



# UNION TIMES

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## Welcoming a New Pastor

Supporting a new pastor requires intentionality, grace, and active hospitality. You can set them up for success by offering tangible help during their transition, prioritizing relationship-building, giving them the space to lead, and avoiding unfair comparisons to their predecessor.

### 1. Provide Tangible Support

- **Logistics:** Help with the physical move, stock their fridge with groceries before they arrive, and provide gift cards to local restaurants and stores.
- **Orientation:** Give them a map of the local area (dry cleaners, doctors, schools, and vets) and an up-to-date directory of church members and committees.
- **The "Firsts":** Host a welcome reception on their first Sunday to help them meet the congregation in a relaxed setting.

### 2. Prioritize Relationship-Building

- **Wear Name Tags:** Even if it's not a tradition, ask everyone in the congregation to wear name tags for the first few months. Pastors have many new faces to learn.
- **Introduce Yourself:** Don't assume they remember your name the first few times. Politely reintroduce yourself and be patient as they learn the congregation.
- **Create Space:** Let the new pastor ease into their routine. Allow room in their early schedule for one-on-one visits and relationship-building rather than burying them in administrative tasks.

### 3. Offer Grace and Patience

- **Avoid Comparisons:** Resist the urge to say, "Pastor [Name] used to do it this way." Allow your new pastor to bring their own unique personality and leadership style to the role.
- **Give Them Time:** It takes time to establish trust. Expect some initial adjustments and allow the pastor to learn the unwritten culture and rhythms of the church.

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## **Here are some tips on how to help the new pastor become familiar with the congregation:**

- ◆ Introduce yourself to the pastor repeatedly! You have one name to learn; your pastor has many names to learn.
- ◆ Wear name tags. Even if name tags are not a tradition, the congregation can wear them for a few weeks to help the pastor learn names.
- ◆ Provide a current pictorial directory of all the church members, if available.
- ◆ Provide an up-to-date list of all church committees and officers.
- ◆ Provide the new pastor with a tour of where things are kept inside the church and perhaps a floor plan of the facilities.
- ◆ Orient the new pastor to information systems and the way records are kept.
- ◆ Make sure the pastor has a list of home bound or nursing home members, a list of those struggling with long term illness, and a list of those still in grief over recent deaths in the family. Better yet, take the pastor for an introduction to each of these households.
- ◆ Have an appropriate person offer to go with the pastor for introductions and support if there are particularly urgent pastoral situations (a member near death or the family of a member who has just died).
- ◆ Have a lay official offer to take the pastor to meet church members in their businesses or other work settings, if they are easily accessible.
- ◆ Offer to help arrange small group sessions to meet and talk with the congregation.
- ◆ Create a "church yellow pages" (a list of people in the church who have specific skills that a newcomer may find beneficial... auto mechanic, doctor, dentist, dry cleaners, book store, office supply, etc.).
- ◆ **Help the new pastor connect to the community**
- ◆ Provide local media with information about the new pastor.
- ◆ Provide a list of hospitals, nursing homes, and community service agencies.
- ◆ Introduce your new pastor to other clergy in the community. Provide information on any ecumenical activities or associations.
- ◆ Introduce the new pastor to public and community leaders.
- ◆ Ask church members in civic clubs to take the new pastor to one of their meetings.



*Pray for your Pastor!*



**WEDNESDAYS**  
 Praise Team Practice—5pm  
 Mid-Week Recharge—6pm to 7:30pm  
*[will resume in September]*

**SUNDAYS**  
 Worship & Praise Service—10am  
*[will resume in September]*  
 Ladies Bible Study—9am  
 Children’s Wiggle Worship—10:15am  
 Adult “Son-Seekers” Class—11am  
 Holy Communion—1st Sunday of the Month

**JUNE**

- 6—Jumpin’ June Jubilee—10am—2pm
- 7—Holy Communion & Worship—10am
- 8-12—Summer Camp Staff Training—9am—3pm
- 11—SPRC Meeting—7pm
- 14—FLAG DAY
- 15-19—Camp Week #1 “Beyond the Boards” - 9am—3pm
- 17—Winter “Walk of Warmth & Light” Planning Meeting-6pm
- 21—FATHER’S DAY
- 22-26—Camp Week #2 “America 250” - 9am—3pm
- 24—Destination Bible Study—6pm



