



Union Times

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Devils, Demons, Ghouls, and Spirits! Oh, my!

GOD HAS SUPERNATURAL OPPONENTS

They sacrificed to demons, which are not God—gods they had not known, gods that recently appeared, gods your fathers did not fear. Deuteronomy 32:17

It will be time to get the candy out soon and treat the children who come to our doors! This of course is all in good natured fun of sharing. But, it got me thinking – what about the real spirit world? The one that exist around us every day? You know, the ones the Apostle speaks of so clearly in Ephesians 6:10-13?

Ephesians 6:10-13—10 *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.*

11 *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

12 *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

13 *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

Wow! The Apostle Paul, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, (II Tim. 3:16-17) is warning those of us that know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, that this is the opposition we face in this world! And no, I'm not shouting like "Flip Wilson" did in the 70's, "The Devil made me do it!" Opposition to the body of Christ is real and we have real foes.

"Demon," or "devil" as some of the earliest translations rendered the words, is the Greek *daimon* and *daimonion*, the regular terms in the Gospels for the spiritual beings, corrupt and hostile to both God and man, whom Jesus exorcised from their victims in large numbers during his earthly ministry.

These demons were fallen angels, deathless creatures serving Satan (Jesus equated Beelzebub, their reputed prince, with Satan: Matt. 12:24–29). Having joined Satan's rebellion, they were cast out of heaven to await final judgment (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6).

Their minds are permanently set to oppose God, goodness, truth, the kingdom of Christ, and the welfare of human beings, and they have real if limited power and freedom of movement, though in Calvin's picturesque phrase "they drag their chains wherever they go and can never hope to overcome God". If we claim it we already have the victory over Satan, death, and hell through Christ victory.

The level and intensity of demonic manifestations in people during Christ's ministry was unique, having no parallel in Old Testament times or since; it was doubtless part of Satan's desperate battle for his kingdom against Christ's attack on it (Matt. 12:29).

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Demons were revealed as having knowledge and strength (Mark 1:24; 9:17–27). They inflicted, or at least exploited, physical and mental maladies (Mark 5:1–15; 9:17–18; Luke 11:14). They recognized and feared Christ, to whose authority they were subject (Mark 1:25; 3:11–12; 9:25), though by his own confession it was only through effort in prayer that he was able to expel them (Mark 9:29).

Christ authorized and equipped the Twelve and the seventy to exorcise in his name (by his power and by His authority—Luke 9:1; 10:17).

The ministry of exorcism continues still as an occasional pastoral necessity. The sixteenth-century Lutheran church abolished exorcism, believing that Christ's victory over Satan had suppressed demonic invasion forever, but this was premature.

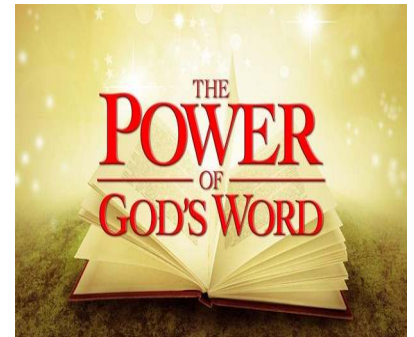
Satan's army of demons uses subtler strategies also, namely, deception and discouragement in many forms. "Opposing these is the essence of spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:10–18). Though demons can give trouble of many kinds to regenerate persons in whom the Holy Spirit dwells, they cannot finally thwart God's purpose of saving his elect any more than they can finally avoid their own eternal torment. As the devil is God's devil (that is Luther's phrase), so the demons are God's demons, "defeated enemies" (Col. 2:15) **whose limited power is prolonged only for the advancement of God's glory as his people contend with them.**"[1]

Are demons real? Yes. They cannot take possession of God's children but only but can discourage and cause Christ followers to be lead away from properly serving and giving God all their praise and honor which is due Him.

They sacrificed to demons, which are not God—gods they had not known, gods that recently appeared, gods your fathers did not fear. Deuteronomy 32:17

We need to pray for each other every day, give God the glory for that occurs in our lives (think Job) and never deny Him. Union Church I need your prayers, and you can be sure you have mine and MaryAnn's! Have a good Harvest time and celebrate giving God the thanks for every child that comes to your door – and pray for each as they leave!

Pastor Mark



Saturday, November 2nd

Noon to 2pm

SAVE THE DATE

for Union's Fall Harvest Festival
We'll have games, food, and LOTS
of FUN for the family.

All are welcome.
More information
available soon.





