

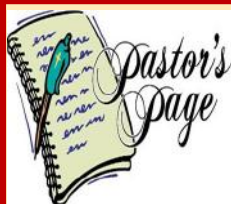


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Tent Meeting in Seaford  
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Online Church Directory  
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Riverwalk & Seafood Fest.



**Open Hearts, Open Minds, and  
Open Bibles leads to Open Doors!**

Dear Friends,

Greetings to the onset of Fall! One of the blessings we experience by living on the east coast is witnessing God's creation as the seasons change before our eyes!

Also, this is a time when we transition from our summertime fun, church camp, vacations, spending time with family and friends, and begin to experience getting back to work and school. We also experience some much cooler days and nights.

I believe each season can provide us moments of relief and renewal, but the fall also invigorates us with a burst of activities and busy schedules.

Here at Union Methodist Church (UMC), we are no different. We started off with our "Camp Sunday breakfast, on August 24th and enjoyed the "camp kids" and counselors taking a very active role in our very "Ducky" service!

Also, the "Mid-week Recharge" will be beginning on September 10th, and Junior Church on Sundays as well.

There is still room for you to serve on various committees and projects. Our "Walk of Warmth and Light" two-night Christmas event, has many places you can serve as we invite our community to come and experience what Christmas means to all of us here at Union. The true meaning of Christ will shine through such things as Crismon Trees, A Beautiful Nativity Scene, and 10x10 tents that any member, family, or group within Union can set up to display talents, crafts, foods, and many other things (the possibilities are endless)! If you want to help plan this event come to our next planning meeting September 25th at 6:30 pm in the "Colonial Room".

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The fall will provide opportunities to serve in a variety of our different ministries, such as: Fall Activities, dinners, the collection for school supplies, keeping in contact with Unions' missionaries, students, and military members. (They appreciate hearing from those of us here "holding down the fort".)

As you can see, these are just a few of the events, activities, and things happening during the autumn season. I would like to think that the time will go slowly, but I believe if I were to blink, the season of Thanksgiving and then Advent will be upon us in a flash. Before that happens, let us carve out quality time to be with God and God's creation as we enjoy the beautiful change of colors that occurs every fall and the cooler nights for sleeping.

Fall provides wonderful opportunities for walks through the fields and autumn woods, breathing in that nice brisk air, and seeing the beautiful colors of all the changing landscapes. Trees will be turning colors, corn will turn brown, and farmers will be harvesting the fields that God has blessed once again this year. Additionally, we can rejoice in coming back together to worship, to have fellowship and to journey deeper in our faith this fall.

In this new season of autumn, I invite you to begin again; purposefully turning your lives over to God, spending sacred moments to listen to God's calling for you and your church family.

Let God welcome you into Union's loving community of faith. I hope it will inspire you to reach out to the world with Christ's love and compassion.

It is a joy and a blessing to have each of you here. We welcome you to be with us on Sundays and Mid-Week to be a part of all our ministries here. You are the church! As your Pastor I am blessed by the best (God) and rejoice with the best (That's You)!



God bless,  
Pastor Mark

I Corinthians 2:2—"For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."



## UNION DAY

**Sunday, September 7th**

Our 2nd annual day to celebrate Union Church and kick off our new **"Wiggle Worship"** Junior Church program for kids and welcome our newest members. We'll following the morning worship service with an all-church picnic. Union Day will also be the kick off for our Mid-week Recharge gatherings beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Make plans to be a part of this fun day of fellowship with our church family.







