

Union United Methodist Church
2 North Laws Street
Bridgeville, DE 19933
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December 25, 2016

The Lord's Day – Christmas Day



Staff

Senior Pastor: Rev. James Penuel III

District Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

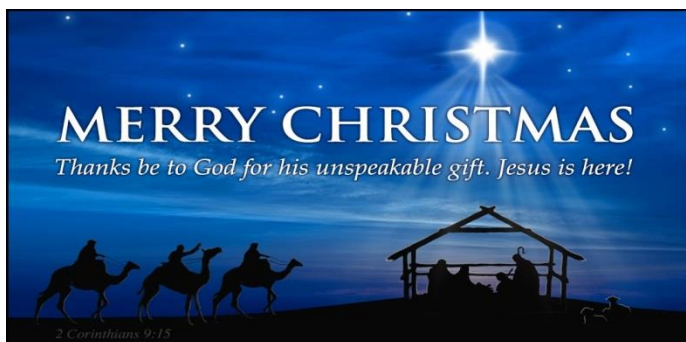
Conference Bishop: Bishop Peggy Johnson

Ministers: All Baptized Christians

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: ✚ 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

***Hymn**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMH #234 (vs. 1 & 6)

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Jim Penuel

Children’s Story Time

(Children will remain in the service this morning.)

Rev. Dr. Tom Connar

***Call to Worship**

Nancy Libertini

Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

People: **And hope to every discouraged heart.**

Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

People: **And peace to every conflicted soul.**

Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

People: **And joy to every downcast spirit.**

Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

People: **And love to everyone.**

All: **Let us sing praises to our God. Let us offer this light against the darkness.**

*Opening Prayer <i>(unison)</i>		Nancy Libertini
	<i>“Holy God of Love, there is light in our lives because of the abundance of your steadfast love. A love so vast, so deep, so real, that you became one of us. May we live within the power of this love. And may we share its light with a world where too many dwell in darkness. Amen.</i>	
*Hymn	<i>“Silent Night</i>	UMH #239
Passing of the Prayer Stole		
Silent Prayer		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Jim Penuel
The Lord’s Prayer		(on screen)
*Hymn	<i>“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”</i>	(on screen)
Scripture	Luke 2:1-20 <i>(pg. 780)</i>	Nancy Libertini
Sermon	<i>“The Blessing of the Savior”</i>	Rev. Jim Penuel
Special Music	<i>“Christmas Hallelujah”</i>	Steve Johnson & Pastor Jim
Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		UMH #94
*Closing Song	<i>“Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”</i>	(on screen)
*Benediction		Rev. Jim Penuel

**Please Stand As You Are Able*



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 Christmas Day service.



Financial Update: *Today is our last remaining Sunday of 2016. We are close to meeting our budget requirements for 2016. Currently we remain \$19,000 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. Thank you for your spirit of generosity this Christmas.*

The Finance Committee

God's Fire Youth Group – There will be no God's Fire youth group meeting this evening or next Sunday, Jan. 1st. Please keep the youth group in prayer as they prepare for the youth rally in Ocean City on Friday, Jan. 6th through Sunday, Jan. 8th. (No youth group meeting on Sunday, Jan. 8th.)

New Year's Eve Lock-In – Saturday, Dec. 31st (7pm) through Sunday, Jan. 1st (10am – following the 9am worship service). Welcome in the new year with our camp staff and participate in an epic nerf battle. Registration forms and additional information are available in the narthex or church office. The Lock-In is for children age 9-12. Cost is \$20.



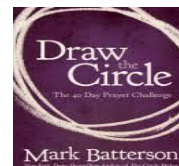
Community Food Pantry – December has been designated as “**baked beans month**”. Place donations in the designated area in the narthex, in the church office, or drop off at the Food Pantry.



January Union Times Newsletter – Deadline to submit items for the January newsletter is Tuesday, Dec. 27th. If you receive information or flyers about local community events and activities that would be of interest to those in our church, feel free to pass that information on to the church office.

Sunday School – Sunday School for children and adults will resume next Sunday, Jan. 1st at the usual times.

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.





Sunday Worship Leaders



Today's Worship Leaders

December 25, 2016 – Christmas Day

	10:00 AM – Worship Service
Worship Leader(s)	Nancy Libertini
Scripture Reader / Liturgist	Nancy Libertini
Children's Storyteller	Rev. Dr. Tom Connar
Greeters	Anne Castle & Betty Anne Hardesty
Ushers	Jerry Jones
Nursery Care Providers	-----
Finance Committee Counter	Don Heflin

Next Week's Worship Leaders

January 1, 2017 – Communion Sunday

	9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship	11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
Worship Leader(s)	TBD	Jeff LaChance
Scripture Reader / Liturgist	TBD	Jeff LaChance
Children's Storyteller	Rita Hovermale	-----
Greeters	Ann Castle	Jane Clifton & Hilda Donnelly
Ushers	TBD	Marty Holmes
Nursery Care Providers	Janet Snyder, Jacqueline Reighard, and Rob Mitchell	Tiffany Snyder and Elizabeth Reighard
Finance Committee Counter	Don Heflin	

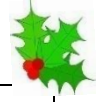
Note: All announcements and items for the bulletin are due by Wednesday at 1:00 pm.

<p>Last Week's Church Attendance was: (10am Worship) - 269 Last Week's tithes, pledges and plate offerings: \$5,088</p>
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Lily's Fence Update - \$5,440 has been raised so far placing us approximately 78% of the way to reaching our goal of \$7,000. We're stepping out on faith and the fence has been constructed. 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



Sunday – 12/25/16 – The Lord's Day – Christmas Day

10:00 am – Christmas Worship Service



Monday – 12/26/2016

*Food Pantry & Church Office Closed
No Exercise Class*

Tuesday – 12/27/2016

Wednesday – 12/28/2016

11:00 am – Exercise Class

Thursday – 12/29/2016

Friday – 12/30/2016

11:00 am – Exercise Class

Saturday – 12/31/2016

7:00 pm – Lock-In Begins

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. Any questions, please call (302-956-0591) or e-mail: church_mouse@comcast.net.

Union United Methodist Church
Prayer List



<p>Gladys Adams Jeff & Devon Allen & Family Tina Busby Robin Castle Kelly Marie Caudill Donna Carini 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</p>	<p>Sharlene Lewis Nancy Libertini Ralph & Betty Lockard The Marvel Family Trey McDyre Andrew McVey Gene & Marialice McVey Laurel Melendez Grant Milton Caroline Mitchell Marie 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</p>	<p>Kurt Spicer Elisabeth Tassone Glenn Taylor Trey & Tyler Tyndall Bill and Ellen Vanderwende Joanna Vanorman Marjori Vanucci Bonnie Walker Lauren Weaver Linda & John Wheedleton Sherry Whisette Jennifer Williams Beverly Wright Marian Wyatt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:

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