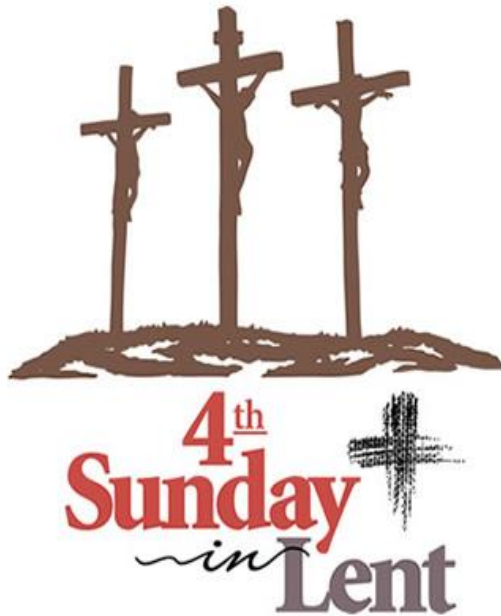


Union United Methodist Church
2 North Laws Street
Bridgeville, DE 19933
302-337-7409

March 26, 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

Worship Celebration: March 26, 2017

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Union United Methodist Church

The Lord's Day & Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Union UMC!

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

9:00 AM SERVICE

Opening Songs ***"My Life is in You"*** Praise Team

"What a Mighty God we Serve"

Welcome and Opening Prayer **Rev. Jim Penuel**

Children's Story Time **Rita Hovermale**

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

Announcements **Rev. Jim Penuel**

*Praise Songs ***"Good, Good Father"*** Praise Team

"He Knows My Name"

Passing of the Prayer Stole

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Praise Song ***"Word of God Speak"*** Praise Team

Scripture **John 9:1-41 (pg. 817)** Laura Lee Mitchell

Sermon ***"Healing Hands"*** Rev. Jim Penuel

Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology **UMH #95**

*Closing Song ***"Whom Shall I Fear?"*** 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: *In Christ, we are people of light.*

People: ***We will shine, reflecting the light of our Maker.***

Leader: *Get up, children of God!*

People: ***We are alive, and the light of Christ shines through us!***

*Opening Prayer *(unison)*

Janet Wildes

Lord, you've guided us through the difficult days of Lent, encouraging us along the way. We pray as we move towards the darkest day, that you will be with us and remind us of our Savior's ultimate gift and promise of new, abundant, eternal life for all who believe and trust in him, your precious son, Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn

"O Worship the King"

UMH #73

Passing of the Prayer Stole

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

"When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee"

UMH #263

Anthem

"In Christ Alone"

Chancel Choir

Scripture

John 9:1-41 *(pg. 817)*

Janet Wildes

Sermon

"Healing Hands"

Rev. Jim Penuel

*Hymn

"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"

UMH #273

Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Closing Hymn

"He Touched Me"

UMH #367

*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.



UMCOR Sunday – Today is UMCOR Sunday. Special offering envelopes are enclosed if you would like to make a contribution.



Home of Hope – In continuation of our focus on the Home of Hope, Union's newest mission endeavor, a tour of the Home of Hope will be given today, led by Jeff Tull, immediately following the 11am worship service this morning at approximately noontime. 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 or by phone (302-956-0556) Leave a message if there is no answer and she will return your call.*

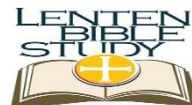


Palm Sunday Musical – Join us for this special and unique joint Palm Sunday worship celebration in conjunction with Mt. Calvary UMC on Sunday, April 9th at 10am *(one service only)*.

Fellowship and Worship Opportunities at Union

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

Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim – Monday, March 27th is the fourth session of the Bible Study with Pastor Jim. Choose either 10am or 7pm to attend.



Upcoming Meetings: Church Council - Tuesday, March 28th 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 and 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 TODAY.** Eggs will be ready for pick up by April 10th (6pm-8pm) or April 11th-13th (9am-3pm). Order forms and payment may be dropped off at the church office or placed in the offering plate.