**JULY**

- 3—Church Office is Closed
- 4—INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 5—Holy Communion & Worship—10am
- 6—10—Camp Week #3 “Camper Tales” - 9am—3pm
- 8—Destination Bible Study—6pm
- 13—17—Camp Week #4 “Community Helpers” - 9am—3pm
- 20—23—Woodbridge Power Camp—8:30am—3pm
- 20—25—Camp Week #5—”Christmas in July”—9am—3pm
- 22—Destination Bible Study—6pm
- 23—8/1—Delaware State Fair
- 26—New Member Recognition & Worship
- 28—Church Council Meeting

**AUGUST**

- 2—Holy Communion & Worship—10am
- 3—7—Camp Week #6 “Buggin’ Out” - 9am—3pm
- 5—Destination Bible Study—6pm
- 10—14—Camp Week #7 “To Infinity & Beyond” - 9am—3pm
- 15—Kiwanis BBQ benefitting Methodist Men’s Ministries *(all day)*
- 17—21—Camp Week #8 “Beach Bash” - 9am—3pm
- 18—SPRC Meeting
- 19—Destination Bible Study—6pm
- 23—All-Church Breakfast (9am)  
 Summer Camp Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks (10am)
- 29—Kiwanis BBQ benefitting Mid-Week Children’s Ministries
- 30—Kiwanis BBQ benefitting Needy Fund *(all day)*



**AUGUST**

## The History Of Flag Day

**Sunday, June 14, 2026**



The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day. In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises.

On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating. Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: *"I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."*



Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.



## The First Father's Day

The first Father's Day in the United States was observed in Spokane Washington on June 19, 1910. It was proposed by Mrs. John B. Dodd in 1909. Her father, William Smart raised six children alone after his wife died in childbirth. He was also a civil war veteran.



It wasn't until 1966 that Father's Day was declared a national holiday in the U.S. And it wasn't until 1972 that it was declared an annual event.

## Father's Day Around the World



Traditionally, roses are a part of Father's Day (nope, they aren't just for moms!). Red roses are worn on Father's Day to signify that one's father is living, while white roses mean one's father has died.

Father's Day in Canada, the U.K. And the United States is celebrated on the third Sunday in June. In Australia, Father's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday in September.

### Our Heavenly Father

By Terry Lewis

*Our Bread of Heaven, fulfills our every need.*

From the beginning of time, He's had you in mind  
He knew you when you were in mom's womb,  
He knows the very hairs on your head  
Things come into being, just like he said.

Born of his mother Mary, he came in a humble form,  
In a manger he lay, welcoming all to adorn.  
His presence was so powerful, the animals came near,  
They knew he was the Savior, there was no need to fear.

Saving sinners & serving man is what he came to do  
God sent his only son to save many like me & you,  
A divine grace maker, a mercy giver, a Savior indeed  
The perfect one, for your sins He pleads.

He's a father above all fathers  
A friend above all friends,  
You can call on "Him", day or night  
From the beginning to the end.

The Prince of Peace & Lord of Lords,  
Lily of The Valley, the Bright & Morning Star  
Everything we need in a Savior, You Are!



### What Is A Father

By Julie Hebert

Who constitutes a father,  
At what task makes it so?  
Does it happen slowly,  
Or should we all just know?

Is a father there from birth,  
Or can they join at a later date?  
Do they have to be related,  
So many questions to debate.

Maybe there is a number,  
Of diapers one has to change.  
Can they be your favourite person,  
Or must they be a little strange?

- 1—Les Willey
- 2—Larry Grantham
- 5—Martha Callaway  
Linda Pluznick
- 8—Dylan Brock
- 10—Aaron Jackson  
Laura Lee Mitchell



- 16—Emorie Jackson
- 18—Karen Triolo
- 21—Robin Breeding
- 27—Emily Schrock

*Attention Friends & Members of Union Church—Please notify the church office if you have a birthday this month and it is not listed above so an accurate birthday calendar can be maintained. Thank you.*

- 1—Garry Killmon
- 2—Brock Keeler
- 3—Karl Reighard
- 4—Theresa Poston
- 6—Tom Gelety  
Lou Ray
- 8—Lizz Bailey
- 11—Thane Keim
- 14—Carolyn Chisenhall  
Ruth Ann Tull



