

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

**March 19, 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   | <b><i>"Above All"</i></b>                                | Praise Team        |
| Welcome and Opening Prayer   |  | Rev. Jim Penuel    |
| Children's Story Time  |  | Laura Lee Mitchell |
| <i>(Immediately following the story, children age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade leave for Sunday School.)</i> |  |                    |
| Announcements  |  | Rev. Jim Penuel    |
| *Praise Songs  | <b><i>"Oceans"</i></b><br><b><i>"10,000 Reasons"</i></b> | Praise Team        |
| Passing of the Prayer Stole  |  |                    |
| Silent Prayer  |  |                    |
| Prayers of the People  |  |                    |
| The Lord's Prayer  |  |                    |
| *Praise Song   | <b><i>"Blessed Be Your Name"</i></b>                     | Praise Team        |
| Scripture  | Romans 5:1-11 (pg. 861)                                  | Keith McCoy        |
| Sermon   | <b><i>"The Nature of Suffering"</i></b>                  | Rev. Jim Penuel    |
| Tithes and Offerings   |  |                    |
| *Doxology  |  | UMH #95            |
| *Closing Song  | <b><i>"Mighty to Save"</i></b>                           | Praise Team        |
| *Benediction   |  | Rev. Jim Penuel    |



# 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

Rev. Jim Penuel

**\*Call to Worship**

Janet Wildes

Leader: *We come, trusting in God's mercy and love, longing to know and to learn more about God's ways.*

People: ***We come, to be guided in the ways of God's truth—to experience the joy of God's salvation.***

Leader: *We come, in the midst of our Lenten journey, aware of God's steadfast love helping us to overcome the trials and temptations which can descend on us at any time.*

People: ***Lead us, O God, to do what is right in your eyes and teach us to follow the humble way of Christ, your beloved Son, our crucified and risen Lord.***

**\*Opening Prayer** (unison)

Janet Wildes

*God of storms and rainbows, God of rain and sunshine, God of all creation we worship and adore you. We gaze in wonder at the beauty of your creation and marvel at stormy skies transformed with the vibrant colours of a rainbow. Like Noah and his family, we praise you for this everlasting sign of your love and care for the whole creation in your desire to preserve and not destroy life. For all these assurances of your love for us and for the whole creation, we praise and worship you, O God, in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.*

**\*Hymn**

***“Grace Greater than Our Sin”***

UMH #365

Passing of the Prayer Stole

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn**

***“It Is Well with My Soul”***

UMH #377

Anthem

***“Hymn of Promise”***

Chancel Choir

Scripture

**Romans 5:1-11 (pg. 861)**

Janet Wildes

Sermon

“The Nature of Suffering”

Rev. Jim Penuel

Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*Closing Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

UMH #298

\*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** – In continuation of our focus on the Home of Hope, Union’s newest mission endeavor, tours of the Home of Hope will be given today, led by Jeff Tull, immediately following the 11am worship service this morning at approximately noontime and next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The Home of Hope is 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.



**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. (Boxed cereals and jelly are 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](mailto:tidewaterhome@comcast.net)) or by phone (302-956-0556) Leave a message if there is no answer and she will return your call.

**UMCOR Sunday** – Next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> is UMCOR Sunday.

**Palm Sunday Musical** – There will be one 10am Worship service on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.



# Fellowship and Worship Opportunities at Union

**God's Fire Youth Group** – Mission trip meeting at Mt. Olivet UMC-Seafood at 1:30pm TODAY. For more information see Tammy Williamson. There will be NO God's Fire Meeting or Sticks practice tonight.

**Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim** – Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> is the third session of this Bible Study with Pastor Jim. Choose either 10am or 7pm for each session. The fourth session is scheduled for Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.



## Upcoming Meetings:

**Lay Shepherds**–Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm / **Church Council** - Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**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 26<sup>th</sup>. Eggs will be ready for pick up by April 10<sup>th</sup> (6pm-8pm) or April 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> (9am-3pm).



**Passover Seder Celebration** – Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



**Strategic Leadership Workshop** – Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am to Noon at Calvary UMC in Milford.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help.

**Easter Lilies** – Use the enclosed insert to place an order by April 2<sup>nd</sup> for an Easter Lilly.



## Notes of Thanks:

*To Pastor Jim and everyone at Union UMC – We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who worked to make our Revival Prayer Day a success. From the decorations to the delicious soup and ice cream everything was well planned and ran smoothly. The many small touches and unexpected treats for everyone to enjoy made it extra special.*

*≈ Cathy Myers and Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa, Dover District*

*The Family of Ben (BB) Ewing extends their thanks and appreciation to Union Church for the meal and support following BB's funeral service.*

