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Gifts of Grace—Romans 12:1-6

1 "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;

7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;

8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."

Soon fall will be upon us! Summer will be over and all the BBQ's, beach trips, and vacations will fade into the past summer as we remember fondly the fun and fellowship we had with family and friends! As we get back to the work God has for us and as we finish out this year a thought came to me about moving forward this fall as a unique body of believers here at Union Methodist. That thought was simple, we all have our place in the ministry here and God has equipped each one of us with gifts that are given by God to support this ministry and more importantly, each other.

An article published some years ago in the *Springfield Oregon Public School Newsletter* makes the point that we all have different talents and abilities very well. It said this,

"Once upon a time the animals decided they should do something meaningful to meet the problems of the World they lived in. So, they organized a school. They adopted an activity curriculum of running, climbing, swimming and flying. To make it easier to administer the curriculum, all the animals took all the subjects.

The duck was excellent in swimming. In fact, better than his instructor. But he made only passing grades in flying and was very poor in running. Since he was slow in running, he had to drop swimming and stay after school to practice running. This caused his web feet to be badly worn so that he was only average in swimming. But average was quite acceptable so nobody worried about that except the duck.

The rabbit started at the top of his class in running but developed a nervous twitch in his leg muscles because of so much make-up work in swimming. The squirrel was excellent in climbing but he encountered constant frustration in flying class. The reason was his teacher made him start from the ground up instead of from the treetop down. He developed charley-horses from overexertion and only got a "c" in climbing and a "d" in running.

The eagle was a problem child and was severely disciplined for being a non-conformist. In climbing class he beat all the others to the top of the tree but insisted on using his own way to get there."

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**(Pastor's Page "Gifts of Grace" continued)**

Now the obvious moral of the story is simple. Every creature has his own set of capabilities in which it will succeed unless it is expected or forced to fill a mold that it doesn't fit. When that happens, frustration, discouragement, even guilt produce overall mediocrity and ultimately defeat. A duck is a duck and only a duck. It is built to swim, not to run or fly and certainly not to climb. And a squirrel is a squirrel, and so on.

And what is true of these creatures is in a real sense true of Christians in the family of God right here at Union Methodist Church.

God never made us all the same. He made us to be exactly what we are. He planned and designed our differences and He wants us to function in that unique design within the body of Christ. If we don't do that, we miss the whole purpose of what we are created for.

If we get diverted into something else and don't rightly evaluate what we are gifted to do, we will frustrate ourselves and we will produce less than what we were intended to produce.

So we must rightly ascertain and rightly understand our gifts.

**First**, we present ourselves a living sacrifice (*Romans 12:1-2*). Then we rightly evaluate and humbly evaluate the gifts that God has graciously given to us.

**Secondly**, we saw the proper relationship in verse 4, 5 and the beginning of verse 6, notice it. **"As we have many members in one body, (he's talking about our physical body), we have many members in our physical body, and yet all members have not the same function, every one of them is different, so (now he is contrasting and comparing) we being many are one body in Christ, that is the church, and every one members one of another having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us."**

So, as the body is one and yet many members, so the church is one and yet many members.

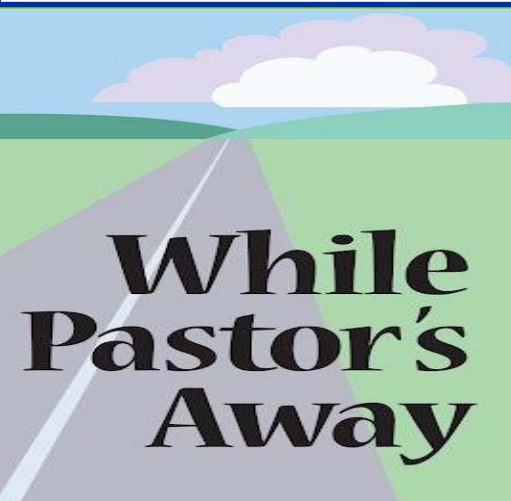
And we have, says verse 6, gifts, grace gifts. God-given gifts in our lives as believers sovereignly designed for all of us through which the Holy Spirit ministers to the building up of the church. They are gifts in us through which the Spirit of God can minister. They are for the common good of the whole church.