# SEPTEMBER events

**WEDNESDAYS**

Praise Team Practice—5pm  
Mid-Week Recharge—6pm to 7:30pm

**SUNDAYS**

Worship & Praise Service—10am  
Children's Wiggle Worship—10:15am

Holy Communion—1st Sunday of the Month

**September & October—Coin Drive for Camp Scholarships**

**Monday, 9/1—LABOR DAY** (*Church office is closed*)



**Sunday, 9/7—UNION DAY & New Member Welcome—10am**

**All-Church Picnic—11am**



**Monday, 9/8—Methodist Women serving the Kiwanis Dinner—6pm**

**Tuesday, 9/9—SPRC Meeting—6pm**

**Worship Committee Meeting—7pm**



**Saturday, 9/13—Methodist Men's Breakfast Fellowship in Seaford—8am**

**Monday, 9/15—Methodist Women serving the Kiwanis Dinner—6pm**

**Thursday, 9/18—Methodist Women's Fellowship & Meeting—1pm**

**Monday, 9/22—FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN**

**Tuesday, 9/23—Church Council Meeting—7pm**

**Wednesday, 9/24—“See You at the Pole” Prayer Time**

**Tuesday, 9/30—Methodist Women fundraiser—11am to 3pm**

Staff Meetings—Tuesdays @ 10AM—Sept. 2nd and Sept. 16th



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**Oct. 10th**  
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**Oct. 11th**



## NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

Sunday, September 7, 2025

This special day is dedicated to acknowledging and celebrating the important contribution made by **grandparents** to the well-being and education of children within their family.

It is an opportunity for family to show their gratitude and respect for the older generation and to honor and appreciate all the joy and wisdom that **grandparents** bring to our lives.

## BACK to SCHOOL

- Stay alert for children walking to and from bus stops.
- Watch for school buses while they drop off and pick up kids.
- Don't be distracted! Slow down, pay attention and stay off cell phones.



## Hospitality Cart

We are in need of Sunday morning hostesses to oversee the coffee cart one Sunday per month from September thru May.



Call the church office (302) 337-7409 if you are willing to help in this ministry or would like more information. Thank you.



**The Finance Committee is beginning their work drafting the 2026 Budget.**

**A Budget Request Form is available at the Church Office (on the door) if you see a need to increase or decrease your ministry budget for 2026.**

**Call the church office if you need more information about your current 2025 budget amount.**

**All budget request forms must be turned in to the church office no later than Sunday, Nov. 2nd.**





**The Methodist Women's group  
will resume monthly meetings on**

**Thursday, Sept. 18th at 1pm**

**Ladies are asked to bring boxes of  
dry cereal (any kind) to contribute to  
the Christmas food  
baskets.**

**We'll also continue planning  
for the October Women's Day  
event and electing new officers  
for the next term.**

**All are welcome.**

## **METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**Saturday—September 13th  
8:00 AM**

**Join us at the Golden Eagle Diner in  
Seaford for breakfast and fellowship  
as we resume our Methodist Men's  
monthly meetings.**

**All are Welcome —  
bring a friend!**



**When making a donation, over-and-above  
your regular tithes and offering, towards our  
goal of having a Family Ministries Coordina-  
tor, be sure to clearly designate "Ministries  
Coordinator" on your envelope or check.**

**You can also designate your donation  
through: [www.unioninbridgeville.com](http://www.unioninbridgeville.com) / GIVE /  
Ministries Coordinator.**

**We are looking forward to seeing how we can  
grow our church, especially our children and  
family ministries at Union.**

*Have a safe Labor Day*





# MID-WEEK

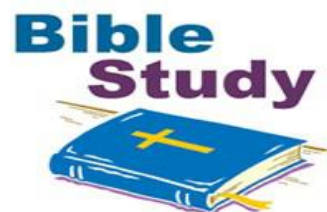


Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 7:30pm as we fellowship mid-week to “Recharge”.

Our first session will start **September 10<sup>th</sup>** and conclude **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** with a Family Fun Night for all. Each Recharge gathering will **begin with dinner**. Next, adults will participate in a Bible Study or workshop. The children will receive biblical instruction through storytelling, arts and crafts, and music. The evening concludes with a brief devotion and prayer.



Please complete the registration form on Page 7 and submit to the church office or place in the offering plate by September 3<sup>rd</sup> so adequate preparations can be made for the meal.



**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of Adults/Children Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Info:** \_\_\_\_\_

[Phone & E-mail]

## **MID-WEEK RECHARGE—Session #1**

Indicate the number of participants  
in the right-hand column.