*≈ Lois Ewing & Family*



## Sunday Worship Leaders



### Today'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                     |                                |

### Next Week's Worship Leaders

March 26, 2017

|                              | 9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship                      | 11:00 AM – Traditional Worship |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Worship Leader(s)            | Praise Team   | Janet Wildes                   |
| Scripture Reader / Liturgist | Laura Lee Mitchell                                  | Janet Wildes                   |
| Children's Storyteller       | Rita Hovermale                                      | -----                          |
| Greeters                     | Ann Castle  | Wayne & Phyllis Sterling       |
| Ushers                       | Bob Tomlinson                                       | Jerry Jones                    |
| Nursery Care Providers       | Nancy Libertini, Heather Marquez,<br>and Thane Keim | Laura Lee Mitchell 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) 29; (9am Worship) 89; (11am Worship) 59**  
**Last Week's tithes, pledges and plate offerings: \$6,620**

## UUMC'S Week-at-a-Glance Calendar

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| <p><b><u>Sunday – 3/19/17 – The Lord’s Day – Third Sunday in Lent</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am – Contemporary Worship &amp; Children’s Sunday School<br/>           10:00 am – Youth &amp; Adult Sunday School Class<br/>           11:00 am – Traditional Worship<br/>           Noon – Tour of The Home of Hope w/ Jeff Tull<br/>           6:00 pm – God’s Fire Youth Group</p> |
| <p><b><u>Monday – 3/20/2017</u></b></p> <p>11:00 am – Exercise Class<br/>           5:30 pm – Joyful Ringers Handbell Practice</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Tuesday – 3/21/2017</u></b></p> <p>10:00 am – Community Resource Meeting<br/>           7:00 pm – Lay Shepherds Meeting</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Wednesday – 3/22/2017</u></b></p> <p>10:00 am – Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim<br/>           11:00 am – Exercise Class<br/>           7:00 pm – Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim<br/>           7:00 pm - Jubilee Ringers Handbell Practice</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Thursday – 3/23/2017</u></b></p> <p>7:00 pm – Choir Practice</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Friday – 3/24/2017</u></b></p> <p>11:00 am – Exercise Class</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Saturday – 3/25/2017</u></b></p>  |

### Church Staff

|   | Position                     | E-Mail   | Phone  |
|---|------------------------------|--|--|
| Pastor Jim Penuel   | Senior Pastor                | <a href="mailto:umcpastorjp@gmail.com">umcpastorjp@gmail.com</a>                           | (Home) 302-337-8427<br>(Office) 302-337-7409 |
| Debbie Vogelsang  | Office Manager               | <a href="mailto:uumchurch@comcast.net">uumchurch@comcast.net</a>                           | (Office) 302-337-7409                        |
| Karl Reighard   | Media Technician             | <a href="mailto:Karl.Reighard@TrainlineCompany.com">Karl.Reighard@TrainlineCompany.com</a> |  |
| Steve Johnson   | Director of Music Ministries | <a href="mailto:stevejohnson523@hotmail.com">stevejohnson523@hotmail.com</a>               |  |
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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](mailto:church_mouse@comcast.net).

**Union United Methodist Church**  
**Prayer List**



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| <p>Gladys Adams<br/>         Jeff Allen<br/>         Nancy Germanos<br/>         Pat Holden<br/>         Chuck Holmes<br/>         Ken Jones<br/>         Beth Judy<br/>         Elizabeth Krone<br/>         Betty Liska</p> | <p>Trey McDyre<br/>         Andrew McVey<br/>         Gene &amp; Marialice McVey<br/>         Rev. Gary &amp; Fonda Meekins<br/>         Marie Mitchell<br/>         Kevin Ramey<br/>         Walt &amp; Janice Rudy<br/>         Kay Seitz<br/>         Bette Short<br/>         Tim Snider<br/>         Kurt Spicer</p> | <p>Leroy &amp; Marian Tull<br/>         Linda &amp; John Wheedleton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Schools &amp; Teachers</li> <li>• Military &amp; Veterans</li> <li>• Missionaries</li> <li>• Open Ministry Positions at Union Church</li> <li>• Delmarva Teen Challenge</li> <li>• Home of Hope</li> <li>• Our Nation</li> </ul> |
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**Our Church Members in Retirement and Assisted Care Facilities:**

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| <p><b><u>Manor House</u></b></p> <p>1001 Middleford Road<br/>         Seaford, DE 19973</p> <p><b>Jack Bennett #17</b><br/> <b>Ann Brenner #273</b><br/> <b>Mary Lankford #2</b><br/> <b>George Marshall #102</b></p> | <p><b><u>Milford Place</u></b></p> <p>500 S. Dupont Blvd.<br/>         Milford, DE 19963</p> <p><b>Gloria Trivits</b></p> |  |
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**Praises, Answered Prayers, & Prayer Needs**

Prayers for: Rev. Gary & Mrs. Fond Meekins of Mt. Calvary UMC and the Meekins Family  
 Home of Hope Pledges and Benefit Dinner scheduled for April  
 Upcoming Palm Sunday Musical and Easter Services

Praise for the District Revival Prayer Day held here at Union UMC last weekend

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!