My gifts are for the church. Your gifts are for the church. They're not for me - mine are not for me, yours are not for you. Mine are for you and yours are for me. That's the way God designed it! We function together as one body!

As we wrap up the summer season and prepare for fall and the holidays, I am looking forward to what God has for us as He uses each members gifts in unique ways. Ducks don't climb and squirrels don't swim but when they use their God given gifts they accomplish what God has for them. As members of the body of Christ, the local church, let's do what God has equipped us to do whether that is soar, climb, swim, or hop. Moving forward, working together, as one body!



Pastor Mark



**Pastor Mark & MaryAnn will be on vacation from Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please notify the church office**

**if you have need of pastoral care while he is away so that can be arranged.**

**Rev. Everett Landon and his wife Carol Ann will be our guests in Pastor Mark's absence.**



Sunday Worship—9am  
 Food Pantry—10am to 1pm (Wed. & Fri.)  
 Praise Team—Varies

(Beginning Sept. 8, 2024)

Sunday School & Christian Education—9am  
 Sunday Worship—10am  
 “Son-Seekers” Adult Class—11am

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

**Sunday, 9/1—Worship & Holy Communion Service [last Sunday at 9am]**

**Monday, 9/2—LABOR DAY [Church Office is Closed]**

**Tuesday, 9/3—Staff Meeting—10am**

**Sunday, 9/8—Sunday School & Christian Education Classes Resume—9am**

**Morning Praise & Worship—10am**

**Son-Seekers Adult Class—11am**

**Monday, 9/9—Monday, 9/23—Pastor Mark & MaryAnn on vacation**

**Monday, 9/9—Methodist Women Serving Kiwanis Dinner—6pm**

**Tuesday, 9/10—PRIMARY ELECTION—Don’t forget to vote!**

**Wednesday, 9/11—Kid’s Zone Planning Meeting—6pm**

**Thursday, 9/12—Finance Committee Meeting—6:30pm**

**Saturday, 9/14—Methodist Men’s Breakfast Meeting in Seaford—8am**

**Sunday, 9/15—Sunday School & Christian Education Classes—9am**

**Guest Speaker Rev. Everett Landon—10am**

**Son-Seekers Adult Class—11am**

**Monday, 9/16—Methodist Women Serving Kiwanis Dinner—6pm**

**Tuesday, 9/17—SPRC Meeting—7pm**

**Thursday, 9/19—Methodist Womens Meeting & Women’s Day Planning—1pm**

**Sunday, 9/22—Sunday School & Christian Education Classes—9am**

**Guest Speaker Rev. Everett Landon—10am**

**Son-Seekers Adult Class—11am**

**Tuesday, 9/24—Staff Meeting—10am**

**Church Council Meeting—7pm**

**Wednesday, 9/25—”See You at the Pole”**

**Sunday, 9/29—Sunday School & Christian Education Classes—9am**

**Morning Praise & Worship—10am**

**Son-Seekers Adult Class—11am**





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## **WE ARE EXCITED!**

It is hard to believe that in just two short weeks Union will be returning to a very busy fall and winter schedule. One of the things that we look forward to is returning to Sunday School classes.

Our return Sunday is September 8 with a start time of 9:00 am and worship will resume at 10:00 am. Most classes and teachers will remain the same, however we are very pleased that classes for our Junior & Senior High School youth will begin on October 6th, led by Pastor Mark & MaryAnn. The "Son-Seekers" Class, led by John Clawson, will continue at 11:00 am.

There is always a need for help and if you would like to assist in either teaching, substituting or as a helper please contact Joan Hastings at 302-423-5682. You will find it a very rewarding experience.

The Christian Education Department prays that as parents you will support these classes and teachers, not just by bringing your children and youth but by attending a class as well.

Thank you for your support in the past and we look forward to it again this Sunday School term.

Hope to see you and your family in class on September 8.