<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>
6-6:30pm	<b>DINNER</b> <i>(Indicate the number of family members planning to attend the dinner portion of the evening.)</i>	Everyone	
6:30pm to 7:15pm	<b>Bible instruction/activities</b> applicable for the age	Nursery Birth-PreK	
	<b>Main Biblical instruction for children through a variety of methods: storytelling, arts and crafts, and music</b>	Kindergarten thru Grade 6	
	<b>Games and activities along with a Bible study geared for junior and senior high youth; community service opportunities</b>	God's Fire (7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	
	<b>Fellowship ministry geared towards young adults and college &amp; career age sin- gles</b>	God's Torch (post high school)	
	<b>In Step with God – (Health &amp; Fitness)</b> <i>Stay fit and fellowship with short walks around our local community.</i>	Adults	
	<b>Courtside with the Lord – (Health &amp; Fitness)</b> <i>Pickleball - a low impact and popular activity.</i>	Adults	
	<b>Preserving God's Gifts – (Arts &amp; Crafts)</b> <i>Learn how to can and preserve local produce to enjoy during the winter months.</i>	Adults	
	<b>World Religions – (Bible Study)</b> <i>Get a deeper understanding of human societies, cultures, and history.</i>	Adults	
	<b>(Bible Study)</b>	Adults	
7:15-7:30pm	<b>Devotion &amp; Prayer</b> <i>Closing out our mid-week fellowship with a short time of prayer and study to foster a deeper relationship with Christ.</i>	Everyone	
7:30pm	<b>Out the Door</b>		



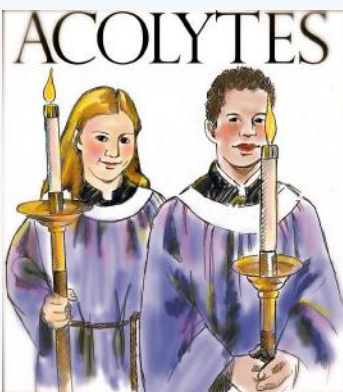


**4—Chris Adams**  
**5—Carson Williamson**  
**6—Debi Adams**  
**Joe Bailey**  
**10—Richard Carlisle**  
**12—Ashley Moran**  
**13—MaryAnn Bell**  
**14—Dawn Tomeski**

**20—Walt Pluznick**  
**22—Joanne Jones**  
**Donna Mowbray**  
**23—Marty Baker**  
**Carol Breeding**  
**24—Debbie Rosengren**  
**28—Keith Brock**  
**Bob Burket**



*If you have a birthday and have not been listed, please contact Debbie in the Church Office so you can be included in our birthday listing. Thank You.*



### Acolyte Ministry

We are seeking children and youth (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade or higher) to light and extinguish the altar candles during a worship service.

A new schedule has been posted in the hallway by Pastor Mark's office for available Sunday dates for our Acolytes to sign up for.

If you are currently not an acolyte, but are interested in being involved in this ministry, please contact Joan Hastings, Pastor Mark, or call the church office.

## SEPTEMBER FOOD HOLIDAYS

- 1- National Gyro Day
- 3- Birthday of Afternoon Tea Inventor
- 4- National Macademia Nut Day
- 5- National Cheese Pizza Day
- 9- Wiener Schnitzel Day
- 10- TV Dinner Day
- 11- National Hot Cross Bun Day
- 12- National Chocolate Milkshake Day
- 13- National Peanut Day
- 14- Eat a Hoagie Day
- 14- National Cream Filled Donut Day
- 15- National Linguine Day
- 16- National Guacamole Day
- 17- National Apple Dumpling Day
- 18- National Cheeseburger Day
- 19- National Butterscotch Pudding Day
- 22- National Ice Cream Cone Day
- 23- National Key Lime Pie Day
- 23- National Great American Pot Pie Day
- 26- National Pancake Day
- 27- National Chocolate Milk day
- 28- Strawberry Cream Pie Day

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Patriot Day, a holiday observed in the United States on September 11 to commemorate the lives of those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Virginia and those who perished when the hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania.

A total of 2,751 civilians, 340 firefighters and 72 police officers were killed in the initial attack. These numbers continue to rise as a result of the dust, debris, and toxins released in the air.

*Revelation 21:4—"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

*Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*



Help us to maintain an accurate directory for our church family by notifying the church



office if you have had any changes to your contact information

(address, phone, e-mail, etc.).

Thank You.

