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UNION METHODIST CHURCH



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From the Pastor

WHAT AN AMAZING GOD WE SERVE!

I was speaking to a group of school students this past week from the Gospel of Mark. In Mark chapter 2 we see an event in the life of Jesus where he heals a man who was paralyzed. The text tells us that Jesus was teaching in a house, and it was so crowded that no one could get in. The many who could not walk had four determined friends who wanted him to get to Jesus because they believed that Jesus could heal him. When the four friends saw they could not get this man into the house to see Jesus, they believed so strongly that they went up onto the roof of the house and ripped a hole into it. They lowered their friend down into the house in front of Jesus. Wow, what amazing friends. They risked a lot to get their friend to Jesus.

Here is my first point, do you have friends that will do whatever it takes to get you closer to Jesus? If your friends are pulling you away from Jesus or they are not helping you get closer to Jesus, you may need to get to know some new people.

Once these four friends got this man into the house, something happened that no one expected. Jesus looked at this paralyzed man and said; "Son, your sins are forgiven." This was not what they were looking for. It shocked everyone. I believe the guy on the mat would have been happy if that was all he got out of that situation. But there were some in the room who started to question Jesus. Some of the religious people were thinking in their minds that Jesus was blaspheming. They knew only God could forgive sins and they didn't believe Jesus was God. Jesus proved that He is God by looking at the crowd and asking what is harder, to forgive sin or to heal. Jesus says that so they would all know that He is God and has the power to forgive sin, then he tells the man to get up and walk. I bet you can't guess what happened. That man got up and walked away… forgiven.

Here is my second point. Jesus, who is God in the flesh, is ready and willing to forgive us of our sins. 1 John 1:9 makes that clear. The issue is Jesus is waiting on us to confess. But not only forgive, but to heal and restore. Jesus has the power and the authority to do both.



What an amazing God we serve!

Pastor Dan

Sundays: Adult Christian Education – 9am & 11am
Worship Service – 10am
Wednesdays: Recharge – 6pm
God's Fire Youth – 6pm
Communion: 1st Sunday of the month



Sunday, 11/1 – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – 10am
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Mitten Tree Collection Begins
Monday, 11/2 – Methodist Women Serving the Kiwanis Dinner – 6pm
Wednesday, 11/4 – Mid-week Recharge Session #2 – 6pm
Sunday, 11/8 – Veterans Day Service
Wednesday, 11/11 – VETERANS DAY *[Church Office is Closed]*
Mid-week Recharge Session #2 – 6pm
Thursday, 11/12 – Finance Committee Meeting – 6:30pm
Saturday, 11/14 – Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting – 8am
Sunday, 11/15 – Christmas Shoebox Dedication Sunday – 10am
g the Kiwanis Dinner – 6pm
Tuesday, 11/17 – SPRC Meeting – 6pm
Worship Committee Meeting – 7pm
Thursday, 11/19 – Methodist Women's Fellowship & Meeting – 1pm
Annual Business Meeting – 11am
Wednesday, 11/25 – Community Blood Drive – 10am to 3pm
Thursday, 11/26 – THANKSGIVING DAY
Friday, 11/27 - *[Church Office is Closed]*
Saturday, 11/28 – Worship Committee Decorating for Advent – 10am
Sunday, 11/29 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT & HANGING OF THE GREENS







Sunday
November 1st

Turn your clocks back one hour.





November 1st – All Saints Sunday
November 8th – Veterans Day Service
November 15th – Christmas Shoebox Dedication Service
November 22nd – Thanksgiving Service
and Annual Business Meeting
November 29th – 1st Sunday of Advent &
Hanging of the Greens

Session #2 – October 21, 28, November 4, 11
Session #3 – January 6, 13, 20, 27
Session #4 – February 17, 24, March 3, 10
Session #5 – April 7, 14, 21, 28



Coffee & Conversation w/ Pastor Dan
November 18, December 2 & 9, February 3, March 17, May 5





