



SEPTEMBER Union Times

From the Pastor's Desk



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Greetings in the Name of the Risen Lord!

There is a scripture passage that has really been speaking to my heart about the current reality of the world. Jesus says in Matthew 9:37-38, "Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

We know that there are a lot of people in this world who do not know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. There are many who are disconnected from the church, and are starving for someone to show them that there is more to life than just the daily grind and trying their best to make ends meet. Our vision here at Union is "Building bridges together using our heads, hands, and hearts for Jesus." Jesus is asking us to "build a bridge" between those who are already connected to God and those who are not.

The verses before 37-38 show the evidence of what Jesus was doing to "reap the harvest." Verses 35-36 of Matthew 9 say, "Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus lived out his faith not only through his

words, but also through his actions. We are beginning the fall season here at Union, there is so much happening and so many ministry opportunities cropping up. Prayerfully discern in the coming month: "What am I doing to help reap the harvest?" If you have not yet committed yourself to service and being a laborer in the vineyard, what gifts and graces do you have to share and use in ministry? If you are looking for a way to serve, please let me know and I would be more than happy to help you discern how to plug in.

We know that the "Harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few." Let's do our part to reap the harvest and build the kingdom of God right here at Union Church!

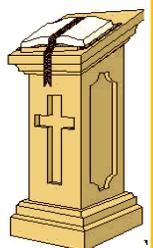
Grace and Peace,
Rev. Jim Penuel III

Special points of interest:

- God's Fire Youth
- Yard Sale
- Home of Hope
- Annual Charge Conference
- VBS Memories
- Methodist Men's Retreat
- "Red Kettle" Campaign

September Preaching Schedule

- 4th—Encounter God Through Prayer (Acts 2:37-42)
- 11th—Real Presence: How to Truly be "in" the Moment (Luke 10:38-42)
- 18th—De-Stress: Eliminating Worry from your Life (Matthew 6:25-34)
- 25th—Anger: How to Let Go and Let God (James 1:19-27)





Lay Leader's Message *(Notes from Nancy)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How I have missed you! Your smiles, your laughter, your love! You are so precious in God's eyes and I have come to love you dearly over the past two years at Union! I am hopeful that I will be back by the middle of September to join with you in the joyful harvest of the autumn season.

God has abundant fruits for us to harvest: Love! Joy! Peace! Patience! Kindness! Goodness! Faithfulness! Gentleness! And Self-control! Pray now for the harvest to be plentiful and for us to be faithful. God equips us and gives us everything we need through the gifts of the Holy Spirit! So prayerfully open your hearts, your minds, and your hands and begin to prepare for the journey into the mission field at Union Church! A new season is upon us and God has prepared a bounty for us to gather and share!

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



While I have been away, I have been enjoying worship in North Carolina. Many times during the week, I am driving the



country roads taking Bethany (Now 6 years old! *More than a whole handful!*) to her weekly therapy sessions. I pass so many churches on those back roads, and each one tickles my curiosity as to what is happening inside the walls. There are those that appear as a typical church building: brick or wood, steeple, double solid white doors, paved parking lot, and the church and pastor's names and denomination on the front sign. There are those that have messages that challenge me to think and take my mind and heart directly to focus on God. And then there are others that make me smile and want to stop and sit in their gardens, smell their flowers, and pull out my Bible to read.

Have you ever gazed at our church and wondered what others think of us as they pass? This summer, our church has greatly touched those who have driven by during the week. Why? Our children are outside playing! Our yard looks like **a family lives in our church!** I love it! How can we continue to show Bridgeville that **we are a family who loves the Lord as we work and play together?** I long for us to send out a message loud and clear to all of Bridgeville that Union Church is a family of God who loves Him and loves one another!



Praise be to our God! How blessed we are! Can't wait to return soon to worship **and** play with you!

Love,
Nancy Libertini



Sunday, September 25th

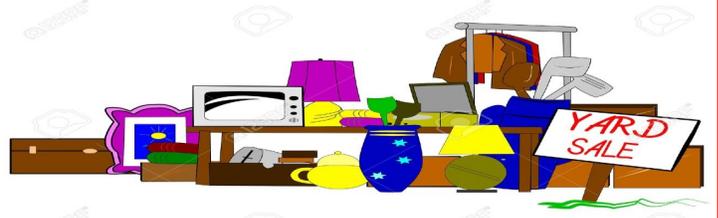
Worship service that day will be held at the Home of Hope located at:

10936 Leadership Way
(off of Rifle Range Road)
Bridgeville, DE 19933



Saturday, Sept. 10th 7am to Noon

To benefit the Women's Retreat in January. Items may be dropped off to the church during office hours, or placed in the fellowship hall on Friday, Sept. 9th.



