

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

March 12, 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

Opening Song	<i>"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"</i>	Praise Team
Welcome and Opening Prayer		Rev. Jim Penuel
Children's Story Time		Thane Keim
	<i>(Immediately following the story, children age 4 through 6th grade leave for Sunday School.)</i>	
Announcements		Rev. Jim Penuel
*Praise Songs	<i>"In Christ Alone"</i> <i>"The Solid Rock"</i>	Praise Team
Passing of the Prayer Stole		
Silent Prayer		
Prayers of the People		
The Lord's Prayer		(Sung on Screen)
*Praise Songs	<i>"You are My King"</i> <i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	Praise Team
Scripture	John 3:1-17 (pg. 810)	Garry Killmon
Sermon	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	Rev. Jim Penuel
Home of Hope Testimonial		Ms. Banning
Tithes and Offerings		
*Doxology		UMH #95
*Closing Song	<i>"My Chains are Gone"</i>	Praise Team
*Benediction		Rev. Jim Penuel



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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. Jim Penuel

***Call to Worship**

Janet Wildes

Leader: *Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;*

People: *though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.*

Leader: *Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,*

People: *that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.*

***Opening Prayer** (*unison*)

Janet Wildes

O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn**

"My Hope is Built"

UMH #368

Passing of the Prayer Stole

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

(Sung on screen)

***Hymn**

"Amazing Grace"

UMH #378

Anthem

"He Looked Beyond My Faults"

Chancel Choir

Scripture

John 3:1-17 (*pg. 810*)

Janet Wildes

Sermon

"Amazing Grace"

Rev. Jim Penuel

Home of Hope Testimonial

Ms. Banning

Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Closing Hymns

“To God Be the Glory”

UMH #98

“My Tribute”

UMH #99

*Benediction

Rev. Jim Penuel

*Postlude

**Please Stand As You Are Able*



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 Union church and each other.



Home of Hope Sunday – Today’s focus will be on the Home of Hope, Union’s newest mission endeavor.



Learn more about the Home of Hope, hear testimonials, see a video presentation, and an introduction to the Home of Hope – a faith-based, non-profit, residential program for single adult women and women with young children who are struggling with life-controlling issues, including drug and alcohol abuse. The next two Sundays, March 19th & 26th there will be an opportunity to tour the Home of Hope location here in

Brigville with Jeff Tull immediately following the Traditional worship service around Noon.



Community Food Pantry – March has been designated as **“Hamburger or Chicken Helper” Month**. Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry or placed in the food cupboard located in the Narthex. (*Mixed greens and jelly is needed as well.*) Thank You!

Operation Christmas Child – Once again, Union Church will be participating in Operation Christmas Child – a ministry to children around the world. For the month of March, craft kits and small craft supplies are being collected. Place your donated items in the designated box in the narthex. Thank You!



Invitation to Prayer – Friday mornings at 10am in the Chapel with Nancy Libertini. If you would like to meet for prayer at another time, contact Nancy via e-mail at (tidewaterhome@comcast.net) or by phone (302-956-0556) Leave a message if there is no answer and she will return your call.



“Excited for Jesus” Youth Sunday School Contest Winners:

1st Place - Grant LaChance; 2nd Place - Caleb Reighard; 3rd Place - Eli Reighard; Qualifiers: Sarah Reighard, Elizabeth Reighard, Rob Mitchell, and Thane Keim. Well done!

Fellowship and Worship Opportunities at Union

God's Fire Youth Group – will be meeting this evening at 6pm.

Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim – Tuesday, March 14th is the second session of this Bible Study with Pastor Jim. Choose either 10am or 7pm for each session. The third session is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22nd.



Upcoming Meetings – **SPRC** – Monday, March 13th at 7pm; **UMW**-Thursday, March 16th at 1pm; **Lay Shepherds**-Tuesday, March 21st at 7pm; **Church Council** - Tuesday, March 28th at 7pm.



***“Showers of Hope”* Benefit Dinner** – Saturday evening, April 1st at 6pm - Join us for an elegant three course dinner benefitting the Home of Hope—Union's newest missions endeavor. To purchase tickets, contact Sonny Hardesty (337-7070) or call the church office (337-7409) — cost is \$25.

Easter Eggs – Peanut butter, buttercream, and coconut filled eggs will once again be sold by the God's Fire Youth Group to raise funds for their summer mission trip. Order forms are available in the narthex or on the church office door. Cost is \$5 per egg. Payment must accompany each order – please make checks payable to “UUMC God's Fire Youth”. Deadline to order eggs is March 26th. Eggs will be ready for pick up by April 10th (6pm-8pm) or April 11th-13th (9am-3pm).



Passover Seder Celebration – Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 5pm. Join us for a delicious and symbolic meal that becomes enriched as we give thanks for the Messiah. Registration forms are available in the narthex and on the church office door. Registrations are required and due by Friday, March 31st so adequate provisions and preparations can be made. Call the church office (337-7409) to reserve your place or complete a registration form and drop in the offering.



Easter Lilies – If you would like to place an Easter lily in the church in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one, use the enclosed insert to place your order by Sunday, April 2nd. Order forms may be dropped off at the church office or placed in the offering plate.