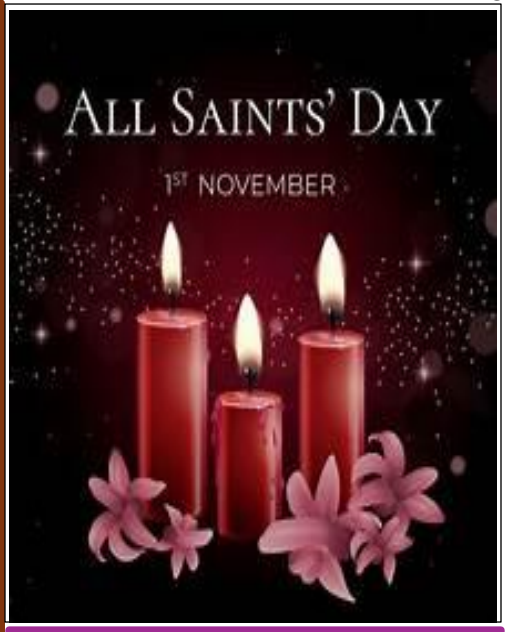
3 – Kelly Bailey
Renee Shiner
13 – Carla Killmon
16 – Owen Jackson
20 – Stephani Adams







22 – Paige Taylor
23 – Jim Mitchell
25 – Marge Orwig
27 – Emma Schutt
30 – Travis Allen



Acolyte Ministry

We are now scheduling acolytes to serve for a month at a time beginning in January 2027.

If you are willing to serve in this area of ministry, contact John Clawson or call the church office.

The Finance Committee will meet in November to prepare the budget for next year 2027.

A Budget Request form is available on the church office door if you see a need to increase or decrease your ministry budget for 2027. All request forms are due to the church office no later than Sunday, Nov. 8th.

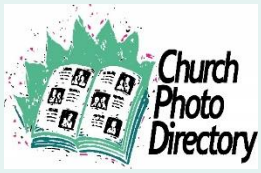


THANKS

to our Coffee Cart hosts for providing refreshments on Sunday mornings.

Ellen Krone *[1st Sunday]*
Libby Adams *[2nd Sunday]*
Donny & Renee Shiner *[3rd Sunday]*
Melissa Mitchell *[4th Sunday]*
Tom Gelety *[5th Sunday]*





DID YOU KNOW . . . . that Union Church maintains an online photo directory? It's easy to download to your cell phone and enables you to call or text directly from there. 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 address — for security purposes, it must match the one on file with the church. Follow the instructions. You will receive a confirmation email for verification.

The online site is secure and will allow access to contact information for those in our Union church family. If you are not currently in the directory and wish to be included, or you have had a change in your contact information, please contact the church office. If you have not submitted a photo for the directory, please consider doing so. Family photos allow others in the church to learn names and recognize folks. You can submit your favorite photo, or contact the church office to make arrangements to have one taken for you. For those who do not have an e-mail address but would like a hard copy of the photo directory, contact the church office and one will be printed for you.



Our next meeting of the Methodist Women will be on Thursday, November 19th at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Methodist Women's group is open to everyone that is a part of our church family and/or looking to be more a part of Union Church and it's ministries.

Each month we meet for fellowship, sharing, and planning for future activities and events taking place around the church. We would love to have you join us.



Saturday, Nov. 14th

8:00 AM

Golden Eagle Diner
[23412 Sussex Hwy., Seaford]

Bring a friend or neighbor!

Blood Bank of Delmarva

Wednesday, November 25, 2026
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Fellowship Hall - Union Methodist Church
Blood Drive Coordinator: Jeff Allen



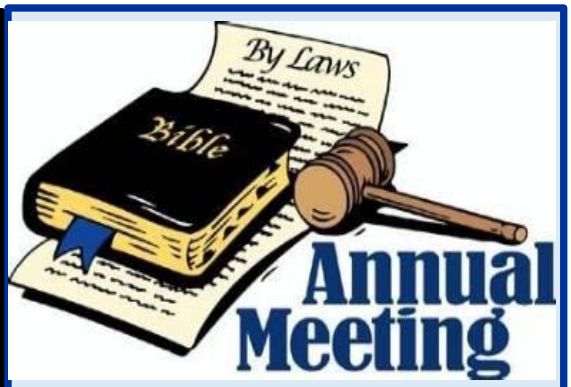
Call the church office to have an appointment scheduled for you or schedule your own appointment time online using the following web address:

https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/12653

2027 Offering Envelopes



Distribution of numbered offering envelopes for 2027 will take place during the month of December. Please contact Sherry Holmes at 302-337-7066 by Sunday, Dec. 13th if you do not currently have envelopes and would like to receive them, or if you no longer wish to use the numbered offering envelopes issued to you each year. The 2027 envelopes will be available in the narthex beginning on Sunday, Dec. 20th.