October Happenings

Sunday School & Christian Education—
9am

Sunday Worship—10am

Sunday “Son-Seekers” Adult Class—11am

Food Pantry—10am to 1pm (*Wed. & Fri.*)
Praise Team—Varies

September & October—Coin Drive for Summer Camp Scholarships



Saturday, 10/5—Celebration of Life Service for Betty Trussell—11:30am

Luncheon immediately following

Sunday, 10/6—First Responders Recognition & Communion Service—10am

Monday, 10/7—Methodist Women serving the Kiwanis Dinner—6pm

Friday, 10/11—Apple-Scrapple Festival—4pm to Close

Saturday, 10/12—Apple-Scrapple Festival—All Day

Water-Bottle Distribution—11am to 2pm



Sunday, 10/13—Deadline to register for Women’s Day event

Monday, 10/14—COLUMBUS DAY—*Church Office is Closed*

Wednesday, 10/16—SPRC Meeting—6pm

Friday, 10/18—Kid’s Zone @ WHS Homecoming—4pm to 7pm

Saturday, 10/19—Methodist Women’s Meeting—10am

Sunday, 10/20—Laity Sunday

Monday, 10/21—Methodist Women serving the Kiwanis Dinner—6pm

Thursday, 10/24—Methodist Women (*making soup*) - 9am

Friday, 10/25—Methodist Women (*sandwich prep*) - 10am

Saturday, 10/26—Women’s Day Event—Noon to 3pm—Methodist Men Assisting

Sunday, 10/27 - Reformation Sunday



Beginning of November:

Nov. 1st—Union hosts WHS Football dinner—3:30pm

Nov. 2nd—Harvest Festival—Noon—2pm

Nov. 3rd—All Saints Day

Nov. 7th—Meatloaf Dinner

Nov. 10th—Recognition of Veterans Service



WOMEN'S DAY EVENT



Union Methodist Church of Bridgeville

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

Noon - 3:00 pm

Ladies, mark this date on your calendar now!

*A day to reflect, renew
and celebrate that we are*

Union Methodist Church will be hosting a

Women's Day Event titled *"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"*.

The day's message is based on Psalm 139:14 and will be led by MaryAnn Bell.

MaryAnn has led seminars and spoken in a number of churches sharing her deeply moving testimony. MaryAnn's husband, Mark Bell, is the Pastor of Union Methodist Church in Bridgeville.

The Woman's Day event will begin with a soup-and-sandwich luncheon at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The program will start promptly at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary, music and trivia will also be part of the program.

The afternoon will conclude with dessert and fellowship. Opportunities for discussion and comments will also be welcome.



For additional information or to register for the Women's Day event, call the church office at 302-337-7409 or e-mail:

uumchurch@comcast.net

Registration is required
Childcare will be available.

FREE EVENT

Open to ALL Women!



Fearfully

&

Wonderfully

Made

PSALM 139:14



ATTENTION METHODIST MEN!

Saturday—October 26th

October’s breakfast fellowship meeting of the Methodist Men will not take place as regularly scheduled but will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26th instead to assist the ladies with their Women’s Day event.

Some men will be needed early to help with the luncheon at Noon and some men needed later that afternoon at 2pm to help serve the dessert and assist with clean - up at the completion of the event.

Our regular breakfast fellowship will resume on Saturday, Nov. 9th (8am) at the Golden Eagle Diner in Seaford.

Agenda: Election of officers for the coming year.



You are invited to join

CHIME CHOIR FELLOWSHIP

NO musical experience needed



- WHEN:** Tuesdays, October 15—November 19 from NOON—2 p.m.
- WHERE:** Fellowship Hall, Union Methodist Church
- WHO:** Union Members & Friends
- WHAT:** Lunch (BYOL)
Tone Chime FUN



REGISTRATON DEADLINE: September 30, 2024

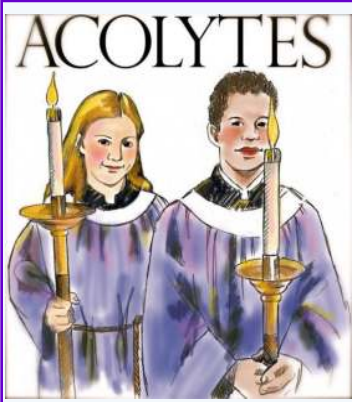
Participants: Minimum - 8 / Maximum - 15

For additional information or to register, call the Church Office at 302-337-7409.

- 1—James Adams**
- Bev Breeding**
- 5—Marty Weaver**
- 15—Tiffany Short**
- 19—Dionne Keeler**
- Barb Stephens**
- 20—Josh Retzlaff**
- 25—Phillip Mowbray**
- 26—Jean Wilson**
- 31—Bev Repa**
- Wilmer T. Wilson**



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.