Union United Methodist Church CHARGE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 8, 2016
6:30 PM

ANNUAL MEETING



Kiwanis Chicken BBQ

The Kiwanis club is hosting their famous Chicken BBQ at the intersection of Rt. 404 & Scott's Store Rd. Support Union's ministries and stop by for some good BBQ on:

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17TH —
Benefitting God's Fire
Youth Group**



presents

LEGACY FIVE & THE BALL BROTHERS IN CONCERT



FRIDAY,
SEPT. 9, 2016
7:00 PM



At the **NEW**
WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

14712 Woodbridge Rd. • Greenwood, DE 19950

GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS \$23
Doors Open at 6:00 PM

For
Information
Call
302-531-7997

Order Tickets Online at delmarvagospel.com



Fall Quarter Adult Sunday School Classes

Ladies Bible Study - "What Keeps You Up at Night?" is the title of our next Ladies Bible Study which begins on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 10am. We'll take a look at why our fears keep us from fulfilling the dreams and goals God has planned for our lives. Please let Rita know if you will need a book or you will get one electronically. Child care will be provided if needed.

Men's Bible Study - "What Keeps Men Up at Night May be Different than for Women!" - At the same time the Ladies' Bible Study is being held, we will have the same study for men beginning on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 10am. The study is led by Rev. Tom Connar and Brian Wintersteen and will conclude on Sunday, Oct. 6th. We too will consider fears that keep us from being fulfilled in life, and dreams and goals that God can fulfill in us. While we hope men can attend all six sessions, we also invite guys to attend whenever they can. Please sign up no later than Sept. 2nd with Tom at 956-0318 or e-mail to tnconnar@comcast.net.

"Son-Seekers" Sunday School Adult Class – will begin a new year of study and fellowship beginning Sunday, Sept. 11th. The class is open to both women and men of all ages. The class will continue their study entitled **Spiritual Warfare** which is a very timely study concerning the evil forces of this world present with us each day. Come share and participate Sunday mornings from 10am to 10:45am in the Colonial Room.

Caring Congregation

As you may recall Caring Congregation was an active committee during the past several years but for the past year and half has not been active at all. During a recent meeting of the Heart Committee there was an expressed interest in having this committee reactivated.

The Caring Congregation Committee met on a quarterly basis and was responsible for scheduling and holding events that were felt to have a positive impact on not just the congregation but also reaching out to the community. Some of the events and topics included mental health issues including Suicide Prevention, Alzheimer's Awareness, Children's and Adult Health Fair, Get Up, Get Out, Take a Hike, the virtual walk to Rehoboth Beach and our annual Blue Holiday Event.

By holding and providing documentation of these events, as well as creating a covenant statement allowed Union to become recognized and certified by the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church as a Caring Communities Church.

If you would like to be part of the vital area of ministry or would like more information please contact Joan Hastings at 302-337-7156. If there is enough interest a meeting will be scheduled in October to begin to make plans for the fall and winter seasons. Your input is also important, if there is a topic that you feel would be helpful and informative please let me know. If it is something you have been thinking about perhaps others have as well. Please prayerfully consider becoming involved in this committee.

Caring Communities Covenant Statement: *"We, the members of United Methodist Church Council on Ministries covenant together with the members of our church community to become a Caring Community under the guidelines set forth by the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church. As a church community we enter into this covenant in order to make a commitment to provide a place where all persons and their families with emotional, mental and/or physical conditions are welcome.*

Union United Methodist Church will commit to providing a safe, secure and respectful place of worship for all persons. The congregation of United Methodist Church will provide support and advocacy to include education programs for these individuals as well as making resources for assistance available to them and their families believing that each is a child of God."





God's Fire Youth in Ministry at the Country Rest Home

**Caleb, Sarah, Elizabeth, Thane,
Margaret, Shawn, Carson, Ms.
Tammy, Ms. Jacqueline, Ms. Jenny
and Pastor Jim**





 **39th Annual Nanticoke Indian Powwow**
September 10 - 11, 2016

EMCEE: Keith Colston (MD)

DRUM GROUPS:

Red Blanket (NJ)
Stoney Creek (NC)

HEAD DANCERS:

Adrienne Harmon & Keith Anderson

*Tribal ID Required for Dancers
Upon Request

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10TH

10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.
2 Dance Sessions*
(Grand Entry at Noon)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11TH

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
1 Dance Session*
(Grand Entry at 1 p.m.)

