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The Word of God Will Never Pass Away

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away." ~ Matthew 24:35

Over the past month I've been preaching a series on some of the "Heroes of the Faith". I've enjoyed it. I hope you have too. I find it fascinating to dig into the events and people in the Scriptures and discover timeless truths rooted in their life stories.

I still have a list of about 30 "heroes of the faith" to draw from for the future! The time is coming in a few weeks to lay our study aside until the new year and gear up for Thanksgiving and then on to Advent! Each week I pray about where the Lord would want to take us for that week. I am looking forward to changing gears as we head into the holiday season.

As one old song says,

"Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made, were every stalk on earth a guill, and every man a scribe by trade, to write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry, nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky" (First half of Verse 1 by Frederich Lehman (1868-1953), public domain; Verse 2 Anonymous; remaining lyrics and music by Joseph Mathias. © 2022 All Rights Reserved. International Copyright Secured. Used By Permission.)

If God gave me another fifty years preaching, I could barely scratch the surface of what God has for us in the Scriptures! But, He has blessed you and me with His Holy Spirit who gives understanding and guidance for meeting our needs. Thank you Lord!

The Thanksgiving/Christmas messages will take a new look at familiar passages and seek to explain and apply God's timelessly and relevant truths. The whole world can change, but God's Word never changes. The only way to navigate the relentless changes we can't control is to stay firmly established on the foundation of Scripture that leads us to the One who overcame the world by His perfect life, sacrificial death, and miraculous resurrection.

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The harvest season is upon us as is evidenced by the thick layer of dust on our vehicles! The fields are ready to harvest, and some have already been harvested. The air is getting cooler, and days are getting shorter.

Every season has its own kind of activity. It seems like it should slow down at some point, but it never really seems to. It just changes from one kind of busy to another. Before fall is even over, we will head in to celebrating Christ birth, and before we've had time to recover from that - a new year will be upon us! No matter what the season or how busy we are, we have to make Christ the priority. God's desire and design for us is to live in a richly satisfying consistently growing relationship with Him. Don't wait for a new season or some vague hope of the elusive less-busy time to draw near to God. You can be a modern day hero of the faith every day!

Seasons change, but God's Word never changes. *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away." ~ Matthew 24:35*

No matter what the sermon series may be, I hope you'll make Sunday morning worship a priority and a vital part of your walk with the Lord each week.



SAVE THE DATE Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 6pm

"A Wild West Christmas"

Our traditional "Small Bites" reception will take place immediately after. In Christ Service, Pastor Mark



All church activities, events, and/or fundraisers must be approved by the Church Council.

The church events calendar for 2025 will be voted upon at the next Church Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th at 7pm.

Contact the church office if you would like to have an event included in next year's line up.



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NOVEMBER UPCOMINC EVENTS

Sunday School & Christian Education— 9am

Sunday Worship & Praise—10am

Sunday "Son-Seekers" Adult Class—11am

Food Pantry-10am to 1pm (Wed. & Fri.)

Praise Team-Varies

Friday, 11/1—Union hosts Lasagna dinner for WHS Football Team—3:30pm Saturday, 11/2—Fall Harvest Party—Noon—2pm Sunday, 11/3—Daylight Savings Time All Saints Day Monday, 11/4—Methodist Women Serving the Kiwanis Dinner—6pm Tuesday, 11/5—Election Day —- Don't forget to VOTE! Wednesday, 11/6—UMW Meeting & Dinner Set-Up—10am Veterans Day Celebration @ WHS





Thursday, 11/7—Meatloaf Dinner Saturday, 11/9—Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting in Seaford—8am Sunday, 11/10—Veterans Day Service—10am Monday, 11/11—VETERANS DAY (Church Office is Closed) Community Blood Drive—9am—3pm Finance Committee Meeting—6:30pm