Sunday, November 22, 2026

Immediately after the morning worship service our annual business meeting will take place. Plan to attend and be informed of Union's financial health in 2026 and to determine a budget for 2027 as well as to elect our church leaders and committee members.

Anyone may attend the meeting however you must be a member to be eligible to vote.



We give thanks to all those known to our church family that have served in the miliary. We thank you for your service, dedication, and sacrifice in serving our Country.

May God bless the USA.

U.S. AIR FORCE	RANK
Carlisle, Russell K.	Lt. Col.
Chisenhall, Holly	Sr. Amn
Hardesty, George F. Jr.	SSgt.
Heimberger, Linda	MSgt. E-7
Lewis, Ari	TSgt.
Mekins, Milton J. Sr.	Sgt.
Pepper, Michael	Major
Pepper, Steve	
Rozumalski, Dennis	
Tull, Leroy Thomas	B-29 Gunner
Vankeuren, Robert	Command Chief
Vogelsang, Daniel	TSgt. F-6

U.S. NAVY	RANK
Bell, Mark	ISC (AW)
Curtis, Amber	PO-3
Grantham, Larry	SASH
Heimburger, Joey	
James, J. Edwin	Gunner's Mate
McCoy, Keith	PO-3
Passwaters, Josephine	Y2C
Stokesbury, William	

U.S. MARINES	RANK
Callaway, Brittany	SSgt.
Callaway, Brock	SSgt.
Callaway, Noble III	CWO-5
Callaway, Vance	Cpl.
Callaway, William	SSgt.
DiBlasi, Joseph V.	Cpl.
Hill, Floyd	Pfc.
Kimble, Christopher	LCpl.
Lewis, Mark A.	SSgt.
Mervine, Jay	Captain
Mowbray, Dennis	Sgt.
Mowbray, John Paul	Cpl.
Noble, Alfred H.	Lt. Gen
Pepper, Robert H.	Lt. Gen
Rickards, Chris	SSgt.
Rogers, Phillip	Cpl.
Twilley, Christopher	SSgt.
Wright, Damian	Cpl. E-4

If you would like to have a veteran added to our veterans listing, please notify the church office.

U.S. ARMY

Adams, R. Francis	
Banning, Harry C.	
Breeding, Mike	Command Sgt. Major
Brohawn, Howard	
Burket, Bob	SP-4
Cannon, Virgil	
Chaney, Bill Jo	WWII POW
Clawson, John	Sgt. E-5
Fleetwood, Ronald L.	
Hartzell, William L	
Heflin, Don	E-5
Holmes, Harold M.	SP-5
Johnson, Bob	*(medical support)*
Jones, Stephen	Sgt.
Kelly, Edwin J., Jr.	
Kimble, Mark	SFC
Knowles, William R.	PFC
Lewis, Richard	Major
Mowbray, Charles	2nd Lt.
Nichols, John S.	
Norton, Aubrey L.	SSgt.
Pepper, Brian	Sgt.
Pepper, Frank	Pfc.
Ray, Kirk L., Jr.	Sgt. Major
Reynolds, Matthew B.	WO-5
Speicher, David C.	Sgt.
Struble, Harrison	Cpl.
Taylor, Elwood	Sgt.
Tomlinson, Bob	
Trussell, John W.	SP-4
Williamson, Bruce	

U.S. ARMY AIR CORP.