ENTRANCE FEES:

\$5 per person
12 & under Free
Parking Free

LIMITED CAMPING SITES:

Available at the Museum
(\$40 for the weekend)
Call (302) 945-7022 for
more information

Parking Lot GPS Friendly Address: 26800 John J. Williams Highway / Millsboro, DE 19966

- Nanticoke Indian Museum Tours • American Indian Drummers • Singers & Dancers • 40+ Visiting Tribes from Across the USA • Native American Foods • Authentic Indian Arts & Crafts Vendors

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call the Museum at (302) 945-7022 / Administrative Office at (302) 945-3400 Email: Info@nanticokeindians.org
 Visit our Website at: www.nanticokeindians.org / Bring Your Lawn Chair and Enjoy The Day!
 No Pets, unless service pet. No smoking, drugs or alcohol allowed on the Powwow or Nanticoke Indian Association Grounds.
Handicap drop off on Mount Joy Road - For more information call (302) 945-7022



River of Life: Reviving Prayer—September 13th—15th—Led by Rev. R. Kay Lanasa, this year’s focus is “Reviving Prayer”. You’ll be invited to come to the river to reflect on how you are listening to the voice of God. Take your prayer life to a deeper level—and then share it!

(Note: all retreats are held at the Riverview Retreat Center at Pecometh. Register online or call.)

136 Bookers Wharf Rd, Centreville, MD 21617

www.pecometh.org

410-556-6900

The Church Mouse Consignment Boutique & Art Gallery

Open 10am-4pm Thursday – Saturday – A ministry of UUMC located at 210 Market St.



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. Any questions, please call (302-956-0591) or e-mail: church_mouse@comcast.net.



**‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’
(Jeremiah 33:3, NIV)**



PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!



**Saturday, September 24, 2016
9 AM to 3 PM
Conley’s United Methodist Church**

The theme of the 2nd Dover District Revival Prayer Day will be: “Why Pray?” Let’s gather to listen to God’s answers!

This day-long prayer session will focus on praise, worship, the teaching on “Why Pray”, practice of corporate prayers as we lift up the Church, our country, the world, and one another, along with the Holy Communion and anointing. You will experience the power of prayer and spiritual breakthroughs during this event.

Come, and be blessed to see the Holy Spirit at work in our midst. **All clergy and laity are welcome to attend.**

Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign

The Red Kettle Campaign has grown into one of the most recognizable charitable campaigns in the United States. Here in Sussex County, Delaware, the Salvation Army provides toys for children and food to families and individuals in need.

Individuals, church groups, civic clubs and businesses are invited to ring the bell at one of the kettle locations for a day...or more.

The 2016 kettle season kicks off on Friday, November 18 and ends on Saturday, December 24. If interested, contact Lt. Oscar Rolón at (302) 628-2020.



“Almost Home” Women’s Retreat



Dear Working Women:

Mark your calendars for January 27-29, 2017 Women’s Work Retreat, **Almost Home** at the home of our first retreat, the A. Felix duPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Like all past retreats we will be building on an established foundation and making a few changes too. In returning to this venue we will be limiting to our UUMC ladies and immediate family. “Immediate family” is used to qualify those who have attended over the years, sisters in Christ, mothers and best friends. Memorial House is an all-inclusive venue.

You can reserve your space with a \$50 deposit payable to UUMC and forwarded to Laura Lee Mitchell or Candi Allebach. The total cost for the weekend to date is \$200. We say “to date” because there are planned fundraisers of three Friday’s at Bridgeville Kiwanis BBQ and a fall yard sale scheduled to help dissuade the cost as well as provide scholarships.

More detailed information will be coming. Mark your calendars now for January 27-29, 2017. Any questions contact Candi (443-359-1391) or Laura Lee (302-258-6334).

Candi & Laura Lee

Ministry Needs & Opportunities @ Union



Aging Faithfully Chairperson – Ministering to our aging Saints, please contact Sonny Hardesty.

Caring Congregation— Contact Joan Hastings if interested.

Digital Presence Committee – Focusing on Union’s website and Facebook page. We are in need of anyone who is tech-savvy and willing to help.