ACOLYTES

Acolyte Ministry

We are seeking children and youth (2nd 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.

Hospitality Cart Hostesses

- 1st Sunday—Richard & Kathy Carlisle**
- 2nd Sunday—Walt & Linda Pluznick**
- 3rd Sunday—Margaret Workman**
- 4th Sunday—Melissa Mitchell**
- 5th Sunday—Ellen Krone**

THANK YOU!!!



October is

Pastor

APPRECIATION MONTH

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

I Timothy 5:17

The month of October is designated specifically to show appreciation to Pastors, though that is something that should be done continually throughout the year. It also serves as a good reminder to pray for our servant-leaders during the month, and continually. Godly men and women stand in need of prayer every single day. Pastors are on the front-line and an easy target for the enemy. Pray the Holy Spirit will empower the Pastor to boldly proclaim God's Word, to not be weary in well-doing, to have a clear vision and goals for his ministry, to seek God's will for the church and himself, and be refreshed in his spirit from God's continual blessings.

May we be an encouragement to both him and MaryAnn as they labor in the ministry and let them know we lift them up in prayer.

Children's Chat Storytellers

We are looking for several people to join in the rotation of storytellers during the worship service for the fall and winter months. Our goal is to have 4-5 additional volunteers so they are only needed periodically. Please contact the church office or Jenny Keim if you would be willing to serve in this important ministry to children.



The Finance Committee is beginning their work drafting the 2025 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 2025.

Call the church office if you need more information about your current 2024 budget amount.

All budget request forms must be turned in to the church office no later than Sunday, Nov. 3rd.



APPLE-SCRAPPLE FESTIVAL

October 11 & 12, 2024



Entertainment Stage - Enjoy our entertainment stage Friday night and Saturday with quality entertainment hosted by the Parker Group! Check out the schedule for more information.

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

4:00 PM (Opened in Prayer by Pastor Mark Bell)	FESTIVAL OPENS: Friday night is the Opening Ceremony, Little Miss, Food Court, Carnival, and Entertainment Stage only!
6:00 PM	OPENING CEREMONY
6:15 – 8:15 PM	Little Miss Apple Scrapple Pageant
8:30 – 10:00 PM	FRIDAY NIGHT STREET DANCE featuring Sticky Situation

SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT

9:00 AM	FESTIVAL OPENS with Full Array of Crafters and Vendors
9:00 AM	DJ's John
9:15-9:45 AM	Lifeway Worship
10:30AM—11:15 AM	Shotgun Willie
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Mariano Mallia
2:00 – 2:45 PM	MAYORAL SCRAPPLE SLING
3:00 – 4:30 PM	Charlie & The Cooltones
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Bad Avenue
7:15-9:00 PM	Jovon Newman

FESTIVAL PARKING

FRIDAY—the streets are open for parking. In the evening, there is the Food Court, Carnival, and Friday night entertainment only.

SATURDAY—DELDOT and the Fire & Police Departments will direct traffic to the parking lots. Free bus shuttle service is available on Saturday only.



CONTEST SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 5th

All things APPLE with this festival baking contest (register by Oct. 1st.)

Thursday, Oct. 10th

The Bridgeville Kiwanis Club Apple-Scrapple Home Decorating Contest judging takes place. Winners are announced on Friday evening at the stage.

Friday, October 11th

4:00 PM—Festival Officially Opens

6:15 PM to 7:30 PM—LITTLE MISS APPLE SCRAPPLE PAGEANT

(During intermission, winners of the Apple Baking Contest will be announced)

7:00 PM—KIDS APPLE TOSS

Saturday, October 12th

9:00 AM—Festival Opens

9:00 AM—3:00 PM—Southern Delmarva Street Rod Association Car Show

1:00 PM—Ladies Skillet Toss @ Union Methodist Church Field

2:00 PM—INVITATIONAL SCRAPPLE SLING—Local and State representatives compete for the coveted Scrapple Sling trophy! Event takes place at the stage area.



VENDOR & TRADE SHOW

****FULL**** Lots and lots of vendors, both individuals and businesses, will be showcasing their services and wares among the streets of downtown Bridgeville.

