



# APRIL UNION TIMES



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## Pastor's Page

### Jesus' Final Week

When you read this, we will soon be headed to our annual Easter celebrations! We look forward to commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry on Palm Sunday and walking through His final week, culminating in the reenactment of the Last Supper by our men's group on Maundy Thursday.

We look forward to celebrating the Risen Christ on Easter morning at the sunrise service followed by a good breakfast served by our women's group and enjoyed by all that come out. Then we will have our Easter service in the sanctuary remembering Jesus' resurrection! What a time of celebration and joy!

Each year Union Methodist Church is blessed to be a part of a powerful witness of the universal church worldwide of that life-changing event over two thousand years ago. God is moving in our community to reach Bridgeville with the good news of Christ through each one of us.

While preparing for this year's Holy Week services, I discovered some insightful words by George MacLeod, one of Scotland's most influential pastors in the twentieth century. His message remains just as relevant for us in 2025 as it was when he originally wrote it.

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## Pastor's Page

*"I simply argue that the cross be raised again at the center of the marketplace as well as on the steeple of the church. I am recovering the claim that Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves; on the town garbage heap; at a crossroads so cosmopolitan that they had to write His title in Hebrew and in Latin and in Greek; at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. Because that is where He died. And that is what He died about. And that is where Christians ought to be and what Christians ought to be about."*

Visualizing the cross in the marketplace, rather than just at our church altar, serves as a profound reminder for us. God gave His only Son because **"God so loved the world"** (John 3:16). As we continue to celebrate the Good News of Easter, I encourage you to reflect on where your marketplace is. What does it mean for you to represent Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord, in that space?

Yes, it is Easter Union Methodist. May we love the world as Jesus did!

Standing in Christ alone,  
Pastor Mark

**Mark 16:39 ESV**

***"And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed His last, he said, 'Truly this man was the Son of God!'"***





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  
 God's Fire Youth—6:15pm (Wednesdays)

The Season of Lent—March 9, 2025 through April 20, 2025

Tuesday, April 1st — “Our Unshakable Hope” Bible Study—1pm

Wednesday, April 2nd—10th—Fellowship Hall Reserved for God's Fire Youth Eggs

Thursday, April 3rd— “Book of Esther” Bible Study—10:30am

“Book of Revelation” Bible Study—7pm

Sunday, April 6th—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday, April 7th—Friday, April 11th—Easter Egg Pick-Up—9am thru 3pm

Methodist Women Serving the Kiwanis Dinner—6pm

Tuesday, April 8th—“Our Unshakable Hope” Bible Study—1pm

SPRC Meeting—6pm

Worship Committee Meeting—7pm

Thursday, April 10th— “Book of Esther” Bible Study—10:30am

“Book of Revelation” Bible Study—7pm

Saturday, April 12th—Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting—8am in Seaford

Sunday, April 13th—PALM SUNDAY

Church Vote for Additional Staff Position

Tuesday, April 15th—“Our Unshakable Hope” Bible Study—1pm

Activities & Events Committee Meeting—7pm

Thursday, April 17th—MAUNDY THURSDAY

“Book of Esther” Bible Study—10:30am

The Living Last Supper—6:30pm

Friday, April 18th—GOOD FRIDAY

Sanctuary is Open for Prayer—3pm thru 6pm

Saturday, April 19th—Community Egg Hunt—10am

Sunday, April 20th—EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Worship—6:30am & 10am [No Sunday School]

Breakfast immediately following the Sunrise Service

Monday, April 21st—[Church Office is Closed]

Methodist Women Serving the Kiwanis Dinner—6pm

Tuesday, April 22nd—“Our Unshakable Hope” Bible Study—1pm [Last Meeting]

Thursday, April 24th—“Book of Esther” Bible Study—10:30am

“Book of Revelation” Bible Study—7pm

Thursday, May 1st—Community Blood Drive @ Union Church—10am thru 3pm



# MARCH Birthdays

- 2—Joan Hastings  
Jay Repa
- 4—Connie Hartzell
- 6—Shawn Mitchell  
Trevor Schrock
- 9—Donna Egner
- 10—Jacque Tomlinson
- 12—Barb Adelsperger  
Ginny Williams
- 14—Allison Dean



- 16—Mark Chisenhall
- 17—Bradley Schutt
- 18—Marlene Mervine
- 20—Kate Dittman  
Brynn Schutt
- 29—Pam Tull

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



If you are interested, or would like additional information, about playing softball this season on Union's team, please contact Hunter Murray at: 302-943-7695 (cell) [HRMurray45@gmail.com](mailto:HRMurray45@gmail.com)



## EASTER FLOWERS

**\$10.00 Each**



*Place a flower in memory of, or in honor of, a friend or loved one this Easter. Choose between tulips, daffodils, or traditional Easter lilies. Order forms are available in the narthex and at the church office.*

**Deadline for orders is Sunday, April 6th.**

If paying by check, make check payable to: **Jeff's Greenhouse**

*Return your order form and payment to the Church Office or place in the offering plate clearly designated "Easter Flowers". Flowers should be taken home after Easter morning worship service (April 20th).*





### Thursday, April 17th

The Methodist ladies will not have their regular meeting at 1pm due to The Living Supper activity taking place that evening. Instead, plan to arrive an hour early, by 5:30pm, to help in the kitchen with the dinner meal and service for the event.