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.

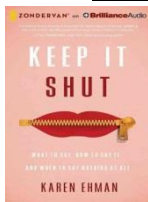


Strategic Leadership Workshop – Saturday, April 1st from 9am to Noon at Calvary UMC in Milford.

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 order form available in the narthex or on the office door to place your order – deadline is **Sunday, April 2nd**. Order forms and payment 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.



Ladies Bible Study – “*Keep It Shut*” is the title of the next Ladies Bible Study. We will look at what to say, how to say it, and when to say nothing at all. All women in the church are invited on Sunday mornings at 10am in room 204. The text is available as an e-book --- see Rita Hovermale if you would like a hardcopy.

Housekeeping Notes – Please check the kitchen for bowls, dishes, etc. that might belong to you from food donations made for recent events. Items not claimed will be donated to Teen Challenge as we are unable to continue storing them. Thank you.





Sunday Worship Leaders



Today'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, and Thane Keim	Laura Lee Mitchell and TBD
Finance Committee Counter	Don Heflin	

Next Week's Worship Leaders

April 2, 2017

	9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship	11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
Worship Leader(s)	Praise Team	Joan Hastings
Scripture Reader / Liturgist	TBD	Joan Hastings
Children's Storyteller	Pam Tull	-----
Greeters	Ann Castle	Margaret "Bootsie" Sipple and Mary Noel
Ushers	Bob Tomlinson	Elvin Adams
Nursery Care Providers	Janet Snyder, Jacqueline Reighard and Rob Mitchell	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) 34; (9am Worship) 108; (11am Worship) 64
Last Week's tithes, pledges and plate offerings: \$4,648

UUMC'S Week-at-a-Glance Calendar

<p><u>Sunday – 3/26/17 – The Lord’s Day – UMCOR Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Lent</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 Noon – Tour of The Home of Hope w/ Jeff Tull 6:00 pm – God’s Fire Youth Group</p>
<p><u>Monday – 3/27/2017</u></p> <p>10:00 am – Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim 11:00 am – Exercise Class 5:30 pm – Joyful Ringers Handbell Practice 7:00 pm – Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim</p>
<p><u>Tuesday – 3/28/2017</u></p> <p>7:00 pm – Church Council Meeting</p>
<p><u>Wednesday – 3/29/2017</u></p> <p>11:00 am – Exercise Class 7:00 pm - Jubilee Ringers Handbell Practice</p>
<p><u>Thursday – 3/30/2017</u></p> <p>7:00 pm – Choir Practice</p>
<p><u>Friday – 3/31/2017</u></p> <p>11:00 am – Exercise Class</p>
<p><u>Saturday – 4/1/2017</u></p> <p>6:00 pm – Showers of Hope Benefit Dinner for the Home of Hope</p>

Church Staff

	Position	E-Mail	Phone
Pastor Jim Penuel	Senior Pastor	umcpastorjp@gmail.com	(Home) 302-337-8427 (Office) 302-337-7409
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Karl Reighard	Media Technician	Karl.Reighard@TrainlineCompany.com	
Steve Johnson	Director of Music Ministries	stevejohnson523@hotmail.com	
Web: www.Unioninbridgeville.com		E-mail: uumchurch@comcast.net	



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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 Mary Adams Jeff Allen Nancy Germanos Pat Holden Chuck Holmes Roger Hovermale Ken Jones Beth Judy Elizabeth Krone Betty Liska</p>	<p>Trey McDyre Andrew McVey Gene & Marialice McVey Rev. Gary & Fonda Meekins 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

Prayers for: Home of Hope Pledges and Benefit Dinner scheduled for April 1st
Upcoming Palm Sunday Musical and Easter Services
Roger Hovermale, The Hansell Family, Bette Short, Leroy & Marian Tull, Steve & Mary Adams

Praises for all our visitors!

Community Resource Meeting held on Tuesday

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!