our 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. Please notify Debbie in the church office if you would like to order a copy of the book by Sunday, December 25th so we are able to have them to you by January 1st.  Cost is $7.

**Leadership Training** – Saturday, Feb. 25th 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; Small Groups; 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. 15th.



**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.

**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.



**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.

**Sunday Worship Leaders**

**Today’s Worship Leaders**

**December 18, 2016**

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|  | **10:00 AM – Christmas Music Celebration** |
| **Worship Leader(s)** | **Nancy Libertini** |
| **Scripture Reader / Liturgist** | **Rev. Jim Penuel** |
| **Advent Scripture & Candle** | **Jeff, Pam & Tayden Tull** |
| **Children’s Storyteller** | **------------------------** |
| **Greeters** | **Rev. Dr. Tom & Meredith Connar & Josie Hunsberger** |
| **Ushers** | **John Clawson** |
| **Nursery Care Providers** | **-------------------------** |
| **Finance Committee Counter** | **Don Heflin** |

**Next Week’s Worship Leaders**

**December 25, 2016**

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|  | **10:00 AM – Christmas Music Celebration** |
| **Worship Leader(s)** | **Nancy Libertini** |
| **Scripture Reader / Liturgist** | **Nancy Libertini** |
| **Children’s Storyteller** | **Rev. Dr. Tom Connar** |
| **Greeters** | **Anne Castle & Betty Anne Hardesty** |
| **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) 50*; *(9am Worship) 116*; *(11am Worship) 60***

**Last Week’s tithes, pledges and plate offerings: $6,286**

***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 – 12/18/16 – The Lord’s Day – Fourth Sunday of Advent**10:00 am – Christmas Musical CelebrationReception in the Fellowship Hall to honor all music participants |
| **Monday – 12/19/2016** 11:00 am – Exercise Class |
| **Tuesday – 12/20/2016** |
| **Wednesday – 12/21/2016**11:00 am – Exercise Class |
| **Thursday – 12/22/2016**7:00 pm – Choir Practice |
| **Friday – 12/23/2016**9:00 am – 3:00 pm – Christmas Day Camp11:00 am – Exercise Class |
| **Saturday – 12/24/2016**6:00 pm – Silent Communion7:00 pm – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service |

**Church Staff**

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|  | **Position** | **E-Mail** | **Phone** |
| **Pastor Jim Penuel** | **Senior Pastor** | **umcpastorjp@gmail.com** | **(Home) 302-337-8427****(Office) 302-337-7409** |
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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.

***"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****Holden Clawson****James & Charlotte Cooley****Tom Crockett****Ron Fleetwood****The Gaunt Family****Nancy Germanos** **Connie Hartzell****Pat Holden****Chuck Holmes****Marty Holmes****Bob Hoyer****Frank & Charlotte Hunsberger****Christopher Jackson****Renie Jefferson****Ken Jones****Beth Judy****Tara Keel** | **Jan Marie Kolnut****Elizabeth Krone****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****The Sherwood Family****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**
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***Our Church Members in Retirement and Assisted Care Facilities:***

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| **Manor House**1001 Middleford RoadSeaford, DE 19973 | **Country Rest Home**12046 Sunset LaneGreenwood, 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* |