Thank you.

**WE WELCOME YOU  
TO JOIN US!!!**

## UNION METHODIST MEN

**Saturday, April 12th  
8:00 AM**

**The men's monthly breakfast fellowship will take place at the Golden Eagle Diner in Seaford.**

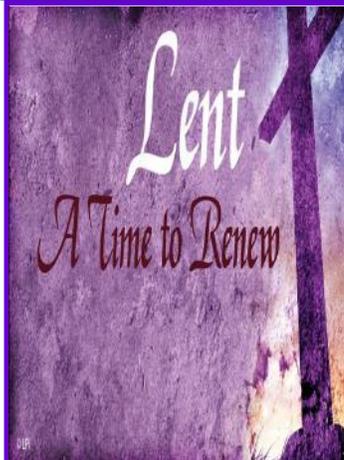
**See you there!**

*Special thanks to Larry Snyder for his willingness to serve as the President of the Methodist Men's ministry.*



Both of the Methodist Women and Methodist Men groups are open to everyone. The women typically meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall (Sept.—May). The men meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8am for a breakfast fellowship in Seaford (Sept.—May).

We invite everyone to be a part of these two important groups of Union Church that support and strengthen our church ministries as well as many other community projects and causes. Come see what we're all about!



Lent is the observance of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptations by Satan according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry.

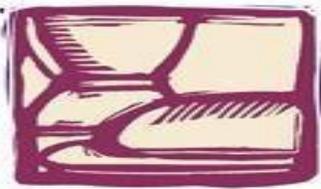
- 1st Sunday of Lent—March 9th
- 2nd Sunday of Lent—March 16th
- 3rd Sunday of Lent—March 23rd
- 4th Sunday of Lent—March 30th
- 5th Sunday of Lent—April 6th

### Church Business

Congregational  
**VOTE**

There will be a brief business meeting and vote on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to determine whether to commit to the addition of a Family Ministries Coordinator on staff or whether to postpone pursuing that at this time. You must be a member of Union Methodist Church to be able to vote.

# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### *Sunday, April 13th—Palm Sunday (10am)*

Always a joyous occasion as we celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. Palm Sunday signifies the beginning of Holy Week. The children will be presenting crosses made of palms and special music will be provided by the God's Fire Youth Sticks Ministry team.

### *Thursday, April 17th—Maundy Thursday (6:30pm)*

"A Living Last Supper" - This dramatic reenactment of Christ's last meal with the disciples in the upper room will feature many of the men in our church and will include a dinner meal. Holy Communion will also be observed at the conclusion of the presentation. RSVP to the church office if you are able to attend as spaces are limited.

### *Friday, April 18th—Good Friday*

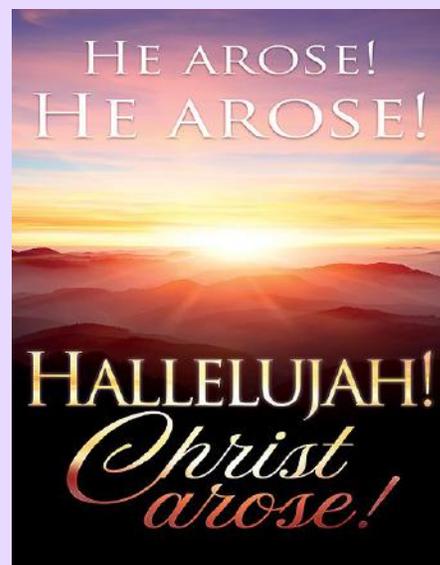
This holy day symbolizes the suffering and death of Jesus Christ and the promise of salvation and eternal life. The Sanctuary will be open that afternoon from 3pm through 6pm for those that would like to stop by and spend some time in prayer.

### *Easter Sunday, April 20th —Easter Sunday*

**Sunrise Service @ Bridgeville Cemetery Pond  
(6:30am)**

*(Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning sunrise service.)*

**Easter Morning Worship (10am)**





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Class	Time	Teachers	Classroom
Pre-K – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	9 AM	Joan Hastings	Room #201
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> 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	<i>(varies weekly)</i>	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 APRIL is “Potted and Canned Meats” Month! @ the Community Food Pantry



Donations of any type of tuna fish or potted meats (SPAM, TREET, Beef Stew, Corned Beef Hash, 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!**



## PICK UP SCHEDULE FOR EASTER EGGS



Monday (4/7)  
 thru  
 Friday (4/11)  
*(9am-3pm)*

We are in need of nursery volunteers  
 If you are available to help occasionally, please contact Tiffany Schutt at:  
**tiff.snyder89@gmail.com.**





**A LIVING LAST SUPPER PRESENTATION**

**Thursday, April 17th—6:30pm**

This dramatic presentation featuring many of the men in our church will include a dinner meal. The evening will conclude with Holy Communion. No

ticket is required however you must RSVP to the church office to reserve your place as spaces will be limited. There is no charge for this event.