We are in need of nursery volunteers for the fall & winter months. If you are available to help occasionally, please contact Tiffany Schutt at: [tiff.snyder89@gmail.com](mailto:tiff.snyder89@gmail.com).



# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Listed below are ministry opportunities to serve and be involved with in the growth and activities of Union Church. The Nominations & Leadership Committee are seeking to fill these open positions for next year 2026.

If you are willing to serve, please indicate below. If willing to serve in more than one area, beginning with 1 as the highest priority, indicate your preferences.

If you would like more information about any of these positions, call the church office or speak with a member of the Nominations & Leadership Committee (*Pastor Mark, John Clawson, Joan Hastings, Roger Hovermale, Cameron Satchell, Grant & Renee Parker*).

<u>OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE</u>	<u>Meets</u>
<b>Activities &amp; Events Committee</b> (3-year term 2026 -2028) [Plan and run special events]	Quarterly
<b>Finance Committee</b> (3-year term 2026 -2028) [Oversight of finance matters and determining next year's budget]	September & October
<b>Nominations &amp; Leadership Committee</b> (3-year term 2026-2028) [Responsible for filling vacant committee positions]	August October
<b>Staff/Parish Relations Committee</b> (3-year term 2026 -2028) [Oversight of Pastor and church staff]	Monthly
<b>God's Torch Leader</b> [Head this new fellowship ministry geared towards young adults and college & career age singles]	Occasional Fellowship Gatherings
<b>Acolyte Leader</b> [Oversee the acolytes and prepare schedule for service.]	Acolytes are needed each Sunday
<b>Lay Shepherds</b> [Assist Pastor with Congregation care and oversight for approx. 10 individuals or family units.]	Quarterly



There is also a need for help with our "Wiggle Worship" Junior Church program for children that will begin on Sunday, Sept. 14th and those willing to head up a six-week bible study or devotional for adults during the Mid-Week Recharge gatherings beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 10th.

Contact the church office if you are able to help with any of these needs.

**Mid-Week**





## SAVE THE DATE WOMENS DAY EVENT

*"The Harvest"*

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**

We at Union hope that you will join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Day Event. The event is free and open to all. We'll begin with registration at 11:30am in

the Fellowship Hall, lunch is from noon until 1:00 pm, we will then move to the Sanctuary for uplifting music and a few games. The message will be based on Matthew 9: 37 – 38. We all know that God is not the only one looking for "harvesters."

After the message we will return to the Fellowship Hall for dessert and a time of fellowship. During this time our hope is that you will take a few minutes to complete the Comments Sheet so that we can learn what we did well and how we can improve to better serve you.

Pre-registration is important for planning and purchasing food and supplies. Forms can be found on our website or e-mailed to you by calling the church office at 302-337-7409.

We are looking forward to this time of spiritual uplifting, fellowship and encouragement for each other, and hearing God's Word. We hope to see you on Saturday October 18, 2025.



## REGISTRATION FORM - WOMEN'S DAY

*"The Harvest"*

**SATURDAY - OCTOBER 18, 2025 / 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Will you need childcare: Yes / No

How many children: \_\_\_\_\_

List Child's Name & Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Any Allergies (food/medical): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**If you know of any in our Union church family that are away at college or serving in the military, please notify the church office with their contact**



**information so OFF TO COLLEGE that we may keep them in prayer and stay in contact with them while they are away.**



## Women's Ministries

### UNION METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIPS



The Union Methodist Women (UMW) typically meet the third Thursday of each month (September through May) at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Occasionally meetings will be held on a Saturday morning to enable ladies that work during the week to attend. Meetings offer fellowship with other ladies in our church while providing opportunity for discussion on outreach opportunities as well as support for Union Church, various ministries, and upcoming events.

Monthly meetings will resume at the end of summer on Thursday, September 18th at 1pm. We'd love to have you join us. Your time and talent will be valued as we work together in building bonds with one another and strengthening our church family. If you would like additional information about the Methodist Women's group and/or ministries, please feel free to contact any of the UMW officers:

Debbie Vogelsang (*President*)  
 Kathy Carlisle (*Vice President*)  
 Mary Noel (*Treasurer*)  
 Debi Adams (*Secretary*)

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## Coins For Campers!