- 17—Bonnie Johnson
- 18—Jim Adelsperger  
Crystal Brock  
Mary Noel  
Reed Short
- 21—Charlotte Hunsberger  
Ed Supers
- 25—Renee Parker
- 28—Parker Short
- 29—Mary Kipp

- 1—Rachel Hovermale
- 2—Sherry Pepper
- 3—Evelyn Dittman
- 5—Rita Hovermale
- 7—Hannah Byler
- 9—Eric Byler  
Peter Kowalski
- 10—Owen Byler
- 20—John Tomeski
- 21—John Clawson



- 23—Bev Breeding  
Sandy Grantham  
Donald Smith
- 26—Robbin Twilley  
Jameson Retzlaff
- 27—Patsy Correll
- 30—Cara Dittman  
Keith McCoy
- 31—Payton Keeler  
Parker Keeler



Bridgeville  
Public Library



# Jumpin' June Jubilee

KICK-OFF FOR OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM  
AND PATRIOTIC CELEBRATIONS

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10AM-2PM**

Opening Ceremony @ 10:15am

w/Heritage Shores Community Chorus & MCJROTC Color Guard

May Day Pole @ 11am

Patriotic Methodist Church Bells @ 12pm

### FOR KIDS

- Free Hot Dog Meal
- Colonial Kids Zone
- Coloring Contest
- Petting Zoo
- Cascading Carlos
- Summer Reading Registration

### FOR EVERYONE

- Free Patriotic Bag for each family
- Historical displays & presentations in St. Mary's
- Food Vendor
- Concert @ 1pm with Barren Creek Band

**\*\*NEW LOCATION\*\***

Held **ON THE GREEN/2 N. LAWS ST.**  
between **Union Methodist Church**  
& **St. Mary's Episcopal Church**



Contact the Church Office at 302-337-7409 or [uumchurch@comcast.net](mailto:uumchurch@comcast.net) to have a registration packet sent to you or if you need any additional information about the



camp sessions or themes. Once again we are looking forward to a busy summer with lots of fun with

our campers.



*Listed below are BBQ dates that the Bridgeville Kiwanis Club has graciously designated on behalf of Union Church ministries.*

*A minimum of 5 volunteers are needed for each morning and afternoon shift. A Kiwanis Club member does the cooking on the pit. Volunteers mainly set-up, package and fill orders, cashier, clean-up, assist the cook as needed, etc. No experience necessary. Please reach out to the contact person if you are available to help during the morning (8am to Noon) or afternoon (Noon to Close) on any of these dates.*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>
Saturday, May 2, 2026	Summer Camp	Rita Hovermale
Sunday, May 10, 2026 <i>[Mother's Day]</i>	Methodist Men	Larry Snyder
Saturday, May 16, 2026	Summer Camp	Rita Hovermale
Saturday, August 15, 2026	Methodist Men	Larry Snyder
Saturday, August 29, 2026	Children's Ministries	Rita Hovermale
Sunday, August 30, 2026	Needy Fund	Church Office

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING  
UNION MINISTRIES!**





The Declaration of Independence is the foundational document of the United States. Adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, it officially severed political ties between the 13 American colonies' and Great Britain. It declared the colonies a new, independent nation—the United States of America—and established the foundation of American democracy.

The document is primarily organized into three main parts:

- ⇒ The Introduction (Preamble): States that all people have basic natural rights—including "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness"—and that the government's main job is to protect these rights.
- ⇒ The List of Grievances: Explains exactly why the colonists were angry, listing specific abuses and unfair taxes imposed on them by King George III.
- ⇒ The Official Declaration: The formal conclusion where the representatives officially and completely sever all political ties with Great Britain.

Ultimately, the Declaration was written to justify the American Revolution and to inspire the world with the idea that a government only exists by the consent of its people.

America turns 250 years old because the nation formally declared its independence from Great Britain on July 4, 1776. On this date, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, establishing a new, sovereign republic.

This 250th milestone—often referred to as the Semiquincentennial—marks exactly two and a half centuries since the historic parchment was signed, beginning the country's journey as a self-governing nation.

