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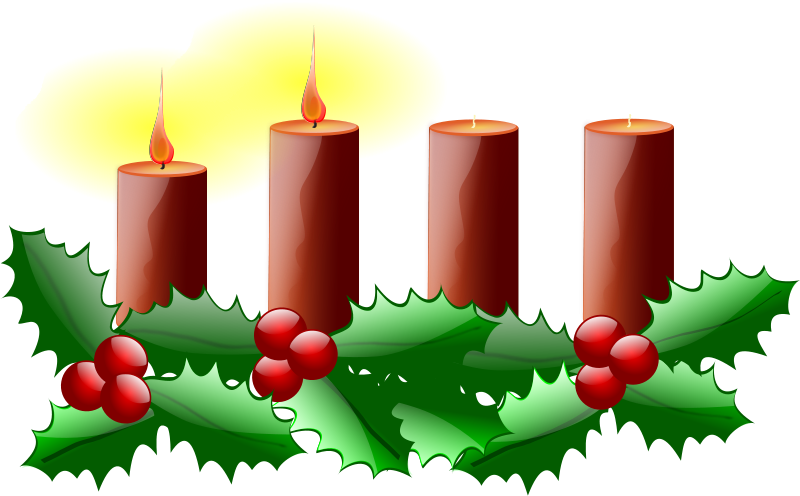
**2 North Laws Street**

**Bridgeville, DE 19933**

**302-337-7409**

December 4, 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 4, 2016 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

**Union United Methodist Church Second 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 *“It’s Love that Makes the World Go Round”* Praise Team**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer Pastor Jim**

**Announcements Pastor Jim**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle Isaiah 11:1-10** *(pg. 532)* **The Farris Family**

**Advent Song: *Light the Advent candle two, think of humble shepherds who***

***Filled with wonder at the sight, of the child on Christmas night.***

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

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

**Children’s Story Time Rachel Hovermale**

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

**\*Praise Song *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”* Praise Team**

**Passing of the Prayer Stole**

**Silent Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer (On Screen)**

**\*Praise Song *“Even So, Come”* Praise Team**

**Scripture I John 4:7-12** *(pg. 811)* **Bruce Williamson**

**Sermon “Love That Gives” (LOVE) Pastor Jim**

**Welcome to our Newest Members**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Communion** *(pg. 12)*

**\*Doxology**

**\*Closing Song  *“Everlasting God”* Praise Team**

**\*Benediction Pastor Jim**

***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 Pastor Jim**

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**\*Call to Worship Nancy Libertini**

Leader: *Each Christmas we celebrate God’s gift of love, but our words and actions this busy season*

*are often impatient and unkind.*

**People**: ***Forgive us, heavenly Father, and teach us to walk in love, as Christ walked.***

Leader: *Beloved, let us love one another.*

**People: *For love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.***

Leader: *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world.*

**People: *So that we might live through him.***

Leader: *In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the*

*atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

**People:** ***Beloved, if God so loves us, we also ought to love one another.***

Leader: *Advent Lord, help us to love others as you love us.*

**People: *Make us bold witnesses to the good news of your saving love so others will come to***

***worship you as Lord.***

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

***This is Advent, season of promise. In our worship we prepare for the birth of a baby***

***in a dusty stable in Bethlehem, and remind ourselves that this child will become the***

***Savior of the World who will return again in power and glory to draw all of your children***

***together with songs of everlasting praise. The promise of the baby is also the promise***

***of eternal life to all who believe. AMEN.***

**\*Hymns *“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”* UMH #204**

***“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* UMH #211** *(vs. 1, 2, 7)*

**Passing of the Prayer Stole**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer Pastor Jim**

**The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)**

**Anthem  *“Come to the Light”* Chancel Choir**

**\*Hymn *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* UMH #206**

**Scripture I John 4:7-12** *(pg. 811)* **Nancy Libertini**

**Sermon “Love That Gives” (LOVE) Pastor Jim**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory *“Love Came Down at Christmas”***

**Communion** *(pg. 12)*

**\*Doxology UMH #94**

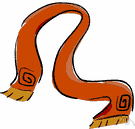
**\*Closing Hymn  *“Blessed Be the God of Israel”* UMH #209**

**\*Benediction Pastor Jim**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please Stand As You Are Able*

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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.

**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.

**Summer Camp 2017** – If you are interested in possibly attending Camp Pecometh next summer, please complete the Intent Form available in the narthex and return to Jenny Keim TODAY. This allows the scholarship committee to plan in advance for camp scholarships.