# BLOOD DRIVE

**DONATIONS SAVE LIVES**



**May 1, 2025**

**10AM-3PM**

**Could B U**

**Union Methodist Church**

**2 N. Laws St., Bridgeville, DE 11933**

*Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. Masks are optional for all donors and staff. For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit [delmarvablood.org/coronavirus](https://delmarvablood.org/coronavirus).*



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Earth Day is a day to raise awareness and take action to protect the planet. It's celebrated annually on April 22 in the United States and on either April 22 or the spring equinox in other parts of the world. The theme this year is **“Our Power, Our Planet”**.

**“Our Unshakable Hope” Bible Study**—Tuesdays at 1pm

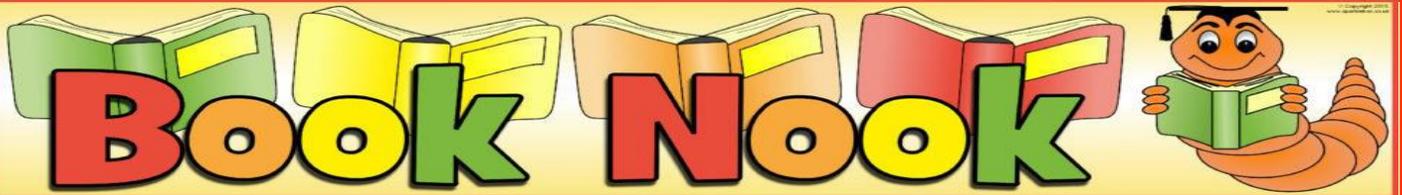
[Led by Bob & Sally Vankeuren]

**“The Book of Esther” Bible Study**—Thursdays at 10:30am

[Led by Mary Ann Bell]

**“The Book of Revelation” Bible Study**—Thursdays at 7pm

[Led by Pastor Mark]



Union’s Little Library is Looking for some Eager Readers. Here's your Invitation to check out the many selections of books in our "*Book Nook*"

**WHERE:** Next to Conference Room

**WHEN:** Before or After Church and Whenever Church is Open

**WHY:** Reading is educational, a known stress reliever and enjoyable FUN!

Whatever your age there is something for you at the *Book Nook*. In addition to an abundance of children's books to choose from, we also have Christian fiction selections and wonderful Christian educational picks. The color code system makes things easy to find.

To begin your *Book Nook* search just look for the highlighted selections placed on the door. Feel free to browse the shelves and take a book or two home with you. You can keep your selections as long as you like, then return them in the bin marked Returns.

We are also accepting gently used book donations. Kindly deposit your books in bin marked Donations.

Remember to keep the *Book Nook* door open so we can continue to share our treasure of books with everyone.



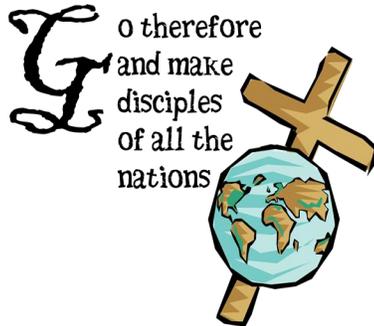
Best Regards and Happy Reading 😊 📚

Paula Kowalski  
Book Nook Librarian

# MISSIONS

...at home and around the world

## Union Church Supports Missions Around the World . . .



Lance & Laura Ostman  
*[Mindinao, Philippines]*

David & Dottie LaCompte  
*[The Caucasus, Armenia]*

Treasures of the Nation Children's Center  
*[Kyiv, Ukraine]*

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



Baskets of empty plastic Easter eggs have been available to fill with individually wrapped candy for Union's annual Community Egg Hunt planned for Saturday, April 19th. Please return your filled baskets by Sunday, April 6th.

Thank you for your help.