*Joan Hastings and the  
Christian Education Department*

*Sunday School*  
learning to live the life



**The Methodist Women's group will resume monthly meetings on Thursday, Sept. 19th at 1pm**

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

**We'll also continue planning for the October Women's Day event All are welcome.**

**METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**Saturday—September 14th  
8:00 AM**

**Join us at the Golden Eagle Diner in Seaford for breakfast and fellowship as we resume our Methodist Men's monthly meetings. All are Welcome — bring a friend!**



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.**

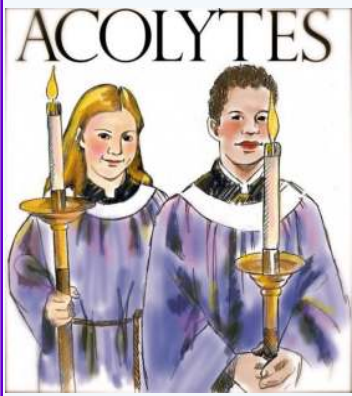


- 4—Chris Adams**
- 5—Carson Williamson**
- 6—Debbie Adams**
- 10—Richard Carlisle**
- 13—MaryAnn Bell**
- 14—Beth Schmidt**  
**Dawn Tomeski**
- 20—Walt Pluznick**
- 22—Joanne Jones**  
**Donna Mowbray**

- 23—Marty Baker**  
**Carol Breeding**
- 24—Debbie Rosengren**
- 28—Keith Brock**  
**Bob Burket**
- 29—Grant LaChance**



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



**Acolyte Ministry**

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

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

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

**Hospitality Cart**

We are in need of Sunday morning hostesses to oversee the coffee cart one Sunday per month from September thru May as well as a volunteer to oversee the cart on an occasional 5th Sunday.

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

**Thank you.**



# 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.

## **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.



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

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

*Revelation 21:4—“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”*



### The Month of September—Community Food Pantry

“Potted Meats” (i.e. SPAM, TREET, tuna fish, hash, chili, beef stew, etc.) are requested this month 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](mailto:tiff.snyder89@gmail.com).**





# 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](mailto:uumchurch@comcast.net)

Registration is required  
Childcare will be available.

**FREE EVENT**

*Open to ALL Women!*



Fearfully  
&  
Wonderfully  
Made  
PSALM 139:14

If you know of any in our Union church family that are away at college or serving overseas in the military, please notify the church office so we can



keep them in prayer and stay in contact with them while they are away.



# Women's Ministries

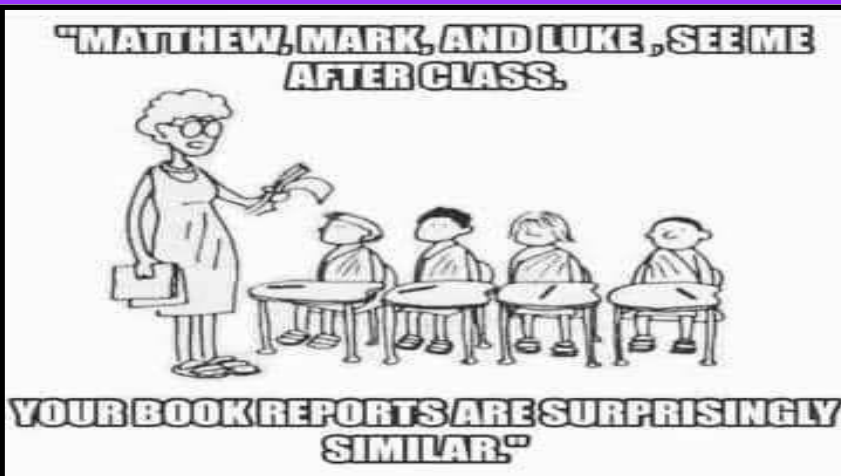
## UNION METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIPS



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

Monthly meetings will resume at the end of summer on Thursday, September 19th at 1pm. We'd love to have you join us. Your time and talent will be valued as we work together in building bonds with one another and strengthening our church family. If you would like additional information about the Methodist Women's group and/or ministries, please feel free to contact any of the UMW officers:

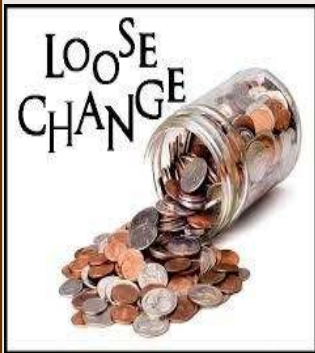
- Joan Hastings (*President*)
- Kathy Carlisle (*Vice President*)
- Mary Noel (*Treasurer*)
- Debbie Vogelsang (*Secretary*)



## 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.



## 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  
 December 1st, 8th

For more information about GriefShare visit: [griefshare.org](http://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 18<sup>th</sup>  
4pm to 7pm



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

Meet with us to plan some new games on  
Wednesday, Sept. 11th at 6pm.

BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

## Adult Craft Night Stepping Stone Fundraiser

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>  
6-9PM

Join us for our annual Adult Craft Night Fundraiser event!  
Cost is \$25 to paint a garden stepping stone of your choice.  
Pre-payment is required and due by September 3rd  
(cash, check and credit card accepted).  
All proceeds go to future Adult Craft Nights. View your choices  
on our FB page and website. To sign up and choose a stone,  
stop by the library or call 302-337-7401 ext. 101.  
Supplies are limited!

600 S. CANNON ST. BRIDGEVILLE, DE



### See You at the Pole! – Wednesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a brief time of prayer at the flag pole of all four District schools: Woodbridge Middle School (WMS); Woodbridge High School (WHS); Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center (WECEC); Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School Playground (PWES).

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



## *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.*



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** – 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.**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
 to  
**Gabriella Haldeman  
 and Emorie Jackson**  
 for winning  
**the 1st place Blue Ribbon  
 in Arts & Crafts at the  
 Delaware State Fair.**

**Town of Bridgeville Upcoming Events**

September 28th—Town-Wide Yard Sale

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



**[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
- Other . . .

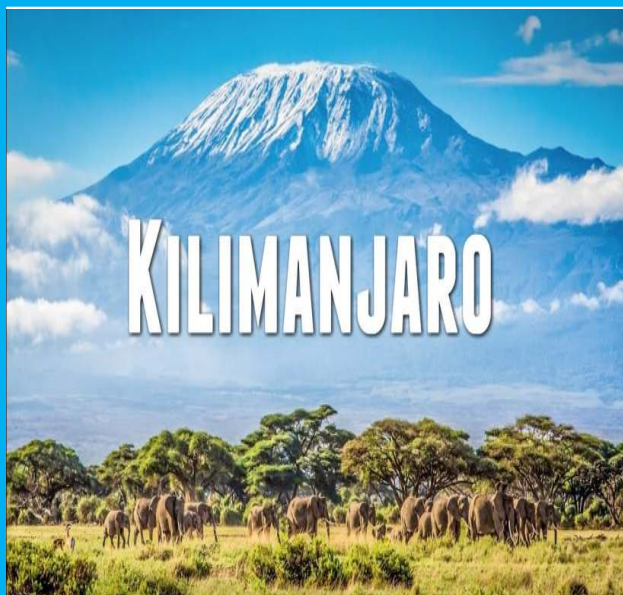
- Local Missions
- Foreign Missions
- Love Gifts
- Disaster Relief
- Special Needs



**Special Thanks to Jeff Allen and his sons Blake & Travis** for the many hours of work spent in removing the aging landscaping at the Fellowship Hall entrance, planting new plants and bushes, and mulching the gardens. The results have greatly improved the look of this entrance. We appreciate their hard work and the many bee strings they suffered through in getting this major improvement project completed.



**Grandparents Day is Sept. 8th!** It is a day dedicated to acknowledging and celebrating the important contribution made by **grandparents** to the well-being and education of children within their family. It is an opportunity for family to show their gratitude and respect for the older generation and to honor **grandparents**.



**Congratulations to Christopher Clifton** who successfully reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, the fourth most topographically prominent peak on earth, and located in Tanzania, East Africa.

**Christopher is the Grandson of Jane Clifton and grew up here in Bridgeville.** Making the climb has been a life-long goal of his.



# 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**

- 8 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 11-12 Apple Scrapple Festival
- 12 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 12 Water Bottle Distribution, 11am-2pm
- 14 COLUMBUS DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 18 Methodist Women's Meeting, 1pm
- 26 Womens Day Event, Noon to 3pm

**November**

- Mitten Tree Collection Begins
- 3 All Saints Day Service
- 6 Meatloaf Dinner
- 9 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 11 VETERANS DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 12 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 13 Community Blood Drive, 1pm—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



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BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY'S  
*Family Fun Night*  
 AT T.S. SMITH ORCHARD POINT MARKET  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30-7:30PM**  
 Apple Tastings | Fun Games | Crafts | Photo Op Area  
 Join us with your family for an Apple Adventure.  
 Registration is required.  
 Online: [delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville](http://delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville)  
 or call: 302-337-7401 ext. 101