	RANK
Baker, Charles W.	2nd Lt. & POW
Wheatley, Joseph R., Sr.	SSgt. & POW

U.S. ARMY WOMEN'S CORP

Kelly, Elizabeth

U.S. ARMY RESERVES

	RANK
Carlisle, Richard F.	
Hovermale, Roger	SSgt.
LaChance, Jeffery W.	E-3

U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

	RANK
Foskey, Kendall	SSgt.
Rosengren, Dick	
Wilson, Wilmer T., Jr.	

U.S. ARMY ROTC

Kim, Alexis





THE MITTEN TREE MINISTRY ---
UNION CHURCH CARES FOR CHILDREN



Under the direction of Jean Wilson and the many volunteers on her committee, the Mitten Tree & Food Basket ministries begin once again in November.

A Christmas tree will be placed in the narthex and hung with colorful mittens representing the name of a boy or girl in the Woodbridge School District in need of Christmas assistance. The mittens will be for either toys or clothing items and contain additional information about each child including their age, clothing sizes and items on their "wish list". If you would like to participate, please indicate the mitten number on the clipboard posted next to the mitten tree and bring your wrapped gifts back along with the mitten no later than Dec. 10th.



In addition to the presents each child receives, the family is given a food box that will contain all the ingredients for a traditional Christmas dinner as well as some other lunch and staple items. Food box items needed are: Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jams, Macaroni & Cheese, Stuffing Mix, Gravy, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Boxed Cereals, Chicken Noodle or Vegetable Beef Soups, Crackers, Pudding Packs, Applesauce, Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, Fruit Cups, etc. If you would like to donate any food items, drop off to the church kitchen and indicate "Food Boxes".





If you would like to assist with the mitten tree ministry, help is needed with wrapping gifts and sorting presents. Contact Jean Wilson or Jane Clifton for additional information.

Last year in 2025, the Mitten Tree ministry and Food Baskets were able to provide for 160 children.



Christmas Poinsettias



If you would like to place a poinsettia ($10) in the church in Honor of, or in memory of a loved one, please complete an order form available in the narthex or at the office.

Orders are due on, or before, Monday, November 30th. Make checks payable to: Jeff's Greenhouse.

Order forms and payment may be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate clearly designated.



What does it mean to Remember, Honor, and Teach?



While we have Veterans Day in the fall and Memorial Day in the spring, our servicemen and women sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year, to preserve our freedoms. In many American homes, every day there is an empty seat for one who is serving or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and never came home. That is why the Wreaths Across America mission to Remember, Honor and Teach lasts all year long, far beyond the single day in December when wreath-laying ceremonies take place. All throughout the year, Wreaths Across America works in a number of ways to show our veterans and their families that we will not forget—we will never forget.

Each wreath costs $17. If you would like to sponsor a wreath at one of the 300+ veterans graves in the Bridgeville Cemetery, make your check payable to Dublin Hill 4-H Club, designated for Wreaths, and place in the offering plate.



The wreath laying ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 19th at Noon at the Cemetery. If you would like to participate in the laying of the wreaths, please arrive by 11:30am. Contact Logan Jackson, the Coordinator, if you need additional information.



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]

Be sure to check out prayer letters/updates from missions we support that are posted in the hall directly outside of the church office.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication Sunday

November 15, 2026

We give thanks to all those in our church family that contributed or donated items or funds for postage for the shoeboxes that will be shipped overseas around the world at the end of November to children in other countries.
What a privilege we have to share and give to those that may not have what we have in abundance and could so easily take for granted.
As each box is opened this Christmas, may it bring a smile and joy to each child.





Ladies & Men Christmas Ensemble

Practice Times: Wednesdays at 6pm to 7pm
Dec. 2nd & 9th & 16th

We'll sing on Sunday morning, Dec. 20th for the Christmas Music service. The Joyful Singers and God's Fire Youth Sticks Ministry will also be participating that morning.

Please consider joining the ensemble – the more voices, the merrier!







Special thanks to Marty Holmes and Jerry Jones for their work in giving the Fellowship Hall bathrooms a total make-over and refresh.
Thanks also to Joanne Jones for her eye for detail and décor.
Well done!