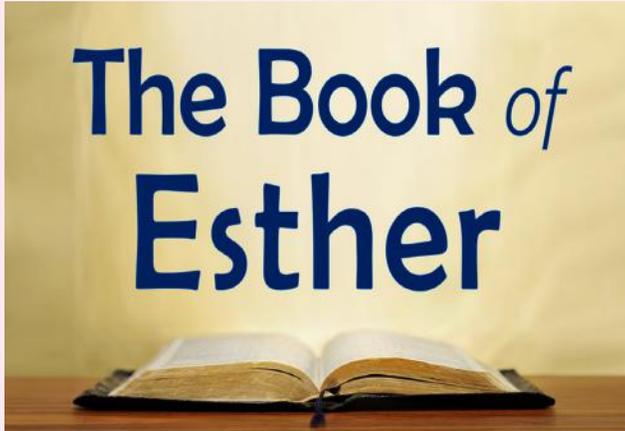
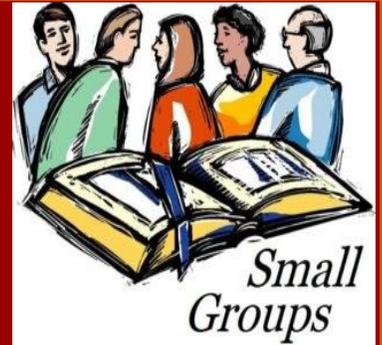
[www.unioninbridgeville.com](http://www.unioninbridgeville.com)

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:

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Tithes & Offerings  | Local & Foreign Missions      |
| Memorial Gifts      | Food Pantry & Needy Fund      |
| Renovation Projects | Love Gifts                    |
| Building Fund       | Disaster Relief               |
| Designated Giving   | Family Ministry Coordinator   |
| Other . . .         | Fellowship Hall Refurbishment |

Small group studies are important because they foster deeper connections and relationships within our church and allow individuals to share personal experiences, receive support, hold each other accountable, and grow spiritually through open discussion and shared learning. We study God's Word to learn about His character, plans for us, and to gain guidance for our daily living. Consider joining a small group study.



# The Book of Esther

**Thursdays at 10:30am**

*[Led by MaryAnn Bell—Conference Room]*

In the book of Esther, we learn of a beautiful Jewish woman who becomes the king's wife and saves her people from genocide.

God's message to us is that He is sovereign and faithful, working through seemingly coincidental events to protect his people. It shows that God does not abandon his people, even when they seem to be in danger.

## OUR UNSHAKEABLE HOPE BIBLE STUDY

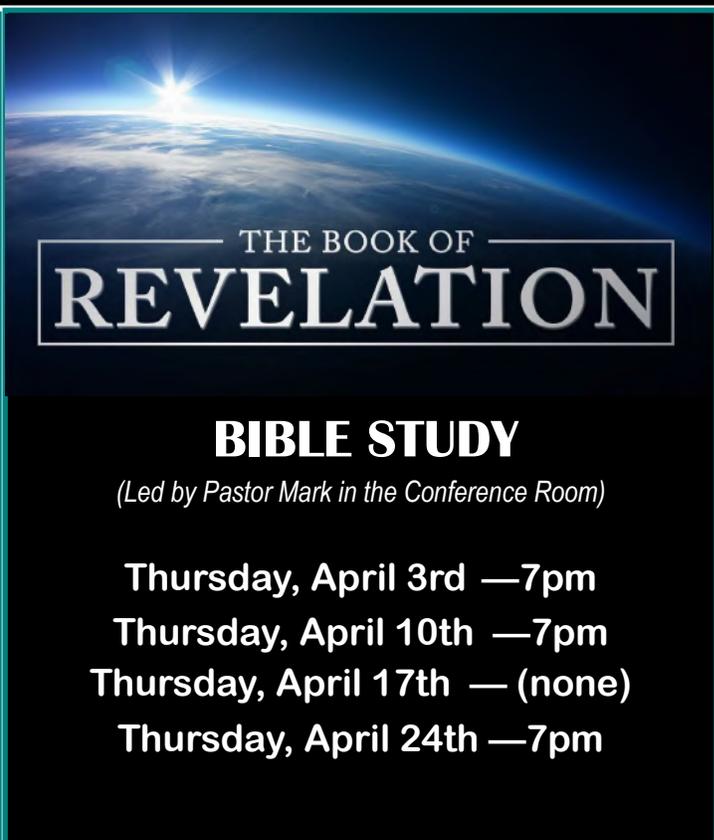
*(Led by Bob & Sally Vankeuren in the Conference Room)*

**Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 1pm**

**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – 1pm**

**Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – 1pm**

**Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1pm**



## THE BOOK OF REVELATION

### BIBLE STUDY

*(Led by Pastor Mark in the Conference Room)*

**Thursday, April 3rd —7pm**

**Thursday, April 10th —7pm**

**Thursday, April 17th — (none)**

**Thursday, April 24th —7pm**



## UNSHAKEABLE HOPE

ANCHORING YOUR SOUL IN GOD'S PROMISES



# Summer CAMPS

## THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE SUMMER CAMP AT UNION METHODIST CHURCH!

**Union Church is once again offering a Summer Camp Program for children ages 5 thru 11. A home away from home where kids laugh, learn, explore, and grow while creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime, all in a positive, Christian setting.**