**How did we get here? — United States Semi-quincentennial (250<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary**

The Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, voted for the independence of the United Colonies by passing the Lee Resolution on July 2, 1776. The Declaration of Independence was proclaimed on July 4, the date on which the anniversary of independence is observed. In 1876, the United States organized nationwide centennial observances centered on the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. In 1926, a Sesquicentennial Exposition was held in Philadelphia, and in 1976, Bicentennial observances were held throughout the country. Independence Day, July 4, 2026, marks the United States Semi-quincentennial, our nation's 250th anniversary!



[www.unioninbridgeville.com](http://www.unioninbridgeville.com)

**ONLINE GIVING THROUGH APPLE PAY; GOOGLE PAY; PAYPAL; OR CREDIT CARD (a 2.5% SERVICE CHARGE WILL APPLY.)**

**ONLINE GIVING is available through the Union Church website for the following:**

Tithes & Offerings  
 Memorial Gifts  
 Renovation Projects  
 Building Fund  
 Designated Giving

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

Shoebox Postage  
 Garrett Kellam Medical  
 Kitchen Renovation

Support the Bridgeville Library

# CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER

Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>  
and  
Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>  
from 9am until sold out

at the Kiwanis BBQ stand  
4533 Seashore Highway,  
Bridgeville, DE



Chicken Platter \$12

1/2 Chicken \$10

*There will also be a Bake Sale for purchase with delicious treats prepared by the Friends of the Bridgeville Library!*

**Please consider purchasing tickets in advance at the Bridgeville Library or from a Friends member by July 6th!**

## SUMMER CAMP—WE ARE IN NEED OF . . .



Small pop-up tents for the week of 7/6-10 [they will be returned to you]

Someone that is able to give instruction on tying knots

Assist with: Patriotic lunch on 6/26; the Parade on 6/26; Christmas Party on 7/24



**FIRST SATURDAY IN AUGUST  
9AM UNTIL 3PM**

WYOMING,  
DELAWARE

NOT a pet-friendly event.

**AUGUST 1, 2026**

[wyoingpeachfestival@gmail.com](mailto:wyoingpeachfestival@gmail.com)



## ENDOWMENT FUND

## Provide for the People and Causes You Cherish Most

***An up-to-date estate plan is one of the most effective tools for protecting the security of your loved ones. But did you know that you can also use your plan to play a role in carrying out the vital mission of Union Methodist Church?***

**When you create a will or living trust, you have the ability to decide how your assets will be distributed at your death. You can include provisions, or bequests, that indicate to whom you'd like to give specific assets or amounts.**

**Besides naming family members and other loved ones, you can also include bequests to charitable organizations such as your home church. When you include an endowment gift to Union Church in your estate plans, you join a group of instrumental supporters whose donations have made possible some of our most innovative and effective programs. We give thanks to those in the past that have given endowments that have benefitted and secured the future of Union Methodist Church in Bridgeville.**



SHARING GOOD NEWS,  
**GREAT JOY!**

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Buying Guide

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

February – toothbrush covers/holders; plastic soap holders

March – washcloths, hair accessories (*combs, brushes, ties, etc.*)

April – Barbie-like dolls, Matchbox-like cars

May – coloring books; activity books

June – tennis/small playground balls, plastic  
reusable drinking cups

July – travel-size games, small puzzles

August – crayons, colored pencils

September – “wow” items (slinky, small lego sets, small toys, etc.)

October – donations towards the shipping costs



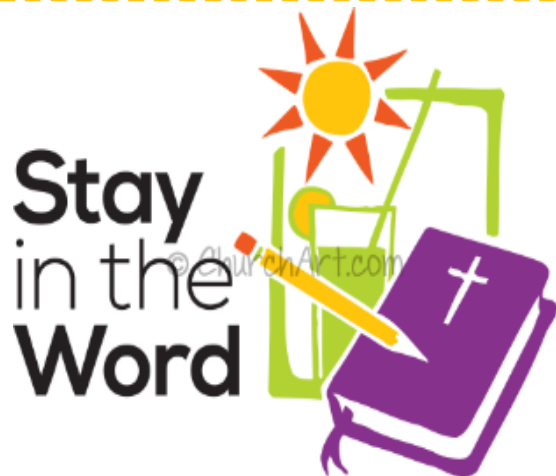
## Woodbridge Power Camp

Woodbridge High School  
July 20th-23rd  
8:30am - 3:00pm

**PROVEN**  
JOHN 15:8



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Summer Destination Bible Studies



- Wednesday, June 24th—6pm**
- Wednesday, July 8th—6pm**
- Wednesday, July 22nd—6pm**
- Wednesday, August 5th—6pm**
- Wednesday, August 19th—6pm**

Once again this summer we'll be having 5 bible studies at various locations around town. Each study will take place on a Wednesday evening at 6pm for approximately 1 hour and be led by Pastor Dan. First we'll have a tour of the location and conclude with a brief time of study and refreshments. The locations for each bible study will be announced soon once final arrangements have been made.