- **Health & Safety Fair**—Organizations such as Division of Family Services, MADD, Department of Public Health, Alzheimer's Association, and many more displays and information at the Fire Hall.
- **Senior Center Craft Show** (outside) - Tables and tables of goodies! Something for everyone!!
- **Trade Show**—The show, held on Walnut & Laws Streets, begins bright and early at 9 am on Saturday and runs until around 5 pm.
- **Little Red School House Craft Show**—Great selection of homemade crafts inside of the Woodbridge Middle School located on Laws Street.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Class	Time	Teachers	Classroom
Pre-K – 1 st Grade	9 AM	Joan Hastings	Room #201
2 nd – 5 th Grades	9 AM	Joanne Jones	Room #205
Jr. & Sr. High School <i>(begins Oct. 6th)</i>	9 AM	Pastor Mark & MaryAnn Bell	Room #205
Parenting	9 AM	Rita Hovermale	Room #202
Ladies	9 AM	Pam Tull / Polly Mervine	Conference Room
Discovery [Adults]	9 AM	Roger Hovermale	Room #206
“Son-Seekers” [Adults]	11 AM	John Clawson	Conference Room

Joan Hastings
Sunday School/Christian Education



The Month of October—Community Food Pantry

“Canned Fruits” Month!



Donations of any type of canned fruit (*pineapple, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce, etc.*) are needed to help keep our Food Pantry stocked. Any non-perishable food item is also welcomed. Donations may be dropped off directly to the Food Pantry when they are open (*Wednesdays & Fridays from 10am to 1pm*).



Thank you for caring for the needs in our community!



Update your contact info!

We need your help to maintain an accurate directory for our church family. If you have had any changes to your contact information (*address, phone, e-mail, etc.*), please notify Debbie in the church office so the directory can be updated.

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.



Methodist Women are Busy Bees in October!



Busy Bees




Saturday, Oct. 5th - Assist with Luncheon after Betty Trussell Celebration of Life service (approx. 12:30pm)

Monday, Oct. 7th - Serving the Kiwanis Dinner (6pm)

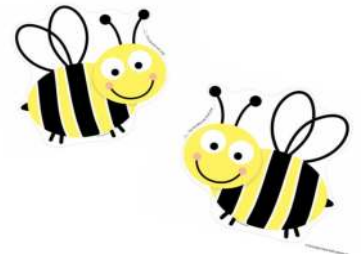
Saturday, Oct. 17th - UMW Meeting and finalize details for Women's Day event; Ladies bring peanut butter and jelly for Christmas baskets (10am)

Monday, Oct. 21st - Serving the Kiwanis Dinner (6pm)

Thursday, Oct. 24th - Making Soup for Women's Day (9am)

Friday, Oct. 25th - Sandwich Prep for Women's Day (10am)

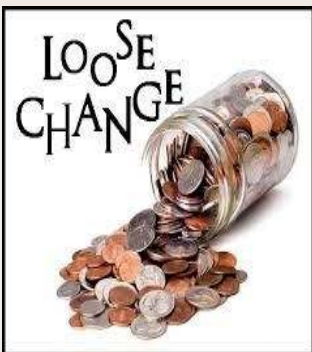
Saturday, Oct. 26th - Women's Day event (Noon - 3pm)



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 2025.



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

Thank you!

WATER BOTTLE DISTRIBUTION



Union Church will once again be distributing bottles of water during October's annual Apple-Scapple Festival along with information about our church, worship, and ministries.

If you are able to donate a case of bottled water, please drop it off to the storage room across from the kitchen (carts are available in the kitchen so you don't have to carry the water).

Volunteers are also needed that day between 11am and 2pm for one hour to staff the table and distribute water. Contact Debbie in the Church Office if you are available to volunteer for one hour that day or sign up on the sheet posted outside of the church office.

Thank you.



UNION CHURCH CARES FOR CHILDREN

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

Start thinking ahead and looking for special sales on items boys and girls request at Christmas time. A mitten for each boy and girl in the Woodbridge School District in need of Christmas assistance will be hung on the Mitten Tree in the narthex along with additional information about them including their age, clothing sizes and items on their "wish list".



FOOD BASKETS

Requested items for the Food Baskets 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, Fruit Cups, Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, etc.

In 2023, the Mitten Tree ministry and Food Baskets were able to provide for 147 children.

BRIDGEVILLE'S 18TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



Bridgeville Open

**\$150 EARLY BIRD
\$165 AFTER SEPT. 19
\$600 - TEAM OF 4**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024

**CHECK IN - 7:30 AM, SHOTGUN START AT 9:00 AM
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED!**

**Heritage Shores Community Golf Course
1 Heritage Shores Circle
Bridgeville, DE 19933**

JOIN US

Sponsorship Opportunities are available!
Forms, payment links and more information
are available at:
bridgeville.delaware.gov
(302) 337-7135
townofbridgeville@gmail.com

**NEW THIS YEAR!
PRIZES FOR MEN'S
AND WOMEN'S
SPECIALTY
CONTESTS!**



UNION APPAREL



STOP BY THE VESTIBULE AND SEE THE DISPLAY OF HIGH QUALITY POLO SHIRTS AND T-SHIRTS CUSTOMIZED WITH OUR UNIQUE UNION METHODIST CHURCH LOGO.