**Time: 9am to 3pm**

**Cost: \$150/week per child**

*[Check out our discounts.]*

**Before-Care: Begins at 7:45am (\$7/camper)**

**After-Care: Ends at 4pm (\$7/camper)**

Week 1: *(June 16-20) What's the Buzz*

Week 2: *(June 23-27) I'm Just a Bill*

—————*Break*—————

Week 3: *(July 7-11) Under the Big Top*

Week 4: *(July 14-18) Crack the Code*

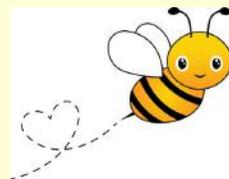
—————*Break*—————

Week 5: *(July 28-August 1) Rubber Ducky You're the One*

Week 6: *(August 4-8) Wild Wild West*

Week 7: *(August 11-15) A Taste of Italy*

Week 8: *(August 18-22) Wet 'N Wild*



**Contact the Church Office at 302-337-7409 or [uumchurch@comcast.net](mailto:uumchurch@comcast.net) to have a registration packet sent to you. Limited availability—first come-first served. Don't delay.**

Helpers are always welcome to assist with special activities or events planned for the children.  
Contact the church office if you are available to help.



# 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

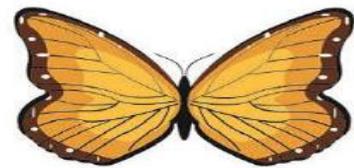
**October** – donations for postage

*(Donated items may be placed in the designated box located in the narthex.)*

**Thank you for supporting this ministry of Union Church!!!**



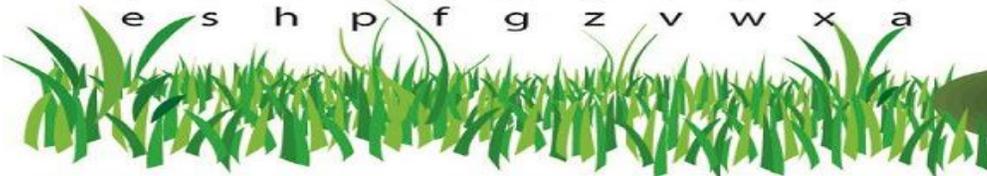
# APRIL WORD SEARCH



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### WORDS

- showers
- underground
- daffodil
- tulip
- bloom
- taurus
- diamond
- earth
- easter
- passover
- fool



## 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 4:30pm.

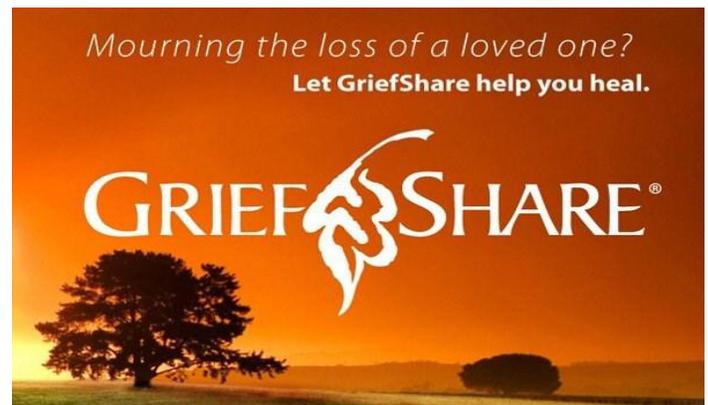
#### 2025 Meeting Schedule:

March 30th—Meetings

April 6th, 13th, 27th—Meetings

May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th—Meetings

June 1st, 8th—Meetings



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.

### **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.**



Online Church  
**DIRECTORY**

# 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 Debi Adams, Pastor Mark, or call the church office.

**All About INFLATABLES**

**Tony's PIZZERIA**

## 5th Annual Autism Event

**Saturday May 3rd 12pm-5pm**  
*Rain Date: May 10th*  
*Location: Tony's Pizza in Bridgeville*  
**Admission: \$7 per Jumper**  
*Includes wristbands - child must wear them in order to participate*  
*(Money collected goes to Autism Delaware & Local School Programs)*  
*Donations: Make Check out to Autism Delaware*  
**Vendors: \$50 a Spot**  
*10x10 Space*



BRIDGEVILLE SENIOR CENTER

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

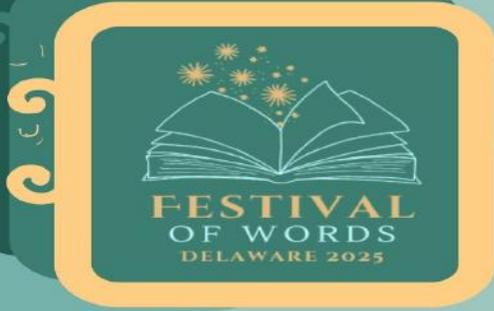
If you have extra time during the week and would like to help seniors/homebound members of our community here in Bridgeville by delivering meals, we would love to have your help!