Our annual coin drive for camp scholarships takes place during the months of September and October.

Please consider donating your loose change (*we accept paper too!*) each Sunday to enable our youth to attend Christian-based camps next Summer of 2026.

Glass jars will be located at both entrances of the Sanctuary to place your loose change in. Thank you!



# KIDS ZONE

**Friday, October 3rd  
4pm to 7pm**



Union Church is once again sponsoring the Kids Zone at the Woodbridge High School homecoming football game. Help is needed to staff this event. If you are able to help with this important outreach to our community, please call the church office at 302-337-7409.



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**

Join us for a brief time of prayer at the flag pole of all four District schools:

**Woodbridge Middle School (WMS)  
Woodbridge High School (WHS)  
Early Childhood Education Center (WECEC)  
Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School (PWES).**

Times to meet will be announced as soon as they are available.

We look forward to our Union church family representing us at all four locations.

*See You at the Pole* is an annual gathering of Christian students of all ages at a flagpole in front of their local school for prayer during the early morning before school starts. The events began in 1990, in the United States, where public schools cannot sponsor prayers and some Christians see public schools as hostile to Christian students. It has grown by word of mouth, announcements at youth rallies and churches, and the Internet and now occurs internationally.





SHARING GOOD NEWS,  
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## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Buying Guide

January – small stuffed animals/dolls *(Barbies or dolls similar in size to Barbies)*

February – toothbrushes: toothbrush covers

March – Matchbox cars and small toy vehicles

April – yoyos; pick-up sticks; jaxs; small puzzles

May – crayons; colored pencils

June – small coloring books/activity books

July – decks of playing cards; small toys; wash cloths

August – soft pencil cases; pencils; pencil sharpeners

September – hair brushes/combs; hair accessories

October – donations for postage



*(Donated items may be placed in the designated box located in the narthex.)*

**Thank you for supporting this ministry of Union Church!!!**



**We need YOUR help to make our online church directory as accurate and updated as possible.**

If you are currently not in the church directory, please contact the church office. We would love to have all of our Union church family included.

If you are listed in the directory, but have not submitted a photo.

Contact the Church Office or Pam Tull and we'll be happy to take your photo or you may choose to select a favorite photo you already have *(your photo will be returned to you)*. Having a complete pictorial directory is helpful to us all to learn names and recognize others within our church family.

Do you have the **CHURCH DIRECTORY** on your phone? It's easy to do. Go to the App Store or Google play and search Instant Church Directory. From there select Union UMC. You will need to enter your email — it must match the one on file with the church. Follow the instructions. You will receive a confirmation email for security purposes. If you have any problems, please contact the church office for assistance. **If you have had any changes to your contact information, keep us informed so the directory can be kept up-to-date. You do not need to be a Union church member to be included in the online directory.** Contact Debbie in the church office at 302-337-7409 if you have any questions.



# MISSIONS

...at home and around the world

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Around the World . . .

Lance & Laura Ostman *[Mindinao, Philippines]*  
David & Dottie LaCompte *[The Caucasus, Armenia]*  
Treasures of the Nation Children's Center  
*[Kyiv, Ukraine]*  
Amadeus & Masha DeKastle  
*[Kyrgyzstan & Tajikistan]*



## Town of Bridgeville Upcoming Events



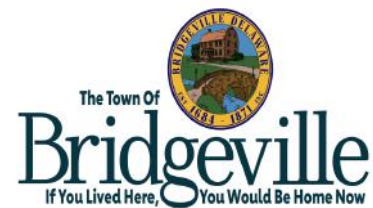
Town Wide Yard Sale—Sept. 27th

Town Clean Up/Bulk Trash Pick-Up Day—Oct. 2nd



33rd Annual Apple-Scrapple Festival  
—Oct. 10th—11th

Downtown Trunk-or-Treat/Trick-or-Treat—Oct. 31st



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**ONLINE GIVING THROUGH APPLE PAY; GOOGLE PAY;  
PAYPAL; OR CREDIT CARD**  
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**ONLINE GIVING** is available through the Union Church website for the following:

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Renovation Projects  
Building Fund  
Designated Giving  
Capital Improvements