**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!**  
to begin planning for  
December's "Walk of  
Warmth & Light".  
Join us on Wednesday,  
June 17th at 6pm for a  
creative discussion on  
how to improve and  
grow our outreach to  
the community at  
Christmas time.



**NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION**  
Sunday, July 26th

Don't miss this special service recognizing our newest members to join the Union Church Family. Call the church office if you would like additional information about becoming a member.



# MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



## Union Church Supports Missions Around the World!

Lance & Laura Ostman [*Mindinao, Philippines*]

Mercy Projects—David & Dottie LaCompte [*The Caucasus, Armenia*]

Mercy Projects—Treasures of the Nation Children’s Center [*Kyiv, Ukraine*]

Amadeus & Masha DeKastle [*Kyrgyzstan & Tajikistan*]  
[Prayer Support only]



We welcome your interest in missions. Contact the church office if you would like to be a part of the Missions Committee as we provide oversight to our mission endeavors and consider future mission projects for support.



Love INC of Mid-Delmarva

### Food Needs!

Give back to those in need by donating these needed items:



- Fruit Cups
- Single-Serve Snacks
  - Granola Bars
  - Sandwich Bread
- Lunch Meat & Cheese
  - Pasta
  - Pasta Sauce
  - Rice
  - Canned Veggies
  - Canned Fruit
  - Canned Beans
  - Canned Soup
  - Cereal



703 E King St.

Seaford, DE 19973

There are many opportunities to help our neighbors and to serve as a volunteer at Love Inc.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, call the Love Inc Connection Center at 302-629-7050.

DID YOU KNOW . . . that Union Church maintains an online photo directory?

The online directory is handy to keep on your cell phone and allows you to call or text directly from the directory. Call the church office for information on how to download the app to your cell phone or to your home computer.





## Summer Camp Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks

### Sunday, August 23, 2026

We'll begin the morning with our all-church breakfast at 9am.



The worship service begins at 10am and feature our summer camp kids and staff along with a video presentation of summer highlights.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

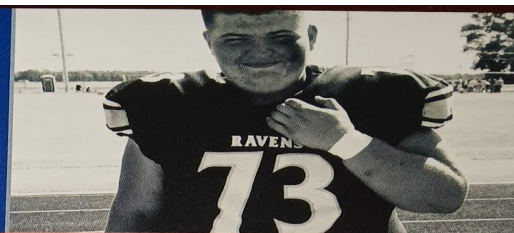


Children are asked to bring along their school backpack and supplies for a special "Blessing of the Backpacks".

*Show your support for our summer campers with your presence.*



## 2026 NEWSLETTER HUNTER KEEL



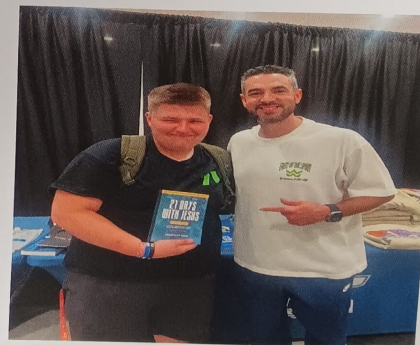
### The Internship

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve as an intern with FCA. Through this ministry, I have developed a deeper connection with the Lord and learned how to take what God reveals to me in His Word and apply it to my daily life—not only as a person, but also on the football field. FCA has also given me the chance to share my faith with others. During my internship, I hope to continue growing in my relationship with God while reaching more people through the powerful connection between sports and faith, inviting them to dive into Scripture and experience God's love.