Please contact Outreach Worker, Wendy Whaley-Little, if you are interested and would like to know more about our program.

(302) 337-8771 (if we are not available to answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned)



"Happiness springs from doing good and helping others" - Plato



**Saturday April 5, 2025**  
**Woodbridge High School**  
 14712 Woodbridge Road  
 Greenwood, DE, 19950

**“A Place for Everyone”**

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Registration required**



WITH  
**JASON  
 REYNOLDS**



**Register here!**

[bit.ly/41Du6iM](https://bit.ly/41Du6iM)



*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, April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30am**

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

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

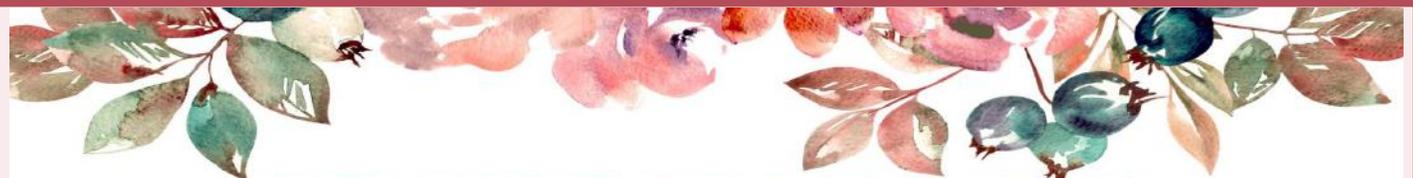


**Saturday, April 19th — 10:00**  
*(rain or shine)*

Union's annual egg hunt is open to ALL children from toddlers through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

If you are able to help that morning, or have questions, please call Dionne Keeler at 302-337-3099 or 302-236-9080.

Thank you!

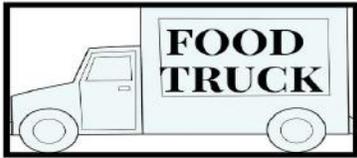


BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY'S  
*Swing into Spring*  
**VENDOR & CRAFT SHOW**

**SATURDAY      APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**9AM - 1PM**

Join us for 20+ local vendors selling decor, household, personalized, and crafty items with so much more!

**FRIENDS  
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**600 S. Cannon St.  
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## UNION METHODIST CHURCH

### 2025 Leadership & Committee Listing



#### **CHURCH COUNCIL:**

Church Council Chairperson.....Rita Hovermale [1<sup>st</sup> term -2yr.]  
 Church Council Vice Chairperson....Robin Daugherty [1<sup>st</sup> term-1yr.]  
 Church Council Secretary.....Margaret Workman [1<sup>st</sup> term -2yr.]  
 Church Treasurer.....Pete Stephens [1<sup>st</sup> term -2yr.]  
 Finance .....Jim Adelsperger [1<sup>st</sup> term -2yr.]  
 Hands Ministries.....Kathy Carlisle [1<sup>st</sup> term -2yr.] & Vacant  
 Head Ministries.....Jenny Keim [1<sup>st</sup> term -2yr.] & Dionne Keeler [1<sup>st</sup> term -2yr.]  
 Heart Ministries.....Jean Wilson [1<sup>st</sup> term -2yr.] & Joanne Jones [1<sup>st</sup> term -2yr.]  
 Lay Leader .....John Clawson [1<sup>st</sup> term -2yr.]  
 Methodist Men.....Larry Snyder  
 Methodist Women.....Debbie Vogelsang  
 SPRC .....Jeff Allen [1<sup>st</sup> term -2yr.]  
 Sunday School .....Joan Hastings  
 Trustees .....Jerry Jones [1<sup>st</sup> term -2yr.]  
 Youth Representative.....Logan Jackson  
 Worship Committee.....Debi Adams [1<sup>st</sup> term -1yr.]  
 Activities & Community Events .....Joan Hastings [1<sup>st</sup> term -2yr.]

#### **ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Chair – Joan Hastings

thru 2025 Aaron Jackson, Jill Jackson, Hunter Murray

thru 2026 Martha Callaway

thru 2027 Chris & Stephani Adams, Jeff Allen, Bob & Linda Burket, Marianne Chituck, Janet Snyder

#### **FINANCE:** Jim Adelsperger – Chair (*Ex Officio: John Clawson-Lay Leader; Jerry Jones - Trustee Chair; Pete Stephens-Treasurer; Sherry Holmes-Finance Secretary; Jeff Allen-SPRC Chair*)

thru 2025 Richard Carlisle, Garry Killmon, Melissa Mitchell

thru 2026 Jim Adelsperger, Roger Hovermale

thru 2027 Mike Breeding, Linda Pluznick, Debbie Vogelsang

#### **HANDS MINISTRIES:** Chair - Kathy Carlisle

*Hands Ministries has oversight of: Military Support, College Students, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Community Food Pantry, Teen Challenge, Home of Hope*