Tuesday, 11/12—SPRC Meeting—7pm Tuesday, 11/19—Church Council Meeting—7pm Sunday, 11/24—Annual Business Meeting *(immediately following service)* Thursday, 11/28—THANKSGIVING DAY *(Church Office is Closed)* Friday, 11/29—*(Church Office is Closed)*



Coming in December:



The Season of Advent Sunday, 12/1—"Hanging of the Greens" Service—10am Friday, 12/6— "Blue Holiday Service" - 7pm Sunday, 12/8—"The Meaning of the Chrismons" Service—10am Tuesday, 12/10— "Feed the Troops" Dessert Ministry Tuesday, 12/10—Saturday, 12/21—Mitten Tree Ministry Sunday, 12/22— "A Wild West Christmas" - Christmas Program—6pm Monday, 12/23— "Parent's Night Out" Tuesday, 12/24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—7pm

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Saturday, November 2nd

Noon - 2:00 PM

Please plan to join us for a couple hours that afternoon as we celebrate the fall harvest with lunch, games, crafts and conclude with children (ages 3 - 12) going on a guided "Harvest Hall Walk" through our decorated hallways – both downstairs as well as upstairs. Who knows what awaits them on the walk?

We'll begin the Fall Harvest Party at noon with lunch and continue the fun afterwards. The entire family is invited to participate and are welcome to costume as are the children. Let's come together and celebrate the spirit of the Harvest and fellowship with our church family.

We have several doors that we need to decorate for the Harvest Hall Walk -- so if you would like to be creative and decorate a door, please contact Joan Hastings at 302-423-5682 or the church office at 302-337-7409.

Hope to see you there!

- The Activities and Events Committee



Christmas Poinsettias

\$9.00 Each

If you would like to place a poinsettia (8" pot) 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 church office. Orders are due on, or before, Sunday, December 1st. This Christmas we'll be purchasing the poinsettias from the FFA at the

Woodbridge High School. Make checks payable to: UMC

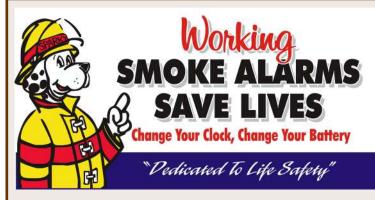
Please return your order form and payment to the Church Office or clearly designated and place in the offering. Flowers will be displayed on Sundays, Dec. 15th & 22nd.



THANK YOU

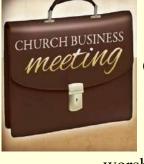
to all those that contributed to our Coin Drive in September and October to enable children desiring to go to a week of summer camp somewhere to go. Approximately \$300 was received through the Coin Drive. THANK YOU!

Jenny Keim, Camp Scholarship Coordinator



If you are in need of a smoke detector for your residence, contact the Bridgeville Fire Department to obtain one.

> 302-337-7272 302-337-3000



November 24, 2024

Our annual church business meeting will take place immediately following the morning worship service.

The Agenda: Year-to-date expenditures, the proposed budget for 2025 and the Committee & Leadership positions are to be voted upon.



Sunday November 3, 2024 10:00 AM



Union & WHS Blue Raiders Football Friday, November1st—3:30pm



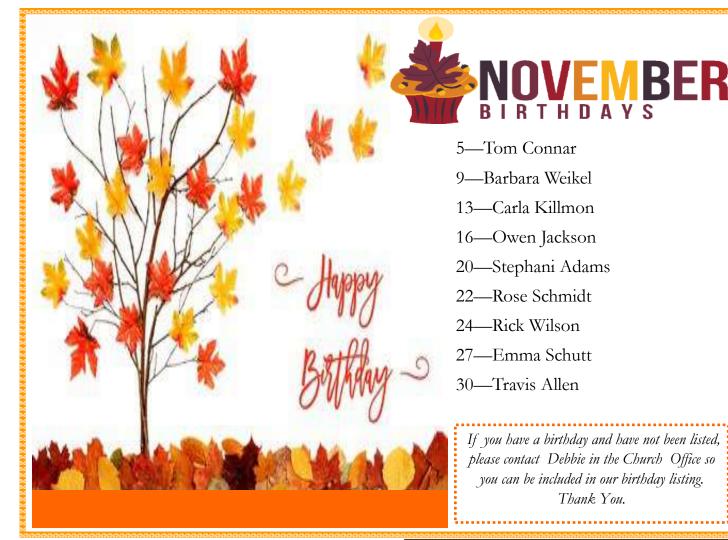
Union will once again host the Woodbridge High School Football Team for their annual lasagna dinner prior to their