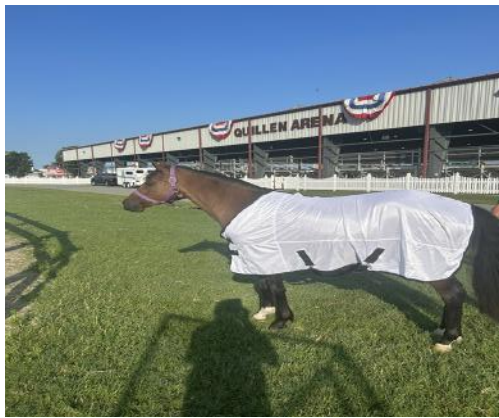
Local & Foreign Missions  
Family Ministries Coordinator  
Mitten Tree Ministry  
Disaster Relief  
Special Needs  
Other . . .



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# CAMPMEETING

## Tent Revival

September 10th-13th

Nightly @ 7 P.M.

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# What's Happening

## 2025

### July

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 7-11 Summer Camp Week #3
- 8 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 14-18 Summer Camp Week #4
- 22 Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- 27 Recognition of New Members, 10am
- 28 – 8/1 Summer Camp Week #5
- 28 – 8/1 FCA Day Camp



### August

- 4-8 Summer Camp Week #6
- 11-15 Summer Camp Week #7
- 12 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 18-22 Summer Camp Week #8
- 24 All-Church Breakfast, 8am
- 24 Summer Camp Sunday

### SEPTEMBER

*Month of September – Camp Scholarships Coin Drive*

- 1 LABOR DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 7 UNION DAY & Church Picnic
- 9 SPRC Meeting, 6pm
- Worship Committee Meeting, 7pm
- 10 Mid-Week Recharge Kick-off
- 13 Methodist Men's Breakfast Mtg., 8am
- 18 Methodist Women's Meeting, 1pm
- 23 Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- 24 "See You at the Pole"

### October

*Month of October – Camp Scholarships Coin Drive*

- 5 World Communion Sunday
- 10 – 11 Apple Scapple Festival
- 11 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 13 COLUMBUS DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 14 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Methodist Women's Meeting, 1pm
- 25 Harvest Party—10am to Noon



### November

- 1 Mitten Tree Collection Begins
- 2 All Saints Day Service
- 8 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 10 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- 11 VETERANS DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 11 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 18 Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Methodist Women's Meeting, 1pm
- 23 Annual Business Meeting
- 27 THANKSGIVING DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 28 *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 30 Hanging of the Greens Service *(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)*

### December

- 5 Blue Christmas Holiday Service, 7pm
- 9 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 9 – 20 Fellowship Hall Reserved for Mitten Tree
- 13 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 13 Bridgeville Christmas Parade
- 18 Methodist Women's Christmas Lunch, 11:30am
- 19 & 20 "Walk of Warmth & Light"
- 20 Mitten Tree Delivery Day, 8:30am
- 20 Wreaths Across America, Noon
- 24 Christmas Eve Silent Communion, 6pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 7pm
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*

Communion Service - First Sunday of each Month

Sunday Worship Service – 10am

Mid-Week Recharge – Wednesdays 6pm





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**BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY'S**  
**Family Fun Night**  
held at  
**T.S. Smith Orchard Point Market**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**@ 5:30-7:30PM**

Join us with your family for  
Apple Tastings | Games | Crafts  
Photo Op Area

Registration is required.  
Call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or online:  
[delawarelibraries.libcal.com](http://delawarelibraries.libcal.com)

T.S. SMITH ORCHARD POINT MARKET  
IS LOCATED AT 9045 REDDEN RD.  
BRIDGEVILLE, DE

The Bridgeville Library  
presents  
**feelings ROCK**  
with Ms. Taylor  
Helping Kids Move, Learn and Grow

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Join us for a 30 minute  
social-emotional music & movement class  
for children NB-5 and their caregivers.

**4th Wednesday**  
of every month  
@ 9am

August 27<sup>th</sup>  
September 24<sup>th</sup>  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
November 20<sup>th</sup>

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**READ TO THE L.E.A.P. DOG**

Bring your child to the library on the **second and fourth Tuesday** of every month @11am to read to this sweet dog. The goal of the **Literacy Education Assistance Pups** is to improve the literacy skills of children and grow their enthusiasm for reading.