T.S. SMITH ORCHARD POINT MARKET  
 IS LOCATED AT 9046 REDDEN ROAD, BRIDGEVILLE, DE

*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, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am**

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



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JOIN US FOR A  
**CHAIR FITNESS CLASS**  
 WEDNESDAYS,  
 starting September 4<sup>th</sup>  
**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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**Community Health Services**

County Mobile Unit  
 Bridgeville Public Library  
 600 S. Cannon Street, Bridgeville, DE 19933  
**Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm**  
 For more information, call: 803-0978

- DPH Mobile Unit will provide:
- HIV Testing, Counseling and Referral
  - Diabetes Screening & Blood Pressure Readings
  - Cholesterol Testing and Referral
  - Blood Lead Screening
  - Clinical and Community Resource Connections
  - Narcan Kits
  - COVID 19- Vaccination

\*Vaccination and testing require patient and/or guardian consent\*

Mobile Unit is wheelchair accessible

necessary; walk-ins welcome

**NEW**

**"Library Learners League" Homeschool Group**

Ms. Hilary is starting an educational experience to be held on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 11am-12pm. Each month will have different topic geared for school-aged children.

**TOPIC**  
 September 12-Apples

**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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Empowering Your Long Term Care Journey:  
 Understanding Medicaid  
 Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
 @ 10am  
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**What You'll Learn:**

- What is Medicaid
- Why are there so many Medicaid programs
- What is the financial and technical eligibility
- How to apply for Medicaid and the Medicaid process

Presentation being sponsored by:



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**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

**Wednesdays at 10am** ages 0-2

Join us for stories, songs and rhymes.  
**September theme: Apples**

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DUE TO POPULAR REQUESTS...  
EMERGING ADULTS (AGES 18-35)  
ARE INVITED TO A

# BOBA TEA PARTY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>  
11AM-1PM



JOIN US FOR A BOBA TEA TASTING PARTY!  
WE WILL HAVE MILK TEA AND FRUITY TEA FLAVORS FOR YOU TO TRY AND ENJOY.

MEET NEW FRIENDS AND RELAX!  
BRING YOUR LATEST/FAVORITE BOOK OR HOBBY TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP.

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

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FREE LUNCH PROVIDED  
ALL MODERN CONSOLES AVAILABLE

# FREE Gaming

Play all your favorite games on all of your favorite consoles and make friends at the Bridgeville Public Library with Small Town Gaming

Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>  
10am-2pm



600 SOUTH CANNON STREET BRIDGEVILLE, DE 19933

# BRIDGEVILLE TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>  
@7am

If you are interested in renting a yard sale or vendor spot in the library parking lot (\$15 for 3 parking spaces or \$25 for a vendor spot), please email: [bridgeville.library@lib.de.us](mailto:bridgeville.library@lib.de.us)

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY'S  
SATURDAY STORY BOOK BRUNCH  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>  
@10AM



FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES- JOIN US WITH MS. HILARY FOR STORIES, SONGS, AND RHYMES ABOUT APPLES FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH!



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

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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# Coffee Klatch - Healthy Aging Initiatives



GUEST EXPERT: ALLISON HENDRICKSON - SOCIAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE STATE OF DELAWARE DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR AGING AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES



Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10am  
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Bridgeville, DE

### Union Methodist Church

2 N. Lows St.  
Bridgeville, DE 19933  
302-337-7409

**“Building Bridges Together”**  
*Using Our Head, Hands & Heart for Jesus*

Email: [uumchurch@comcast.net](mailto:uumchurch@comcast.net)

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



*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**

**Casserole Committee Volunteers**

**Communion Helpers**

**Greeters and Ushers**

**Special Music/Instrumentals**

**Sunday School Helpers**

**Acolytes**



#### **Sunday Morning Worship Service—9am**

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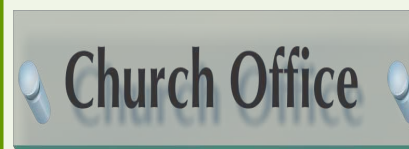
*(beginning Sept. 8th)*

**Christian Education Classes for ALL Ages-9am**

**Sunday Morning Worship—10am**

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*Rev. Mark Bell*



**Monday—Friday  
9:00am to 3:00pm**

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