God’s Sparks – Willing to coordinate and build up the children’s program ministering to kids in 3rd—6th grades.

Military Support Committee – Contact Dee Henningson if you are able to assist.

Ministerial Scholarship Committee – Discussing ways to establish a scholarship to help church members who are pursuing a calling to ministry.

Missions Committee – The new Home of Hope is our mission focus this year. The need is great! We need people who are willing to volunteer their time, help us raise funds, and be a prayer partner.

Music Ministries – Joyful Singers & Ringers; Jubilee Ringers; Choir; Praise Band; Special Music ; Instrumentalists; Soloists

New Church Directory - If you are interested in being a co-chair or helper with this project, please see Rita as soon as possible.

Nursery – Volunteers are needed to staff our growing nursery. To be eligible, a Safe Sanctuary clearance must be on file. Contact Tiffany Snyder if you are able to serve in this area of ministry.

Sunday School Teachers & Helpers - Our goal is to have enough help that you will only need to commit to one Sunday per month. Contact Cheryl Malone if you are available to help with our Sunday School program.



Testimonies

As Summer comes to an end and we prepare to begin our Camp Pecometh Coin Drive in September through October. I wanted the youth that attended Camp Pecometh this Summer to share with you how they have been blessed by your generosity which made it possible for them to participate in a full week of summer camp. And as the Camp Pecometh Fundraising Chair, I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who gives to the UUMC Camp Pecometh Fund each year!



Jenny Keim

Caleb Reighard

This was my first time ever going to Camp Pecometh. Honestly, I was a little reluctant to go at first, but I have a friend that said a lot of good things about camp. He encouraged me to go and ended up convincing me. I thought this camp would be just like the other church camp that I had gone to for about six years. Nope! It had its similarities, of course, but since we did Late Night With Jesus, our program was different from a normal camp week. Also, I had been told that most of the staff had English accents, but it caught me off guard just how many of them actually did! I had a great time at camp! We played games, went river seining at night, ate great food, swam, did the giant swing, ate great food, kayaked, studied the word, ate great food, fellowshiped, prayed, went tubing, and ate more great food! *(What can I say? It's a Methodist camp!)* Some of my best memories were kayaking and going tubing with some of my best friends. I can safely say that I came back with a pile of new memories to add to a treasure trove of memories filled with friends, family, and most importantly, Jesus!



Thane Keim

Third year and still just as good as the first! My experience at Camp Pecometh was absolutely phenomenal...Late Night with Jesus was something else! It taps into your true Christianity, not just any general sermon, but a personal connection with the Lord. I can honestly say I feel closer to the God of Heaven and Earth. As for

friendships, I grew closer to both Rob and Caleb and even made a new friend, Samuel. My favorite part of the week was singing songs with Samuel while he played the guitar. I wouldn't trade this week for the world!

Rob Mitchell

Having gone to Camp Pecometh twice now, I can say that this year was definitely my favorite! This year I had way more fun, meet new people, and felt like I grew to God even more. I enjoyed the lessons every night and they were well tailored to youth around my age. I connected more to the lessons since I could relate to them more and felt God's presence while doing them. My favorite part of camp was the giant swing at 1 o'clock in the morning. I never had done something like that before and was one of my favorite memories of camp. I had a blast this year and can't wait to go next year!