**Oliver**

**Tuesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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Bridgeville Library's  
**STORY BOOK CORNER**  
with Ms. Hilary

**Tuesdays @ 10am**-(ages 3-5)  
Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes about A, B, C's, and 1, 2, 3 in September.

**Wednesdays @ 9am**-Little Acorns  
(birth-2) Enjoy dancing, swaying, or just observing at this time of movement, rhythm, and fun.

First Tuesday of the month will be held at Seaford Chick-Fill-A

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**COMMUNITY BridgeWellness**  
**Self-Defense Classes**

For ages 10 and up; all skill levels are welcome. Classes are consecutive, so attendance is important!  
Date: Mondays-September 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Time: 5 - 6:30PM  
Place: Bridgeville Library, 600 S. Cannon St. Bridgeville, DE

Safe and supportive environment

These sessions will focus on essential self-defense principles, cover both standing and ground techniques, offer a balanced approach, allow more time for practice while still being accessible for those with limited availability.

Led by experienced instructors

Registration is required.  
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[delawarelibraries.libcal.com](http://delawarelibraries.libcal.com)

30 SPOTS AVAILABLE

**SATURDAY STORY BOOK BRUNCH**

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10am**

Join us with Ms. Hilary for songs, stories, and rhymes about the A, B, C's and 1, 2, 3, followed by a fun brunch!

Registration is required.  
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[delawarelibraries.libcal.com](http://delawarelibraries.libcal.com)

FOR ALL AGES

1 2 3

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**COMMUNITY BridgeWellness**

**Calm within the Chaos: Hypnosis for Stress & Anxiety**

**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm**

Join us for a relaxing and uplifting workshop. Hypnotherapist Dolly Palmer will guide you through an empowering hypnosis session designed to quiet the mind, ease tension, and restore balance.

Registration is required.  
Call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or  
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**MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES**  
with Superkicks  
**FOR AGES 10 AND UP**

The Bridgeville Library is offering free weekly classes of taekwondo, a kicking martial art, as well as general self defense. Classes will be held on Fridays at 6pm starting August 29<sup>th</sup> and will last 45-60 minutes. Jeffery Baynocky, from Superkicks, is the instructor.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.  
CALL 302-337-7401 EXT. 101 OR ONLINE:  
[DELAWARELIBRARIES.LIBCAL.COM](http://DELAWARELIBRARIES.LIBCAL.COM)  
CHILDREN UNDER 18 MUST BE SIGNED UP BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

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**BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY'S YARD SALE & VENDOR EVENT**  
DURING THE BRIDGEVILLE TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> 7AM-2PM**

The Bridgeville Library is participating by renting out spaces in our parking lot!

If you are interested in renting a yard sale or a vendor spot in the library parking lot, please email: [bridgeville.library@lib.de.us](mailto:bridgeville.library@lib.de.us) or stop by the library.

Cost: \$20 for 3 parking spaces for a yard sale spot  
\$25 for 2 parking spaces for a vendor spot

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## Basic Technology Intro

**Wednesday,  
September 17<sup>th</sup>  
@ 5pm**

Do you need help navigating in the digital world with your phone, computer, or tablet? Even, our technical services support can help! Register for our session by calling 302-337-7401 ext. 101 to get individual help.



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### COMMUNITY Bridge to Wellness

#### Walking Groups

Join our self-led walking groups:  
Meet in the parking lot and walk the Hometown trail  
• Wednesdays at 9am  
• Thursdays at 7pm  
• Saturdays at 8am (last Saturday of the month, walk to Cahall Park in town)

#### Benefits of Walking

- ✓ Strengthens muscles
- ✓ Controls cholesterol levels
- ✓ Regulates blood pressure
- ✓ Reduces stress
- ✓ Delays aging
- ✓ Boosts immunity
- ✓ Improves heart health
- ✓ Burns fat

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### COMMUNITY Bridge to Wellness

Let's Talk: **grief**  
**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
@10am**

Join us for a grief support group with Latoya Harris, a Certified Community Health Worker to discuss how to handle the grief you may be experiencing.