POLO SHIRTS (\$25) ARE AVAILABLE IN A RAINBOW OF COLORS; T-SHIRTS (\$17) ARE AVAILABLE IN GRAY ONLY. UMC APPAREL IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN MANY SIZES.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PURCHASE, COMPLETE AN ORDER FORM, ATTACH YOUR PAYMENT, AND PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR DROP OFF TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.



GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP

HOPE AND HEALING AFTER THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE.

GriefShare is a biblically-based bereavement support group for anyone suffering the loss of a loved one. Few people understand how painful and isolating grief can be. At GriefShare you'll find a comforting place among others who have also experienced a loss.

The program provides a weekly video, support sessions and workbook activities. Topics covered in meetings range from: Your Grief Journey, Sadness, Loneliness, Fear and Anxiety, Anger, Regrets, Grief, Relationships, Questions for God, Hope, Resilience, and many more . . .

Meetings are held at St. John's UMC (300 N. Pine St., Seaford) - park in the Conwell Street parking lot using the "West Entrance". Meetings are held in the Wesley Lounge on Sundays from 3pm to 4pm.

Meeting Schedule:

Sept. 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
 October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
 November 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

For more information about GriefShare visit: griefshare.org, or contact Linda Robertson or Tammy Williamson. A GriefShare brochure with additional information about the program is posted in the hallway near the Church Office.

KIDS ZONE



Friday, October 18th
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. Helpers will oversee games, registration, security, set-up, and more.

Bags of individually wrapped candy are needed for the game give-aways. Donations may be dropped off to the church office.



If you are able to help at the Kid'sZone, call the church office. This is an important outreach to our community, please consider being involved in some way.

THANKS TO THE HERITAGE SHORES FIBER ARTS CLUB

for their donation of the following hand-crafted items to distribute through the Food Pantry to those in need.

- 12 Laptop Blankets/Afghans
- 21 Sets of Hats/Scarves/Mittens
- 11 Scarves/Cowls
- 2 Headbands
- 1 Tote bag
- 34 Hats
- 1 Baby Set



The Revelation of Jesus Christ Small Group Study

Stay tuned for more information on dates and times for this bible study led by Pastor Mark on the Book of Revelation. The study will take place beginning in October .

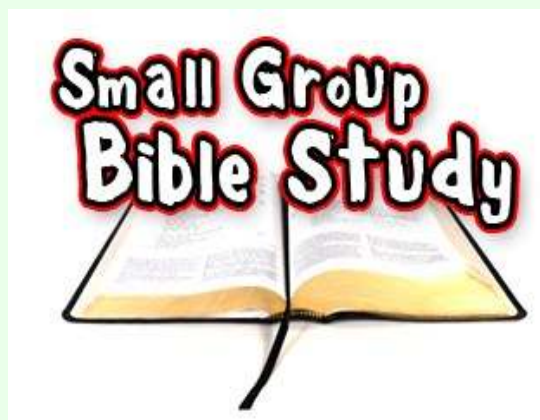
The Revelation of Jesus Christ

This small group Bible study will be held at the church for the first meeting and depending on the number of attendees at the parsonage if 10 or less group members.

“The title of the book in the Greek Text is “Apokalypsis Ioannou”, “Revelation of John.” It is also known as the “Apocalypse, a transliteration of the word “apokalypsis”, meaning “unveiling, disclosure, or revelation.” Therefore, the book unveils what otherwise could not be known. A better title comes from the first verse, “The Revelation of Jesus Christ.” This could be taken as a revelation from Christ or a revelation about Christ. Both are appropriate.” (Holy Bible, New King James Version, 1982, Thomas Nelson, Pg. 1924).

This study will look at the introduction, the letters to the churches, and other visions John had of Jesus. The book uses difficult symbolism and startling imagery to picture the final triumph of God over Satan.

We hope to have a better understanding of the book by the end of the study.



Books that will be used in the study:

“The Bible Knowledge Commentary” will be the main commentary used though others will be used as needed. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary/New Testament, 1983, 2004, Cook Communications Ministries, Colorado Springs, CO; Paris, Ontario, CA, Kingsway Communications - Eastbourne, England)

This commentary can be purchased new, if desired, on Amazon for \$27.73. At the time I looked there were used copies for less.