Easter Egg Hunt – Baskets of empty eggs are in the narthex to take home with you and fill with wrapped candy, and return no later than Monday, April 10th. Thank you for your help.

Easter Lillies – Use the enclosed insert to place an order by April 2nd for an Easter Lilly.

Thank You Notes:

Ken and I would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, calls and visits that he received while in the hospital or the nursing homes. The prayers made a wonderful difference for both him and myself. He is slowly getting better and we both know it will take a while for him to get back to normal. Again thank you everyone. I am so proud to be a member of this wonderful church.

Sandy and Kenny



Sunday Worship Leaders



Today's Worship Leaders

March 12, 2017

	9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship	11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
Worship Leader(s)	Praise Team	Janet Wildes
Scripture Reader / Liturgist	Garry Killmon	Janet Wildes
Children's Storyteller	Thane Keim for God's Fire Youth	-----
Greeters	Rob Mitchell and Thane Keim	Marty Holmes and Ron Fleetwood
Ushers	Bob Tomlinson	Jerry Jones
Nursery Care Providers	Jill or Aaron Jackson and Jennie Bradley	Rachel Hovermale and TBD
Finance Committee Counter	Don Heflin	

Next Week's Worship Leaders

March 19, 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	Laura Lee Mitchell	-----
Greeters	Wilmer T. & Jean Wilson	Brian & Joyce Wintersteen
Ushers	Bob Tomlinson	Jerry Jones
Nursery Care Providers	Jenny Keim and Larry Snyder	Bev Repa 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) 33; (9am Worship) 86; (11am Worship) 42

Last Week's tithes, pledges and plate offerings: N/A

UUMC'S Week-at-a-Glance Calendar

<p><u>Sunday – 3/12/17 – The Lord's Day – Second Sunday in Lent – Home of Hope Sunday</u></p> <p>9:00 am – Contemporary Worship & Children's Sunday School 10:00 am – Youth & Adult Sunday School Class 11:00 am – Traditional Worship 6:00 pm – God's Fire Youth Group</p>
<p><u>Monday – 3/13/2017</u></p> <p>11:00 am – Exercise Class 5:30 pm – Joyful Ringers Handbell Practice 7:00 pm – SPRC Meeting</p>
<p><u>Tuesday – 3/14/2017</u></p> <p>10:00 am – Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim 7:00 pm – Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim</p>
<p><u>Wednesday – 3/15/2017</u></p> <p>11:00 am – Exercise Class 7:00 pm - Jubilee Ringers Handbell Practice</p>
<p><u>Thursday – 3/16/2017</u></p> <p>1:00 pm – UMW Meeting 7:00 pm – Choir Practice</p>
<p><u>Friday – 3/17/2017</u></p> <p>11:00 am – Exercise Class</p>
<p><u>Saturday – 3/18/2017</u></p>

Church Staff

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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. Also featuring a "Princess Corner". Any questions, please call (302-956-0591) or e-mail: church_mouse@comcast.net.

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Prayer List



<p>Gladys Adams Jeff Allen Nancy Germanos Pat Holden Chuck Holmes Ken Jones Beth Judy Elizabeth Krone Fred Leger and Family Betty Liska</p>	<p>Mickey & Molly Lauck Trey McDyre Andrew McVey Gene & Marialice McVey Marie Mitchell Kevin Ramey Walt & Janice Rudy Kay Seitz Bette Short Tim Snider Kurt Spicer</p>	<p>Leroy & Marian Tull Linda & John Wheedleton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Schools & Teachers • Military & Veterans • Missionaries • Open Ministry Positions at Union Church • Delmarva 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></p> <p>1001 Middleford Road Seaford, DE 19973</p> <p>Jack Bennett #17 Ann Brenner #273 Mary Lankford #2 George Marshall #102</p>	<p><u>Milford Place</u></p> <p>500 S. Dupont Blvd. Milford, DE 19963</p> <p>Gloria Trivits</p>	
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Praises, Answered Prayers, & Prayer Needs

Jeff Allen: Cancer is in remission; arm is bending well; therapy continuing

Frank and Charlotte Hunsberger: Doing better; Learning to move with grace not speed!

Nancy Libertini: Awesome Recovery!

Andrew McVey: Immune system improving-Can take oral cancer treatments while waiting to resume chemo.

Marialice and Gene McVey: Gene is walking within the safety of his home! This is miraculous! No longer is under hospice care. Needs our continued prayers for strength and endurance.

Walt and Janice Rudy: Janice's immune system is improving, maybe enough that she and Walt will be able to return to church!

Praises for all our visitors!

Corporate Prayers:

Wisdom and Strength for Our Pastor, Jim Penuel!

Wisdom, Vision, and Courage for our District Superintendent, Dr. Sa!

Wisdom and Guidance for Youth Ministry!

Stepping forth of teachers for Sunday School Classes for our children!

Stepping forth of leaders to serve in Nurture and Discipleship Classes (*Bible and book studies!*)!

Strength and Courage to step forth with faith to follow God's Vision for the Home of Hope!

Strength and empowering messages to one another within our church and for all of the churches, especially those in our Dover District!