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 *(1st 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)*



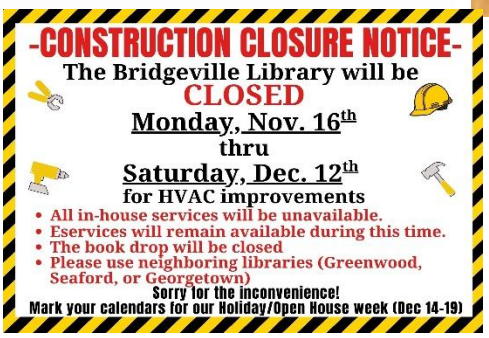
2027

All church activities, events, and/or fundraisers must be approved by the Church Council. The church events calendar for 2027 will be voted upon at the next Church Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th at 7pm. Contact the church office if you would like to have an event included in next year's event calendar.

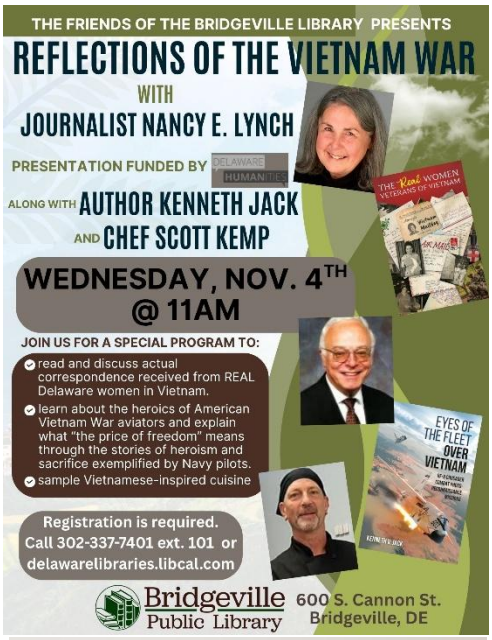
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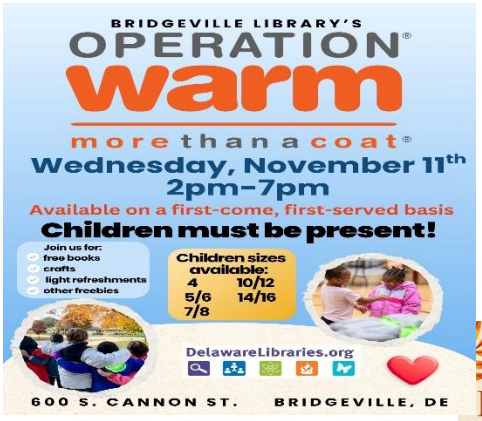


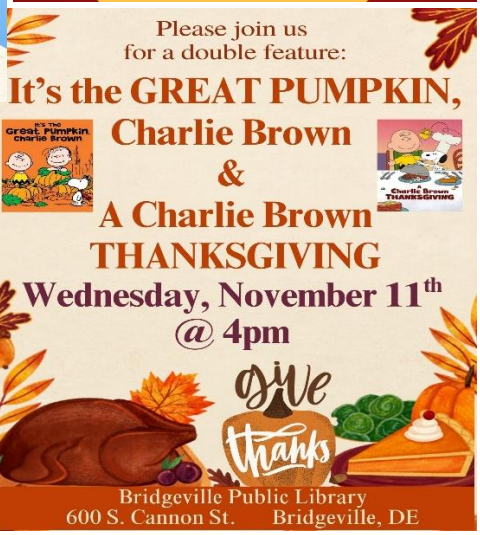


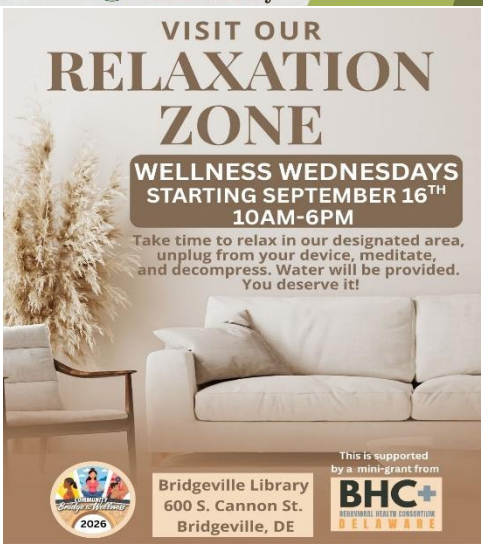














Bridgeville Library

Calm within the Chaos: Hypnosis for Stress & Anxiety

Saturday, November 7th @ 2pm

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.