There is a copy of “Bible Knowledge Commentary/New Testament” (Pastor Mark’s study copy) in the office.

We will also view “Before the Wrath” (DVD) as a group. There may be others as we proceed through the course of study.

There will be other materials that will enhance the study such as articles by scholars and Bible teachers. Discussions will be lively and will be encouraged!

The core notes you will receive were produced for Frontier School of the Bible, LaGrange, Wyoming, for a two credit hour course by Professor Mike Meysenburg. There will be other accessory notes and information as well.



FIND ETERNAL LIFE AND UNSHAKABLE FAITH IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Are you in grade 6 – 12?

- Have you ever searched for *deeper meaning* and *purpose* in your **spiritual journey**?
- Do you long to understand who Jesus *truly* is and how **His life can transform yours**?
- Are you seeking *comfort* and *assurance* in these uncertain times?

You're not alone!

- The Gospel of John was written especially for **YOU and everyone who ever sought answers to the questions we have about our relationship with Jesus.**
- This profound and deeply personal Gospel offers unparalleled insights into the **identity of Jesus as the Son of God, His divine mission, and the boundless love He extends to all who believe.**
- Filled with teachings and miracles that resonate across centuries, the book of **John provides a roadmap for experiencing eternal life, cultivating a deeper relationship with God, and finding peace in His promises.**

You will discover these and more:

- How to embrace the divinity of Jesus and strengthen your faith, even in the midst of life's challenges.
- The comforting assurance of eternal life through belief in Christ, offering hope and security for the future.
- The transformative power of God's love, bringing healing and strength to your soul.
- The timeless teachings of Jesus that can be applied to your everyday life, helping you live out His love and grace in all you do.
- Practical ways to invite the Holy Spirit's guidance into your daily life, fostering spiritual growth and resilience.

If you seek direction, this fresh **Bible Study** created for teens from “Rooted Ministries” will be your guide.

There are short teaching times each week and lots of discussion time!

By attending and devoting **45 minutes at 9:00 am Sunday morning beginning October 6th**, you will embark on a transformative journey through the book of John, emerging with a **renewed sense of purpose**, a **stronger connection to Christ**, and a **heart full of His love**.

Please invite your friends to join you!

You can make a difference here at Union!

You are vitally important to Union Methodist Church because this is your church and your faith. You give life to the church, now and into the future.

See you there!

Pastor Mark and MaryAnn



The following additions to our current Bylaws have been proposed and will be voted upon at the annual business meeting planned for Sunday, November 24th immediately following the morning worship service.

- 1) Use of Robert’s Rules of Order for all business meetings.
- 2) Voting - Any time a vote is required, a simple majority wins.
If more than two choices are voted upon and a majority is not achieved, the lowest option(s) are dropped and a second vote takes place with the two remaining options. Majority wins.
- 3) Must be a member to have a seat on the Church Council.
- 4) The Pastor does not have a vote at any business meeting or Church Council meeting.

Deadline to submit proposed bylaw changes to the church office is October 15, 2024.



MEATLOAF DINNER FUNDRAISER

Hosted by the Union Methodist Women

Thursday, November 7th

5 PM to 7PM

Cost—\$16 (adults); \$12 (children 5-12 yrs. old);
(Children 4 yrs. old and under are free)

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Contact any of the Methodist Women to purchase your advance tickets or call the church office at 302-337-7409.

Limited seating available.

Menu:

- Homemade Meatloaf*
- Mashed Potatoes*
- Beef Gravy*
- Stewed Tomatoes*
- Green Beans and/or Corn*
- Cole Slaw*
- Dinner Rolls*
- Assorted Desserts*
- Tea & Coffee*





SHARING GOOD NEWS,
GREAT JOY!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebbox 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 – rectangular plastic holders for bar soap;
decks of playing cards

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.)



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.**

Town of Bridgeville Upcoming Events



October 3rd—Town Clean-Up Day

October 11th—18th Annual Charity Golf Tournament



October 11th & 12th—32nd Annual Apple-Scrapple Festival

October 31st—Downtown Trunk or Treat/Trick or Treat



Daylight Savings Time

Sunday

November 3, 2024



Thanks to **Emorie** and **Owen Jackson**, the “office elves” this month, for decorating the church office bulletin board. Great job!!!



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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

Other . . .