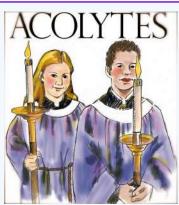
Senior Recognition Night game versus Sussex Tech High School.

If you are available to help that afternoon, please be at the church by 3pm.



We thank the many folks that contributed food items to make the meal and for those helping in the kitchen and serving.





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!!!



Methodist Women in November

Wednesday, Nov. 6th—10am



Following a brief planning meeting, we'll be assisting in the kitchen with food prep and table set-up for the meatloaf dinner the following night (11/7).

Ladies are asked to bring pudding and/or fruit cups to contribute to the Christmas food boxes.

[This meeting will serve as our November meeting there will be no UMW meeting on Nov. 21st.]



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 <u>increase</u> <u>or decrease</u> your ministry budget for 2025.

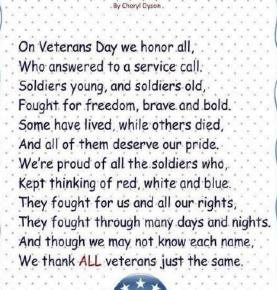
Call the church office if you need more information about your current 2024 budget amount.

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



METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Saturday, November 9th 8:00 AM

The men's monthly breakfast fellowship will take place at the Golden Eagle Diner in Seaford. See you there!



VETERANS

veterans day



Veterans Day Service Sunday November 11, 2024

U.S. ARMY Adams, R. Francis Banning, Harry C. Breeding, Mike Brohawn, Howard Burket, Bob Cannon, Virgil Chaney, Bill Jo Clawson, John Fleetwood, Ronald L. Hartzell, William L Heflin, Don Holmes, Harold M. Johnson, Bob Jones, Stephen Kelly, Edwin J., Jr. Kimble, Mark Knowles, William R. Lewis, Richard Mowbray, Charles Nichols, John S. Norton, Aubrey L. Pepper, Brian Pepper, Frank Ray, Kirk L., Jr. Reynolds, Matthew B. Speicher, David C. Struble, Harrison Taylor, Elwood Tomlinson, Bob Trussell, John W. Williamson, Bruce

RANK

Command Sgt. Major SP-4 WWII POW Sgt. E-5 E-5 SP-5 (medical support) Sgt. SFC PFC Major 2nd Lt. SSgt. Sgt. Pfc. Sgt. Major **WO-5** Sgt. Cpl. Sgt.

SP-4

U.S. ARMY AIR CORP. RANK 2nd Lt. & POW Baker, Charles W. 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** SSgt. Foskey, Kendall Rosengren, Dick Wilson, Wilmer T., Jr.

U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD RANK Heimberger, John

SMSgt. E-8

U.S. ARMY ROTC Kim, Alexis





<u>U.S. AIR FORCE</u>	<u>RANK</u>
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 J.	TSgt. F-6





Contact the Church Office to have any current or past military family member included.



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 P.	Y2C
Stokesbury, William	

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

Wright, Damian

Cpl. E-4

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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	9 AM	Pastor Mark & MaryAnn Bell	Room #205
Parenting	9 AM	Rita Hovermale	Room #202
Ladies	9 AM	Pam Tull / Polly Mervine	Conference Ro
Discovery [Adults]	9 AM	Roger Hovermale	Room #206
"Son-Seekers" [Adults]	11 AM	John Clawson	Conference Ro

Joan Hastings Sunday School/Christian Education

The Month of November—Community Food Pantry

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"Mixed Greens" Month!