Through FCA, I have connected with many young men and women from my school and with athletes across my community. I have also met many others involved in FCA who have encouraged and supported my spiritual growth. These relationships helped us start an after-school Bible study at Sussex Tech, and they have also led to a weekly Friday night gathering where my friends and I meet with teenagers and young adults from around the state. Together, we study the Word, share a meal, and support one another spiritually. These opportunities have strengthened my walk with Christ and taught me what it means to be a spiritual leader in my community. God has used FCA as a vessel to move in my life and to help me make a lasting impact on those around me.

### NEXT STEPS

After two amazing summers serving as a huddle leader at FCA Power Camps, I've been blessed with the opportunity to continue my involvement through this internship during my senior year of high school. These last few months have been an incredible season of growth, and as we head into the summer, I'm excited for everything God has in store. Next year, I plan to attend college to major in Business Administration, and I am also praying about the possibility of joining FCA full-time in the future. I want to thank all of you for your support none of this would be possible without you!



Additional information about Hunter and his fundraising goal are on page 15.

# Use the QR below to support!



Hunter Keel is actively involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) program and is seeking more of a leadership role in the program now that he has graduated from Woodbridge High School.



**FELLOWSHIP OF  
CHRISTIAN  
ATHLETES**

Not only has Hunter been one of our summer campers years ago now, but he has also been a part of our God's Fire Youth group and Sticks Ministry Team while in High School.

Hunter has served the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Dept. as a Junior fireman and remains active with them.

He is currently serving an internship with FCA and raising support to be a huddle leader with the FCA Power Camp planned for this summer in July.

More of Hunter's future plans are outlined on the previous page in the "Next Steps" article.

If you have any questions for Hunter or would like to learn more about his ministry endeavors, he would love to speak with you. Call the church office if you need contact information for Hunter.

## Fundraising Goal

# \$3,000



# What's Happening

## 2026

### January

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY (*Church Office is Closed*)
- 10 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 11 Recognition of Church Leadership & Committees
- 17 Methodist Women's Lunch Meeting, Noon
- 20 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 25 Recognition of New Members, 10am
- 27 Church Council Meeting, 7pm

### February

- 14 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 15 Easter Egg Sales Begin
- 16 PRESIDENTS DAY (*Church Office is Closed*)
- 17 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 18 Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm
- 19 Methodist Women's Meeting, 1pm
- 25 Soup & Sandwich Boxed Lunch Sale



### March

- 14 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 17 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 19 Methodist Women's Meeting, 1pm
- 19-21 Egg Making
- 23-27 Egg Pick-Up
- 24 Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- 29 Palm Sunday

### April

- 2 Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, 7pm
- 4 Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10am
- 5 Easter Worship, Sunrise 6:30am, 10am
- 6 Easter Monday (*Church Office is Closed*)
- 11 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 16 Methodist Women's Meeting, 1pm
- 28 SPRC Meeting, 7pm

### May

- 9 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 10 Mother's Day Celebration
- 16 Methodist Women's Luncheon Meeting, 11am
- 17 Baccalaureate Service, 10am
- 19 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 24 Recognition of Graduates & Children/Youth Sunday
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY (*Church Office is Closed*)
- 26 Church Council Meeting, 7pm



### June

- 7 Camp Staff Dedication Sunday
- 8 Summer Camp Staff Training
- 15-19 Summer Camp Week #1
- 16 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 21 Father's Day Celebration
- 22-26 Summer Camp Week #2

Communion Service  
—1st Sunday of Every Month

# What's Happening 2026



**July**

- 3 *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 6-10 Summer Camp Week #3
- 21 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 13-17 Summer Camp Week #4
- 26 Recognition of New Members, 10am
- 28 Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- 20-24 Summer Camp Week #5

**August**

- 3-7 Summer Camp Week #6
- 10-14 Summer Camp Week #7
- 17-21 Summer Camp Week #8
- 18 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 23 All-Church Breakfast, 8am
- 23 Summer Camp Sunday

**September**

- Month of September – Camp Scholarships Coin Drive*
- 7 LABOR DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 11 PATRIOT DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 12 Methodist Men’s Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 15 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 17 Methodist Women’s Meeting, 1pm
- 22 Church Council Meeting, 7pm

**October**

- Month of October – Camp Scholarships Coin Drive*
- 4 World Communion Sunday
- 9 – 10 Apple Scrapple Festival
- 12 COLUMBUS DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 15 Methodist Women’s Meeting, 1pm
- 20 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 25 Recognition of New Members, 10am