Local Missions

Foreign Missions

Love Gifts

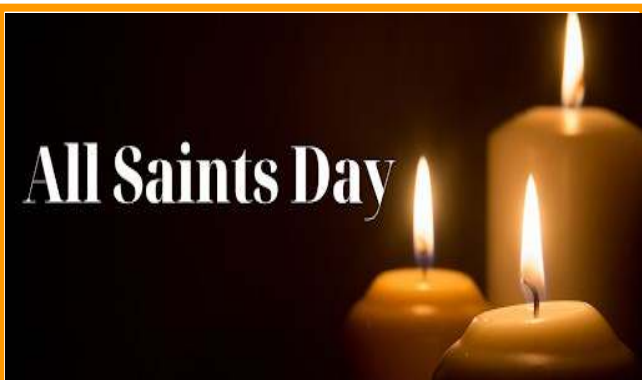
Disaster Relief

Special Needs

Snapshots from the Church Council



- ◆ New Church website is up and running. Introduction to the site will be given during the Sunday morning service, Sept. 29th.
- ◆ The following Policies for Union Methodist Church were adopted:
 - ⇒ Employee Manual
 - ⇒ Finance Policy
 - ⇒ Statement of Faith
 - ⇒ Pulpit Supply Policy
- ◆ Consideration is being given to hosting a 2-Day Winter Holiday Camp program on Monday, Dec. 30th & Tuesday, Dec. 31st.
- ◆ Proposed Bylaw Updates were approved. They will now be presented to the congregation for approval at the annual business meeting in November.
- ◆ Staff Evaluations have been completed by the SPRC
- ◆ Activities Committee will be hosting a Fall Harvest Party on Nov. 2nd
- ◆ Date for Annual Business Meeting is Sunday, November 24, 2024.



**Sunday,
November 3, 2024**

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Our annual church business meeting will take place immediately after the morning worship service. Year-to-date expenditures, the proposed budget for 2025 and the Committee & Leadership positions are to be voted upon.



What's Happening

2024



July

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 8-12 Summer Camp Week #3
- 9 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 15-19 Summer Camp Week #4
- 23 Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- 29-2 Summer Camp Week #5

August

- 5-9 Summer Camp Week #6
- 12-16 Summer Camp Week #7
- 13 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 19-23 Summer Camp Week #8
- 25 All-Church Breakfast, 9am
- 25 Summer Camp Sunday

September

- 2 LABOR DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 8 Sunday School resumes at 9am
Fall Worship hour resumes at 10am
- 10 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 14 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 19 Methodist Women's Meeting, 1pm
- 24 Church Council Meeting, 7pm

October

- 2 Trustees Meeting, 6pm
- 6 Recognition of First Responders Service
- 11-12 Apple Scapple Festival
- 12 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 12 Water Bottle Distribution, 11am-2pm
- 14 COLUMBUS DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 16 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 18 Kid's Zone @ WHS Homecoming, 4-7pm
- 19 Methodist Women's Meeting, 10am
- 20 Laity Sunday
- 26 Womens Day Event, Noon to 3pm

November

- Mitten Tree Collection Begins
- 2 Harvest Festival, Noon—2pm
- 3 All Saints Day Service
- 7 Meatloaf Dinner
- 9 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 11 VETERANS DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 12 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 14 Finance/Budget Meeting—6:30pm
- 19 Church Council Meeting—7pm
- 21 Methodist Women's Meeting, 1pm
- 24 Annual Business Meeting, 11am
- 28 THANKSGIVING DAY
(Church Office is Closed)
- 29 *(Church Office is Closed)*

December

- 1 Hanging of the Greens Worship Service
- 6 Blue Christmas Holiday Service, 7pm
- 10 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 10-21 Fellowship Hall Reserved for Mitten Tree
- 11 Feed Our Troops Desserts
- 14 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 15 Christmas Program
- 19 Methodist Women's Christmas Lunch,
11:30am
- 21 Mitten Tree Delivery Day, 8:30am
- 21 Caroling-in-the-Courtyard/Live Nativity
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
(Church Office is Closed)



- Communion Service - First Sunday of each Month
- Christian Education - 9am *(Sept. - May)*
- Sunday Worship Service - 9am *(June - August)*
10am *(Sept. - May)*
- God's Fire Youth Group - Wednesday 6:30pm
- Food Pantry - Wednesday & Friday 10am-1pm



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



BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY CARNIVAL At The APPLE SCRAPPLE FESTIVAL

Enjoy the rides, thrills & excitement of the Library Carnival!
Located on Railroad Avenue
Proceeds benefit the Bridgeville Public Library