Supported by a Prevention Mini-Grant from Sussex County Health Coalition

Registration is required.
Call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or:
delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville

600 S. Cannon St. Bridgeville, DE

STORY BOOK CORNER

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Tuesdays @ 10am

Join Ms. Hilary in October and November for stories, songs, and a themed craft about the Fall Season.

Tuesday, Nov. 3rd is held at the Seaford Chick-Fil-A.
NO sessions on November 17th & 24th



Bridgeville Library 600 S. Cannon St. Bridgeville, DE

CHILL SKILLS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Courageous Hearts

Wednesdays from 4-5pm starting October 14th-November 4th

FEELING STRESSED? OVERWHELMED? DISTRACTED?
JOIN US FOR 4-WEEK SESSION TO HANDLING STRESS, FINDING FOCUS & FEELING MORE IN CONTROL.
LISA FROM COURAGEOUS HEARTS, LLC WILL TEACH SIMPLE SKILLS TO HELP YOUR MIND AND BODY RESET.





- Breathing
- Stress Skills
- Focus
- Mindfulness
- Movement
- Calm Toolkit



Every participant who registers will receive a yoga mat, a stainless steel water bottle and a stress reliever fidget ball

Registration is required. Please call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 to register or:
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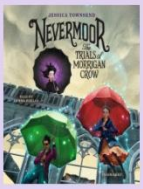
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TWEENS BOOK CLUB

AGES 8-14

JOIN MS. MIRANDA FOR A FUN INTERACTIVE BOOK CLUB!
SEVERAL COPIES OF THE BOOK ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY, AND IT IS ALSO ON THE LIBBY, HOOPLA AND KINDLE APPS.

THIS MONTH'S BOOK:
NEVERMOOR-
THE TRIALS OF MORRIGAN CROW
BY JESSICA TOWNSEND



THURSDAY NOV. 5TH 4PM

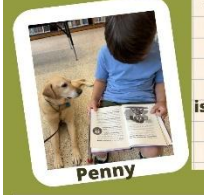
● REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED.
CALL 302-337-7401 EXT. 101 OR:
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Bridgeville Public Library

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



Oliver



Penny

Bring your child to the library on the second Tuesday in November @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.

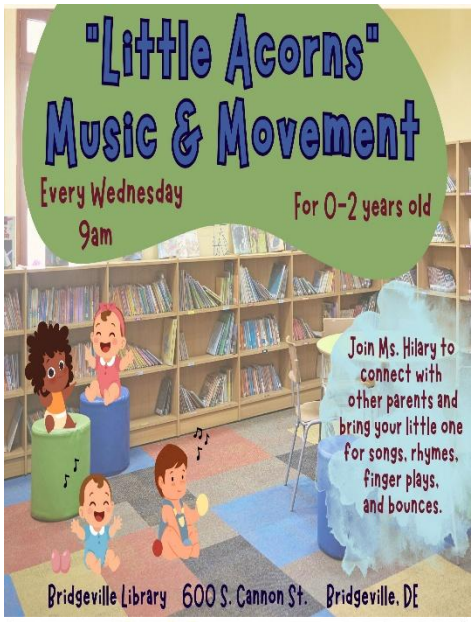
Tuesday, November 10th

600 S. Cannon St.
Bridgeville, DE

"Little Acorns" Music & Movement

Every Wednesday 9am

For 0-2 years old



Join Ms. Hilary to connect with other parents and bring your little one for songs, rhymes, finger plays, and bounces.

Bridgeville Library 600 S. Cannon St. Bridgeville, DE

COMMUNITY Bridge to Wellness

grief sessions

TANK MENTALITY

Saturdays @ 10am
starting September 19th through November 7th
(excluding Saturday, October 10th)

Join us for a grief support session to discuss how to handle the grief you may be experiencing. Each session will focus on listening and empathy. The facilitators will guide you to find comfort and adapt to life after loss.