#### **HEAD MINISTRIES:** Co-chairs - Jenny Keim and Dionne Keeler

*Head Ministries has oversight of: Easter Egg Hunt, God's Fire, Nursery, Church Library*

#### **HEART MINISTRIES:** Co-chairs - Jean Wilson and Joanne Jones

*Heart Ministries has oversight of: Card Ministry, Casserole Committee, Christmas Food Baskets and Mitten Tree, Hospitality Cart, Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry, Music Ministries, and Sports Teams.*

#### **LAY LEADER:** John Clawson

**NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP:** Chair: Rev. Mark Bell (Ex Officio: Lay Leader - John Clawson)

- thru 2025 Joan Hastings
- thru 2026 Roger Hovermale, Jay Repa, Cameron Satchell
- thru 2027 John Clawson, Grant Parker, Renee Parker

**STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SPRC):** Jeff Allen - Chair (Ex Officio: John Clawson-Lay Leader)

- thru 2025 Joan Hastings, Thane Keim, Debbie Short
- thru 2026 Jeff Allen, Allison Dean, Tammy Williamson
- thru 2027 Linda Burket, Larry Grantham, Roger Hovermale

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Coordinator: Joan Hastings

**TRUSTEES:** Jerry Jones – Chair [Trustee Oversight: Security & Endowment]

- thru 2025 Chris Keeler, Dave Mitchell, Hunter Murray
- thru 2026 Aaron Jackson, Renee Parker, Larry Snyder
- thru 2027 Bob Burket, Marty Holmes, Walt Pluznick

**WORSHIP:** Debi Adams – Coordinator

Debi Adams, Stephani Adams, Bev Breeding, John Clawson, Sherry Holmes, Joanne Jones, Mary Noel, Marie Robinson, Robbin Twilley, Pam Tull, Tammy Williamson, Jean Wilson  
 [Communion Stewards: Chris & Stephani Adams, Jane Clifton, Joan Hastings, Marty & Sherry Holmes]  
 [Greeter/Usher Coordinators: Jane Clifton and Sherry Holmes]

**YOUTH COUNCIL:** Logan Jackson, Jordyn Matos, Melissa Mitchell, Tiffany Short, Pam Tull

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**Sub-Committees/Ministries:**

- Audio/Video:** Roger Hovermale, Aaron Jackson, Grant Parker, Karl Reighard
- Bylaws:** John Clawson, Roger Hovermale, Aaron Jackson, Debbie Vogelsang
- Church History:** Joan Hastings, Jerry & Joanne Jones, Debbie Vogelsang
- College Outreach:** Debi Adams and Crystal Brock
- Decorating & Design:** Margaret Workman, Polly Mervine, Rita Hovermale
- Endowment [Trustee Oversight]:** Jerry Jones (Trustee Chair); Pete Stephens (Treasurer); Jim Adelsperger (Finance Chair); Jim Johnson (Member-at-large)
- Facebook Page:** Brad Schutt
- Food Pantry Oversight:** Pastor Mark Bell, Rita Hovermale, Debbie Vogelsang
- Kitchen:** Jane Clifton, Joan Hastings, Rita Hovermale, Jerry Jones, Mary Noel, Jean Wilson, Margaret Workman
- Lay Shepherds:** Leaders: Martha Callaway & Marie Robinson; Shepherds: Chris & Stephani Adams, John Clawson, Joan Hastings, Garry Killmon, Pam Tull, Debbie Vogelsang
- Librarian:** Paula Kowalski
- Marketing/Advertising:** Jeff Allen, Joan Hastings, Rita Hovermale, Debbie Vogelsang
- Military & Veterans:** Roger Hovermale; Marty Holmes, and Jerry Parker
- Missions:** Pastor Mark Bell, MaryAnn Bell, Linda Robertson, Joan Hastings, Debbie Vogelsang
- Prayer Team:** Rev. Martha Callaway [Coordinator], Rev. Marie Robinson, John Clawson, Walt & Linda Pluznick, Pam Tull
- Projection Team:** Aaron Jackson, Logan Jackson, Hunter Murray, Grant Parker, Trever Schrock
- Security Team [Trustee Oversight]:** Keith Brock, Tyler Brock, Bob Burket, John Clawson, Dennis Egner, Walt Pluznick, Larry Snyder
- Theology:** Pastor Mark Bell, John Clawson, Marie Robinson, Martha Callaway
- Visitors/New Members:** Rita Hovermale, Robbin Twilley, Debbie Vogelsang

# What's Happening



## January

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY (*Church Office is Closed*)
- 7 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 11 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 12 Recognition of Church Leadership & Committees
- 14 Worship Committee Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Methodist Women's Meeting, 1pm
- 26 Recognition of New Members, 10am
- 28 Church Council Meeting, 7pm