Registration is preferred.  
Call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or online.  
[delawarelibrarians.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville](http://delawarelibrarians.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville)

Latoya is a graduate of University of Maryland Eastern Shore with a Bachelor's in Biology, Walden University with a Masters in Healthcare Administration and a Certificate in Conflict Management and Negotiation. She is also a certified Mental Health First Aider. In 2019, Latoya became a Certified Community Health Worker.

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**BINGO**  
The 2nd Tuesday of Every Month  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Bridgeville Public Library  
600 S. Cannon St. Bridgeville, DE 19933  
302-337-7401

**FREE to Attend! FREE Prizes!**

We will play six games of regular bingo  
Up to two cards per person  
No repeat winners  
Refreshments provided by the Bridgeville Library

HOSTED BY: **PACE YOUR LIFE**  
[paceyourlifemv.com](http://paceyourlifemv.com)

**TWEENS AND TEENS**  
Join us in the "THINK TANK"  
**LET'S TALK: LIFE**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
@4:00PM**

Let's talk about life as a teen: friendships, school, family, anxiety, or social media. Bring some friends! Snacks will be provided.

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**Drums Alive**  
Join us for a fun Cardio Drumming Class  
Suitable for all abilities!  
(Option to stand or sit)  
**The 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Every Month**  
2:00 p.m.  
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A FREE Class Courtesy of: **PACE YOUR LIFE**  
First Come First Served up to 24 people

**MY LIFE BASICALLY: SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY**  
for Middle and High School ages  
**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
@ 4pm**

Join us for a Social Media Awareness session on being safe online. Learn about being aware of what you put online and making sure you don't put too much personal information out there.

**COMMUNITY Bridge to Wellness**  
**Rain Barrel Workshop**  
October 2 | THURSDAY | 5:00-6:00pm  
**TAKE HOME A BARREL!**  
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Scan the QR code to claim your rain barrel!



Join us for a hands-on rain barrel workshop! Learn how to use a rain barrel and all about the environmental benefits!  
Take home a FREE rain barrel if you are a Delaware resident who resides in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Sign up for workshop at:  
[www.nanticokevalley.org/bridgeville-rain-barrel-workshop/](http://www.nanticokevalley.org/bridgeville-rain-barrel-workshop/)



**Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>  
10am to 5pm**

Join us at Schellville for a day of seafood delights and family fun. Indulge in steamed crabs, crab cakes, shrimp, oysters, lobster, and more while enjoying live local music. Proceeds will support the Stevenson Foundation which provides funding for local small businesses, scholarships for kids looking to enter the culinary industry, and Center for the Inland Bays.

Features live music, food and craft vendors, seafood eating contests, oyster shucking contest, and much more.

Schellville Village is located at:  
36470 Seaside Outlet Dr. in Rehoboth Beach

## MILFORD'S LARGEST OUTDOOR FESTIVAL!

**25<sup>th</sup> RIVERWALK FREEDOM FESTIVAL**  
MILFORD, DE  
**Fireworks at 8:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM to 9:00 PM**

**Locations: Mispillion Riverwalk, Centennial Park, and Downtown Milford**

**For more information:**

**E-mail: [milford@milfordchamber.com](mailto:milford@milfordchamber.com)**



**Union Methodist Church**

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Website: [www.Unioninbridgeville.com](http://www.Unioninbridgeville.com)



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no later than the 25th of the month to ensure they will be included.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT UNION CHURCH**

*Help is needed in the following areas—contact the church office  
for additional information.*

Event/Activity Planning  
Methodist Men & Women  
Nursery Volunteers  
Mid-Week Recharge Help  
Union Day & Kids Zone Help

Walk of Warmth & Light Christmas Event  
Greeters and Ushers  
Special Music/Instrumentals  
Wiggle Worship Helpers  
Acolytes

**Mid-Week Recharge Gathering**

Wednesdays—6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

**Worship Service Hours**

Sunday Praise & Worship—10:00 am



*Pastor*  
*Mark Bell*



Monday—Friday  
9:00am to 3:00pm

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