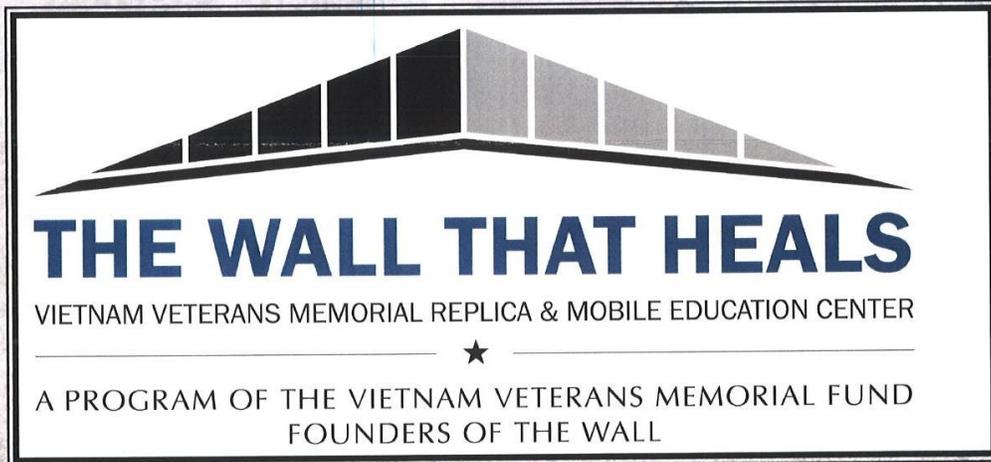
Sarah Reighard

My week at camp was amazing! I was nominated to go to the Directors' Leadership camp at Pecometh and I'm so glad I went! There were two other girls and three boys. They were so much fun to hang out with and the staff was awesome! We learned so much! Every day we covered a lot of material about being a good leader and how to use your skills for God. It was very interesting because they didn't just tell us how to be a good leader, they also helped us figure out *our* leadership style and skills. It was really cool seeing how different our leadership styles were! In between our sessions on leadership, we did other fun stuff around camp. We swam, did the challenge course, went on the giant swing, and so much more! It was such a blast! I made so many good memories that I will hold onto forever! Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to go to camp Pecometh! God used that week in amazing ways!





*A free opportunity to see a traveling exhibit
that honors those who served in the
United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam War*



**OPENING
CEREMONY**
at 4 p.m. on Sept. 1

**OPEN
24 HOURS**
from Sept. 1 - 4, 2016

**EXHIBIT
DEPARTS**
at 4 p.m. on Sept. 4

The Wall That Heals, a 250-foot replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Mobile Education Center, honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War, and its walls bear the names of the more than 58,000 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

*For more information, or to volunteer with The Wall,
please call (302) 259-6048.*



*Jack F. Owens Campus, Carter Partnership Center Lawn
21179 College Drive, Georgetown, DE 19947*

SUMMER CAMP MEMORIES



MAKING ROOM FOR MEN'S MINISTRY
 SEPTEMBER 10, 2016
 8:00AM – 5:00PM
*Pen-Del United Methodist Men
 59th Annual Men's Retreat*

September 10, 2016
 Camp Pecometh
 136 Bookers Wharf Rd.
 Centreville, MD 21617
 www.pecometh.org
 \$60 (includes 2 meals)

**Pen-Del United Methodist Men
 59th Annual Men's Retreat**

God's Sweet Grace

Come Join Us For The

LIVING PROOF
 WITH BETH MOORE 9.17.2016
simulcast

Union United Methodist Church
 Bridgeville, DE – Doors Open 9:30am
Lunch ~ Giveaways ~ FELLOWSHIP
 Limited Space – Call for details and
 to reserve your seat 302-337-7409
 \$25 before 8/26; \$30 after 8/27

Union United Methodist Church

2 N. Laws St.
Bridgeville, DE 19933
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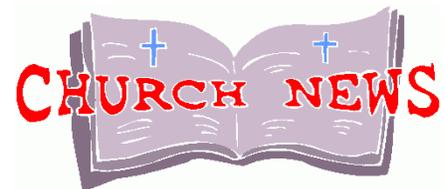


“Building Bridges Together”

Using Our Head, Hands & Heart for Jesus

Email: uumchurch@comcast.net

Web site: www.unionunitedmethodistde.org



Operation Christmas Child

Games/activities are being collected during the month of September.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

The following music ministries at Union welcome new and returning participants — contact the church office for additional information.

- Joyful Singers
- Joyful Handbell Ringers
- Jubilee Handbell Ringers
(beginning Sept. 21st)
- Praise Team
- Anthem Choir
- Instrumentalists
- Soloists
- Special Music



Looking for the perfect gift for a friend? **Gift certificates** for ladies to attend the Beth Moore Simulcast on September 17th are available for purchase in the church office.

September Meetings



SPRC

Monday, Sept. 19th @ 7pm

Worship Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 20th @ 10am

Church Council

Tuesday, Sept. 27th @ 7pm



The Church Office & Community Food Pantry are closed on Labor Day Monday, Sept. 5th.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- 9 am—Contemporary Worship
- Children’s Sunday School
(Pre-K through 6th Grades)
- 10 am—Youth Sunday School
(7th—12th Grades)
- Adult “Son-Seekers” Class
- Ladies Bible Study
- Men’s Bible Study
- 11 am—Traditional Worship



Monday to Friday:
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Phone: 302-337-7409
Debbie Vogelsang
Office Manager

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210 Market Street
Bridgeville, DE 19933
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