Thursday, October 10th
4-9pm
Enjoy a relaxed evening at the carnival with a \$25 pay-one-price bracelet

Friday, October 11th
4-10pm
POP Bracelet \$25
Tickets are also available

Saturday, October 12th
10:30am-10pm
Tickets: \$2 each
a Family Pack 20 for \$30
40 for \$40

FREE Gaming
FREE LUNCH PROVIDED
ALL MODERN CONSOLES AVAILABLE
Play all your favorite games on all of your favorite consoles and make friends at the Bridgeville Public Library with Small Town Gaming
Saturday, October 5th
10am-2pm

HAPPY NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CUPCAKE DAY

ENJOY A CUPCAKE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
10AM - 5PM

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY
600 S. CANNON ST.
BRIDGEVILLE, DE

AGING IS NOT SPOOKY

SUCCESSFUL COMPONENTS OF AGING
UNDERSTANDING AND PLANNING

JOIN PACE YOUR LIFE AND LEARN HELPFUL TIPS THAT WILL INCREASE YOUR ABILITY TO AGE SUCCESSFULLY IN YOUR HOME.

ALSO LEARN:
LEVELS OF CARE
COST OF CARE FOR ADULTS 55 AND BETTER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024 AT 11:00AM
BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 600 S. CANNON STREET, BRIDGEVILLE, DE 19933
COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL BE PROVIDED

PRESENTED BY: PACE YOUR LIFE

The Children's Corner during the Apple Scrapple Festival

On Saturday, October 12th, join Ms. Hilary 9AM to 2PM at T.S. Smith Orchard Point Market.



There will be a special Story Book Corner @ 11am with stories, songs, and rhymes about APPLES!
Including:
Apple bean bag toss
Grab n' Go bags with crafts
Located at: 9045 Redden Rd. Bridgeville, DE

Adult Craft Night

**Tuesday, October 1st
6-8pm**

Join us to make autumn-inspired wooden crafts!
We will supply you with 2-tiered (tall and short) pieces of 2x4 wood to paint and decorate 2 of your own designs, such as a crow, pumpkin, or scarecrow. You can mix and match!
Bring some friends and enjoy crafting!

Registration is required.

Online: delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville
or call: 302-337-7401 ext. 101

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



Oliver

**Tuesday,
October 8th
and
October 22nd**

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

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Bridgeville, DE

Your Bridge to the World

A culinary and literary adventure



Join us on Saturday, October 26th from 11am-1pm as we discuss the book selection "Chasing the Boogeyman" by Richard Chizmar and also enjoy a variety of Chesapeake-inspired cuisine.



Registration required: Call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or go to bridgevillelibrary.com/calendarevents

Available on the Libby app!

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY'S FAMILY FUN NIGHT PERFECT PUMPKIN PARTY

**Thursday, October 17th
6-8pm**

Join us with your family for fun games and fall treats. Each child will receive a small pumpkin to decorate.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
CALL 302-337-7401 EXT. 101 OR ONLINE:
DELAWARELIBRARIES.LIBCAL.COM

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The FRIENDS of the BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY

If you haven't joined or wish to renew your membership with the Friends, visit the library or go to the Friends section on our website for the membership form. Consider attending our monthly meeting on **Monday, October 21st @ 10:30am**

Our Friends group helps with programming, fundraising, volunteering, and more. We would love your support!



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Bridgeville Public Library

Story Book Corner

with Ms. Hilary

Tuesdays at 10am ages 3-5
First Tuesday of the month will be held at Seaford Chick-Fil-A

New Time! Wednesdays at 9am ages 0-2

Join us for stories, songs and rhymes.
**October theme:
Autumn**

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JOIN US FOR A CHAIR FITNESS CLASS

WEDNESDAYS,
starting September 4th
9:30am

@ Bridgeville Public Library

Instructor Bree Rudy, ISSA Group Exercise Instructor, will conduct a 50 minute class for adults only. Bring your own light weights, if desired. All levels of expertise are welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy sneakers. Bring water and a smile! Give it a try, do your best, and YES YOU CAN!



FREE and open to the public.

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Items for the monthly newsletter must be submitted to the church office 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

Kid’s Zone Volunteers

Communion Helpers

Greeters and Ushers

Special Music/Instrumentals

Sunday School Helpers

Acolytes



SUNDAY

Christian Education Classes for ALL Ages-9am

Morning Worship—10am

“Son-Seekers” Adult Class—11am



God’s Fire Youth Group

Wednesdays at 6pm

Rev. Mark Bell

Church Office

Monday—Friday

9:00am to 3:00pm

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