Donations of any type of canned mixed greens (kale, collard greens, turnip greens, spinach, etc.) are needed to help keep our Food Pantry stocked. Donations may be dropped off directly to the Food Pantry when they are open (Wednesdays & Fridays from 10am to 1pm). THANK YOU!



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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.

Sunday School learning to live the life



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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.

<u>Menu:</u> Homemade Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Beef Gravy Stewed Tomatoes Green Beans and/or Corn Cole Slaw Dinner Rolls Assorted Desserts Tea & Coffee

Limited seating available.







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".





Requested items for the Food Baskets are: Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jams, Macaroni & Cheese, Stuffing Mix, Gravy, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Boxed FOOD Cereals, Chicken Noodle or Vegetable Beef Soups, Crackers, Pudding BASKETS 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.



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 AND UNIO 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.













An enjoyable afternoon and time of refreshing and fellowship.

"We are Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"!

Thank you Lord!











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

CALC 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 <u>CHURCH DIRECTORY</u> 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.



The beautiful flowers waiting on my desk to surprise me when I came in to the church office for work recently. The arrangement was made by the

FFA at WHS. THANK YOU!

---- Debbie





Online

Thank You Thank you note from Christopher Clifton, Grandson of Jane Clifton. To the Members of UUMC: To the Members of OUNIC. Thank you so much for the nice message abat Kilimanjaro in the church bulletin!! Growing up in Brid-gevilles prepared me to live my life-long goals, and I am so thankful to UUMC for the role it played in my life. And for enriching the life of my grandmother - On Ch

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

<u>COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE @ Union Church</u> Monday, Nov. 11th

10am to 3pm



We're hosting another blood drive to help with the critical shortages in blood supply. Please consider donating --- this is one gift people can't shop for!.



Use the following link to make your own appointment or call the church office at 302-337-7409 to have an appointment scheduled for you.

https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/10051

Don't know your schedule that day? No problem —- walk-ins are also welcome.

Alert

BEWARE - there have been more attempts recently via e-mail with requests to copy our online church directory and send it to folks claiming to be members or a part of our church family. If you ever receive a request like that, please ignore it and do not open the e-mail as it may contain a virus. Any requests for copies of our online directory should come to the church office so it can be authenticated before giving out contact information for anyone in our church family.



Small group studies are important to the spiritual health of a church. They help to increase our awareness of God's Word, create a "team" atmosphere, develops self-motivation, helps us to investigate issues, listen to viewpoints other than our own, and get to know others in our church family even better. It is our goal to have several small group studies in 2025. If you are interested in leading a small group study (approximately 6-8 weeks), or have a particular subject you would be interested in being part of a small group study on, please contact Pastor Mark.

Bible studies & small groups

Town of Bridgeville Upcoming Events

Dec. 3—Town Hall Tree Lighting Ceremony—6pm @ Town Hall Dec. 7—48th Annual "Christmas in Bridgeville Craft Show" @ WMS Dec. 14—Bridgeville Christmas Parade—"Holiday Movie Magic"

> Go to www.**bridgeville.delaware.gov/events** for additional information on town events.



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

<u>August</u>

- 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 Scrapple 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





<u>November</u>

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
 - <u>Christian Education</u> 9am (Sept. May)
 - Sunday Worship Service 9am (June August)

 - God's Fire Youth Group Wednesday 6:30pm
 - Food Pantry Wednesday & Friday 10am–1pm



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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 Sunday School Helpers Communion Helpers

Greeters and Ushers Special Music/Instrumentals Acolytes Christmas Program Help



SUNDAY

Christian Education Classes for ALL Ages-9am Morning Worship & Praise—10am "Son-Seekers" Adult Class—11am



God's Fire Youth Group Wednesdays at 6pm



Church Office

Monday—Friday

9:00am to 3:00pm

Debbie Vogelsang Office Manager

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