Brought to you by a grant from: BHC Behavioral Health Consortium Delaware

Registration is preferred.
Call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or online:
delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville

These sessions will be facilitated by Community Health Workers Latoya Harris and Kaytra MacDonald

Bridgeville Library 600 S. Cannon St. Bridgeville, DE

Save the Date!

Care Connects Us:
A Caregiver Celebration





Thursday, November 12
3:00-6:00 pm
Bridgeville Public Library

Vendor Fair featuring local organizations ready to support you!

Free Raffle and Light Refreshments

Activities to enjoy with your loved one

DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities

Questions? Contact caitlin.britwum@delaware.gov



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

Monday, November 2nd @ 2pm

Bridgeville Public Library
600 S. Cannon St. Bridgeville, DE 19933

A FREE Class Courtesy of:

PACE YOUR LIFE

First Come First Served up to 32 people

A History of Thanksgiving Day



Thanksgiving Day is an annual holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. It is observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States and on the second Monday in October in Canada. Thanksgiving is a day when families and friends gather to express gratitude for the year's blessings over a shared feast. The holiday has evolved from a harvest celebration to a national tradition of togetherness and thankfulness through centuries of tradition building, mythmaking, and cultural change. The American holiday is rich in legend and symbolism, and the traditional fare of the Thanksgiving meal typically includes turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, and pumpkin pie.

Thanksgiving is believed to have originated as a regional celebration in colonial New England (now in the northeastern United States). The American Thanksgiving may have been modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth (now in Massachusetts) and the Wampanoag people. The celebration in Plymouth is commonly called the first Thanksgiving. Plymouth's Thanksgiving began with a few colonists going out "fowling," possibly for turkeys but more probably for the easier prey of geese and ducks, since they "in one day killed as much as…served the company almost a week." Next, 90 or so Wampanoag made a surprise appearance at the settlement's gate, doubtlessly unnerving the 50 or so colonists. Nevertheless, over the next few days the two groups socialized without incident. The Wampanoag contributed venison to the feast, which included the fowl and probably fish, eels, shellfish, stews, vegetables, and beer. Since Plymouth had few buildings and manufactured goods, most people ate outside while sitting on the ground or on barrels with plates on their laps. The men fired guns, ran races, and drank liquor, struggling to communicate in broken English and Wampanoag. This was a rather disorderly affair, but it sealed a treaty between the two groups that lasted until King Philip's War (1675–76), in which hundreds of colonists and thousands of Native Americans lost their lives.

The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "Thanksgivings," days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought. The U.S. Continental Congress proclaimed a national Thanksgiving upon the enactment of the Constitution, for example. Yet, after 1798, the new U.S. Congress left Thanksgiving declarations to the states; some objected to the national government's involvement in a religious observance, Southerners were slow to adopt a New England custom, and others took offense at the day's being used to hold partisan speeches and parades. A national Thanksgiving Day seemed more like a lightning rod for controversy than a unifying force. Thanksgiving Day did not become an official national holiday until Northerners dominated the federal government. On October 3, 1863, during the Civil War, Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26. The holiday was annually proclaimed by every president thereafter, and the date chosen, with few exceptions, was the last Thursday in November.

Beyond feasting and entertainment, Thanksgiving has inspired other customs. Many Americans engage in charitable activities on this day, such as volunteering for or organizing food drives. One notable tradition is the "turkey pardon," in which the U.S. president ceremonially "pardons" a live turkey, sparing it from the dinner table. While some accounts trace the first unofficial turkey pardon to Lincoln, who is said to have spared a turkey in 1863 because his son had grown fond of it, the modern turkey pardon ritual was formalized as an annual White House event by Pres. George H.W. Bush in 1989, and it has been carried on by every president since. Yet another Thanksgiving tradition is the snapping of the wishbone (a forked bone in birds comprising two fused clavicles). In this tradition, after the turkey has been carved, two people tug on either end of the dried wishbone while making a silent wish. Whoever ends up with the longer piece when the bone breaks is said to have their wish granted.

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