**November**

- 1 Mitten Tree Collection Begins
- 1 All Saints Day Service
- 11 VETERANS DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 12 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- 14 Methodist Men’s Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 17 SPRC Meeting, 6pm
- 17 Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- 19 Methodist Women’s Meeting, 1pm
- 22 Thanksgiving Service
- 22 Annual Business Meeting
- 26 THANKSGIVING DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 27 *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 29 Hanging of the Greens Service *(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)*



**December**

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

*Communion Service—1st Sunday of Every Month*



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# BINGO

**Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 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 AT LEAST six games of regular bingo for \$5 Walmart Gift Cards. Up to two cards per person. Repeat winners will receive alternate prize. Refreshments provided by the Bridgeville Library


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## Your Bridge to the World

*A culinary and literary adventure*



Join us on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm as we discuss the book selection "The Most Beautiful Girl in Cuba" by Chanel Cleeton and enjoy a variety of Cuban inspired cuisine.



Registration required: Call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or go to [bridgevillelibrary.com/calendarevents](http://bridgevillelibrary.com/calendarevents)

Available in regular print, and ebook on  Libby



**Drums Alive**

Join us for a fun Cardio Drumming Class Suitable for all abilities! (Option to stand or sit)

held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month  
**Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 and  
**Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 @ 2pm

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 A FREE Class Courtesy of:

 **PACE YOUR LIFE**

First Come First Served up to 32 people

**BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY'S SUMMER STORY TIME**  
**TUESDAYS @ 10AM**  
**JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup>**

JOIN MS. HILARY FOR STORIES, SONGS, AND RHYMES ABOUT THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM THEME

**UNEARTH A STORY**  
 ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> IS HELD AT THE SEAFORD CHICK-FIL-A



600 S. Cannon St. Bridgeville, DE

# JUNETEENTH Celebration

**PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
 "Liberty & Justice For All"

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2026**  
**AT 10:00 AM**

**BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 600 S CANNON ST  
 BRIDGEVILLE, DE 19933



KEYNOTE: **BISHOP W. JAMES THOMAS III**  
 SENIOR PASTOR  
 CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**DELAWARE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**"Library Learners League" Homeschool Group**  
**Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 2pm**  
**"Revolutionary Espionage"**

At the outbreak of the American Revolution, the British had the bigger and better army. How would the Americans prevail? Spies! Discover famous spies, including one Delawarean who wreaked havoc on the British. Explore and practice cloak-and-dagger techniques of the Revolutionary Era as students join spy groups, write coded messages, and spy on their adversaries.

**Registration is required.**  
 Parents-Please sign up your child/children online: [delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville](http://delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville) or call 302-337-7401 ext. 101.

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The Friends of the Bridgeville Library invite you to a concert with



**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm**



to be held on the **GREEN** during the **Jumpin' June Jubilee**  
2 N. Laws St.  
(between Union Methodist & St. Mary's Episcopal Church)

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# LITTLE ACORNS

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT

### WEDNESDAYS @ 9AM

JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup>

Join Ms. Hilary for songs, rhymes, finger plays, and bounces to use at home with your little one. This will encourage early learning to foster early literacy skills and to develop a lifelong love of books. Reading to your baby can support their social and emotional development.



600 S. Cannon St., Bridgeville, DE

Woodbridge School District Summer Feeding Program **2026**

# KIDS EAT FREE

18yrs and under



Join us at:  
Bridgeville Library  
600 S. Cannon St.  
Monday-Thursday  
11:20-11:35am  
in the parking lot.

**JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Roaming Raider Food Truck  
Monday - Thursday

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
Delawareans can call "2-1-1" or text "Food" to 877-877 to find meal sites in Delaware.  
FOR SPECIFIC MEALTIMES VISIT [www.woodbridgeblueraiders.com](http://www.woodbridgeblueraiders.com)


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LAVERY LANE WAWA (BRIDGEVILLE)  
BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY WALKERS MILL  
JUST A HAND UP WECOC  
RIFLE RANGE RD. & PASSWATERS DR.

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# READ TO THE L.E.A.P. DOGS



Oliver



Penny

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

Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

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GREENWOOD & BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARIES PRESENT:

# DINOSAUR HUNTER SAFARI SHOW

Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

\*this program will be held at the Bridgeville Library  
600 S. Cannon St. Bridgeville, DE




Who LOVES dinosaurs?! Professor Livingpebble certainly does, and you will too after this wildly entertaining adventure! Join us for a "quasi-educational, wholly hilarious" journey into the world of paleontology, where kids will dig deep into dino discovery and come face-to-face with a life-sized Velociraptor!