**Needleworkers Ministry** – Our needleworkers are in need of yarn to continue their ministry of knitting and crocheting items to give away to those visiting our Food Pantry. Partial or full skeins of any color yarn may be dropped off to the Food Pantry at any time.

**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.*

Fellowship and Worship Opportunities at Union

**God’s Fire Youth Group -** (grades 7th – 12th) – God’s Fire youth will be meeting this evening at 6pm. *(Note: Sunday, Dec. 11th Christmas Caroling [2:30pm] @ Country Rest Home, immediately followed by Sticks practice).*

**Christmas “Mitten Tree” & Baskets: TODAY** is the last Sunday to take a mitten from our tree. Please have your wrapped gifts *(with the mitten attached)* to the church by Dec. 11th *(or sooner!)*. Contact Jean Wilson or Jane Clifton if you need more information.Delivery of gifts will be on Saturday, Dec. 17th – help is needed for delivery as well. If you want to donate money, we will shop for you. Please give money to Alma Fleetwood, Jane Clifton, or Jean Wilson. 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.

**Aging Faithfully** - Wednesday, Dec. 7th from Noon until 1:30pm. A light lunch will be served. In January we will resume our regular schedule of meeting the second Wednesday of each month.

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

**Christmas Float** - “All Aboard” for the Union UMC Christmas Float!  Join us at the Bridgeville Parade on Saturday, Dec. 17th at 4:30pm to see Union’s Christmas parade float entry.  *(Union’s “All Aboard” float participated in the Seaford Christmas parade this past weekend.)*



**Food Drive** – The Woodbridge School District will be holding their annual food drive Dec. 6th – 16th. Non-perishable food items will be delivered daily during that time. If you are available to help sort the items, your help would be appreciated.

**Christmas Musical & Reception** – 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)*. A sign-up sheet will be passed around this morning at both services so that we can determine what is needed. If you or a family member is involved in the music ministries, do not sign up to bring anything. We hope that you will join us as we honor those who give of their time and talents for us to enjoy.



**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 include: 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.

***I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks*** *to my precious family at Union for the prayers, the cards, the treats and best of all, the love during my recovery.  I have been so humbled by your prayers. I thought God had taught me about patience when I raised my children, but He decided this time the lesson was about me!  Not an easy task!  How blessed we are to have a Father who loves to hold us in His arms!  Thank you so much.  I look forward to returning to church!               Love,   Nancy Libertini*

**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** | **Bruce Williamson** | **Nancy Libertini** |
| **Advent Scripture & Candle** | **The Farris Family** | **Bob & Josie Hunsberger** |
| **Children’s Storyteller** | **Rachel Hovermale** | **------------------------** |
| **Greeters** | **Phillip & Donna Mowbray** | **Daryl King & Donald Smith** |
| **Ushers** | **David Knowles** | **John Clawson** |
| **Nursery Care Providers** | **Janet Snyder, Jacqueline Reighard,**  **and Rob Mitchell** | **Tiffany Snyder & Elizabeth Reighard** |
| **Finance Committee Counter** | **Don Heflin** | |

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**Next Week’s Worship Leaders**

**December 11, 2016**

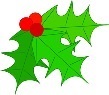
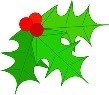
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|  | **9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship** | **11:00 AM – Traditional Worship** |
| **Worship Leader(s)** | **Praise Team** | **Nancy Libertini** |
| **Scripture Reader / Liturgist** | **Keith McCoy** | **Nancy Libertini** |
| **Advent Scripture & Candle** | **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** | |

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

**Last Week’s Church Attendance was: *(Sunday School) 44*; *(9am Worship) 98*; *(11am Worship) 73***

**Last Week’s tithes, pledges and plate offerings: $4,220**

***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 – 12/4/16 – The Lord’s Day – Second Sunday of Advent**  9:00 am – Contemporary Worship & Children’s Sunday School  Image result10:00 am – Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes  11:00 am – Traditional Worship  2:00 pm – Memorial Service for Kay Lewis  6:00 pm - God’s Fire Youth Group |
| **Monday – 12/5/2016**  11:00 am – Exercise Class  5:30 pm – Joyful Ringers Practice |
| **Tuesday – 12/6/2016**  *Food Drive*  *benefiting the Community Food Pantry –*  *Dec. 6th – 9th* |
| **Wednesday – 12/7/2016**  11:00 am – Exercise Class  Noon – Aging Faithfully  7:00 pm – Jubilee Handbell Practice |
| **Thursday – 12/8/2016**  7:00 pm – Choir Practice |
| **Friday – 12/9/2016**  11:00 am – Exercise Class |
| **Saturday – 12/10/2016** |

**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".***



**Union United Methodist Church**

**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**  **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* |