

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

**April 2, 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>"Awake, My Soul"</i>	Praise Team
Welcome and Opening Prayer		Rev. Jim Penuel
Children's Story Time		Pam Tull
<i>(Immediately following the story, children age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade leave for Sunday School.)</i>		
Announcements		Rev. Jim Penuel
Passing of the Prayer Stole		
Silent Prayer		
Prayers of the People		
The Lord's Prayer		
*Praise Song	<i>"Come Alive (Dry Bones)"</i>	Praise Team
Scripture	Ezekiel 37:1-14 (pg. 661)	Bob Tomlinson
Sermon	<i>"Dry Bones"</i>	Rev. Jim Penuel
Passing of the District Prayer Stole		Rev. Jim Penuel & Nancy Libertini
Tithes and Offerings		
*Doxology		UMH #95
Communion		(pg. 12)
*Closing Song	<i>"All the People Said Amen"</i>	Praise Team
*Benediction		Rev. Jim Penuel

*(Note: The first Sunday of the month and is an extended Children's Sunday School hour).*



# 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

Joan Hastings

Leader: *The Spirit of God has brought us here.*

**People: *The Lord has set us down here, though our bones are tired.***

Leader: *Can these dry bones live?*

**People: *Yes! The Breath of God will revive us! The Word of God will awaken us!***

Leader: *Today, we come together to experience new life.*

**People: *Let us give thanks to the Wild, Life-Giving Spirit of God!***

\*Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Joan Hastings

*And God said, "You shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." Come, let us surround ourselves with the compassion of God who gathers up our brokenness and binds it with the wholeness of a new vitality. We come with all our brokenness. We come in search of new life. We come to worship our compassionate Creator. Let us worship God with all of our heart. Amen.*

\*Hymns

**"Spirit Song"  
"Spirit of the Living God"**

(on screen)

Passing of the Prayer Stole

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn

**"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

UMH #420

Anthem

**"Dry Bones"**

Chancel Choir

Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (pg. 661)

Joan Hastings

Sermon

**"Dry Bones"**

Rev. Jim Penuel

## Passing of the District Prayer Stole

Rev. Jim Penuel & Nancy Libertini

### Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology

UMH #95

Communion

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\*Closing Hymn

“Spirit of God”

(on screen)

\*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** – Special thanks to Rita Hovermale and numerous others that helped with the amazing “Showers of Hope” fundraising dinner held last night in the fellowship hall to benefit the Home of Hope. Please keep Union’s newest mission endeavor in your prayers. We have made a great start on the way to reaching our goal of \$25,000. Keep track of our progress by checking out the Home of Hope display board on view in the narthex. 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. Thank you for your spirit of ministry and help to make this vision a reality!



**Community Food Pantry** – April has been designated as “**Potted Meats**” Month. Examples of potted meats are Spam, Treat, small canned hams, etc. Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry or placed in the food cupboard located in the Narthex.



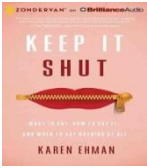
**Operation Christmas Child** – For the month of April, small stuffed animals are being collected. Place your donated items in the designated box in the narthex. Thank You!

**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.



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

# Fellowship and Worship Opportunities at Union



**Ladies Bible Study** – *“Keep It Shut”* is the title of the next Ladies Bible Study beginning **TODAY**. 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.

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

**Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim** – Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> is the fifth session of the Bible Study with Pastor Jim. Choose either 10am or 7pm to attend.



**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.

**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 – **TODAY is the deadline**. 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 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help.

**Native American Heritage Sunday** – April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. Join us as we welcome our guest speaker, Raggi Calentine of the Native American Council. Raggi will be sharing with us information about our Native American Heritage and how the church plays such a vital role. She will also provide important information regarding the missionary work that her organization provides and how your funding helps these endeavors. There will be a luncheon immediately following in the fellowship hall and Raggi will be available to answer any questions you may have about how your funding is used. We hope that you will join us for the service and then stay for fellowship and to thank Raggi for being with us. A sign-up sheet will be passed during the Palm Sunday Service for food and dessert items. Meats will be provided by the Worship Committee.



**Nursery Care Helpers** are needed at both the 9am and 11am worship services. Helpers are needed to serve one time per month, or in a substitute role as needed. Please contact Tiffany Snyder or call the church office if you are willing to serve in this area of ministry.





## Sunday Worship Leaders



### Today's Worship Leaders

April 2, 2017 – Communion Sunday

	9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship	11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
Worship Leader(s)	Praise Team	Joan Hastings
Scripture Reader / Liturgist	Bob Tomlinson	Joan Hastings
Children's Storyteller	Pam Tull	-----
Greeters	Don & Debbie Short	Margaret "Bootsie" Sipple and Mary Noel
Ushers	Garry & Carla Killmon	Elvin Adams
Nursery Care Providers	Janet Snyder, Jacqueline Reighard and Rob Mitchell	Laura Lee Mitchell and TBD
Finance Committee Counter	Don Heflin	

### Next Week's Worship Leaders

April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday

	10:00 AM – Combined Worship
Liturgist	Joan Hastings
Greeters	Ann Castle and Betty Anne Hardesty ( <i>front entrance</i> ) Joan Hastings ( <i>side entrance</i> )
Ushers	Tom & Meredith Connor & Elvin Adams
Nursery Care Providers	Jill or Aaron Jackson, Jennie Bradley, Rachel Hovermale
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) 32; (9am Worship) 118; (11am Worship) 57**

**Last Week's tithes, pledges and plate offerings: \$4,082**

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

<p><b><u>Sunday – 4/2/17 – The Lord’s Day – Communion Sunday - Fifth Sunday in Lent</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am – Contemporary Worship &amp; Children’s Sunday School          10:00 am – Youth, Ladies &amp; Adult Sunday School Class          11:00 am – Traditional Worship          6:00 pm – God’s Fire Youth Group</p>
<p><b><u>Monday – 4/3/2017</u></b></p> <p>11:00 am – Exercise Class          5:30 pm – Joyful Ringers Handbell Practice</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday – 4/4/2017</u></b></p> <p>10:00 am – Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim          7:00 pm – Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday – 4/5/2017</u></b></p> <p>11:00 am – Exercise Class          7:00 pm - Jubilee Ringers Handbell Practice</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday – 4/6/2017</u></b></p> <p>7:00 pm – Choir Practice          6:00 pm – God’s Fire Youth making eggs</p>
<p><b><u>Friday – 4/7/2017</u></b></p> <p>11:00 am – Exercise Class          4:00 pm – God’s Fire Youth making eggs</p>
<p><b><u>Saturday – 4/8/2017</u></b></p> <p>9:00 am – God’s Fire Youth making eggs          10:00 am – Worship Committee (strip palms)</p>

*Important Note:  
 The Fellowship Hall is in use from:  
 April 4<sup>th</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup>.*

### 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 (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**



<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  Rev. Gary &amp; Fonda Meekins  Marie Mitchell  Kevin Ramey  Walt &amp; Janice Rudy  Kay Seitz  Bette Short  Tim Snider  Kurt Spicer  Dorothy Thumser</p>	<p>Leroy &amp; Marian Tull  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:**

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

Prayers for: Home of Hope Donations to reach our goal of \$25,000  
Upcoming Palm Sunday Musical and Easter Services  
Roger Hovermale, Bette Short, Leroy & Marian Tull, Dorothy Thumser, Fred Leger, the Family of Carol Willey  
The Prayer Stole Ministry

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!