Thanks to the Friends of the Bridgeville Library for sponsoring this program.

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## 2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICKOFF-JUMPIN' JUNE JUBILEE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> @ 10AM-2PM**

NEW LOCATION - ON THE GREEN BETWEEN THE UNION METHODIST CHURCH & ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

### JUNE PROGRAMS

TUESDAYS @ 10AM - STORY TIME FOR ALL AGES  
WEDNESDAYS @ 10AM - KIDS CRAFTS

- JUNE 3 - DINO PUPPETS
- JUNE 10 - BUILD-A-DINO
- JUNE 17 - DINO CRAFTS & SCRATCHIES
- JUNE 24 - Q-TIP DINOS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> @ 1PM - NJ SNAKE MAN  
THURSDAY, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:30PM - DAVID ENGEL DINOSAUR SHOW  
TEEN TUESDAYS- EVERY TUESDAY @ 12-3PM - CRAFTS, SNACKS, & FUN ACTIVITIES FOR TWEENS AND TEENS (AGES 10-17)

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BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

# UNEARTH A STORY PRESENTS

## NJ SNAKE MAN

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> @ 1PM**

Join us as the popular NJ Snake Man team shares their unique collection of live snakes, lizards, & turtles through a fun and interactive program!

Special thanks to Friends of Bridgeville Library for sponsoring this program.

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# UNEARTH A STORY

## July & August Programs

TUESDAYS @ 10AM - STORY TIME FOR ALL AGES  
2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS @ 11AM - READ TO THE L.E.A.P. DOGS  
TWEEN/TEEN TUESDAYS- 12-3PM- CRAFTS, SNACKS, & FUN ACTIVITIES  
WEDNESDAYS @ 9AM-LITTLE ACORNS MUSIC & MOVEMENT  
WEDNESDAYS @ 10AM - KIDS CRAFTS

- JULY 1 - POPSICLE FLAGS
- JULY 8 - SHARK CRAFT
- JULY 15 - PTERODACTYL FLYING PUPPETS
- JULY 22 - DINO EXCAVATION
- JULY 29 - DINO EYES
- AUGUST 5 - AIR DRY CLAY PRINTS
- AUGUST 12 - VOLCANO SCIENCE
- AUGUST 19 - DINO DIRT CUPS

### Special Programs

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 @ 1PM- REHOBOTH CHILDREN'S SUMMER THEATRE PERFORMING "THE JUNGLE BOOK"  
THURSDAY, JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> @ 6PM- FAMILY FUN NIGHT PATRIOTIC PICNIC & COOKOUT  
SATURDAY, JULY 25 @ 11AM- CHESAPEAKE MERMAID SHOW  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 @ 5:30PM - RAIN'D SHINE MAGIC SHOW  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 @ 6PM- FAMILY FUN NIGHT  
END OF SUMMER READING PROGRAM PRIZES AND CELEBRATION

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### Union Methodist Church

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#### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT UNION CHURCH

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

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|--|-----------------------------|
| Event/Activity Planning                          | Communion Servers           |
| Methodist Men & Women                            | Greeters and Ushers         |
| Nursery Volunteers                               | Special Music/Instrumentals |
| Mid-Week Recharge Help                           | Acolytes                    |
| Christian Education (Youth/Children) Chairperson |                             |



#### Mid-Week Recharge Gathering

*[Will resume in September]*

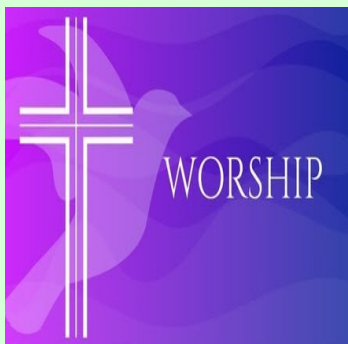
Wednesdays

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

#### Sunday Worship Service Hours

Praise & Worship Service  
10:00 am

*Rev. Daniel Walton*



**Monday–Friday**

*(Limited Office Availability on Wednesdays)*

**9:00am to 3:00pm**

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