## February

- 6 Missions Committee Meeting, 10am
- 6 Activities/Events Committee Meeting, 7pm
- 8 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 11 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 17 PRESIDENTS DAY (*Church Office is Closed*)
- 19 Soup & Sandwich Boxed Lunch Sale
- 23 Bring-A-Friend Sunday
- 28 Easter Egg Sales Begin

## March

- 5 Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm
- 8 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 11 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Methodist Women's Meeting, 1pm
- 25 Church Council Meeting, 7pm

## April

- 3 - 6 Egg Making
- 7 - 11 Egg Pick-Up
- 8 SPRC Meeting, 6pm
- 8 Worship Committee Meeting, 7pm
- 12 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 13 Palm Sunday
- 17 Living Last Supper, 6:30pm
- 19 Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10am
- 20 Easter Worship, Sunrise 6:30am, 10am
- 21 Easter Monday (*Church Office is Closed*)
- 27 Recognition of New Members, 10am

## May

- 1 Blood Drive, 10am—3pm
- 10 Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 11 Mother's Day Celebration
- 13 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Methodist Women's Meeting, 1pm
- 18 Baccalaureate Service, 10am
- 25 Sunday School Ends
- 25 Recognition of Graduates & Children/Youth Sunday
- 26 MEMORIAL DAY (*Church Office is Closed*)
- 27 Church Council Meeting, 7pm

## June

- 1 Summer Worship Service hours at 9am begin
- 9-13 Summer Camp Staff Training
- 10 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Father's Day Celebration
- 16-20 Summer Camp Week #1



- Communion Service - First Sunday of each Month
- Sunday School - 9am (*Sept. - May*)
- Sunday Worship Service - 10am
- God's Fire Youth Group - Wednesdays 6:30pm
- Food Pantry - Wednesdays & Fridays 10am-1pm

# What's Happening



**July**

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 7-11 Summer Camp Week #3
- 8 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 14-18 Summer Camp Week #4
- 22 Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- 27 Recognition of New Members, 10am
- 28 – 8/1 Summer Camp Week #5
- 28 – 8/1 FCA Day Camp

**August**

- 4-8 Summer Camp Week #6
- 11-15 Summer Camp Week #7
- 12 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 18-22 Summer Camp Week #8
- 24 All-Church Breakfast, 8am
- 24 Summer Camp Sunday

**September**

- Month of September – Camp Scholarships Coin Drive*
- 1 LABOR DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 7 Sunday School resumes at 9am
- 7 Fall Worship hours resume at 10am
- 9 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 13 Methodist Men’s Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 18 Methodist Women’s Meeting, 1pm
- 23 Church Council Meeting, 7pm

**October**

- Month of October – Camp Scholarships Coin Drive*
- 5 World Communion Sunday
- 10 – 11 Apple Scapple Festival
- 11 Methodist Men’s Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 13 COLUMBUS DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 14 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 16 Methodist Women’s Meeting, 1pm
- 26 Recognition of New Members, 10am

**November**

- 1 Mitten Tree Collection Begins
- 2 All Saints Day Service
- 8 Methodist Men’s Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 11 VETERANS DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 11 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 18 Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- 20 Methodist Women’s Meeting, 1pm
- 20 Finance Committee Meeting, 6pm
- 23 Annual Business Meeting
- 27 THANKSGIVING DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 28 *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 30 Hanging of the Greens Service *(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)*

**December**

- 5 Blue Christmas Holiday Service, 7pm
- 9 SPRC Meeting, 7pm
- 9 – 20 Fellowship Hall Reserved for Mitten Tree
- 13 Methodist Men’s Breakfast Meeting, 8am
- 13 Bridgeville Christmas Parade
- 18 Methodist Women’s Christmas Lunch, 11:30am
- 20 Mitten Tree Delivery Day, 8:30am
- 20 Wreaths Across America, Noon
- 20 Caroling-in-the-Courtyard/Live Nativity, 6pm
- 21 Christmas Program, 6pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Silent Communion, 6pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 7pm



- Communion Service - First Sunday of each Month
- Sunday School – 9am *(Sept. – May)*
- Sunday Worship Service – 10am
- God’s Fire Youth Group – Wednesdays 6:30pm
- Food Pantry – Wednesdays & Fridays 10am–1pm

**Bridgeville Public Library  
Teen/Tween Program**

# STEAM Team Showcase

**Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**1:30-2:30pm or 3:00-4:00pm**

**Ages 10-17**  
 Join our team for "STEAM Team Showcase" and engage in science-driven activities that are fun and educational. In April, you will learn the basics of Coding.

We prefer registration to ensure we have enough materials. Please call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or go online: [delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville](http://delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville)  
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# ANIME CLUB

Teens & Tweens  
Ages 10-17

Do you love discussing your favorite Anime and Manga series, and discovering new ones? Then our Anime & Manga Club is the place for you!

**JOIN MS. HILARY AT THE LIBRARY  
THURSDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> @ 4PM**

You will:

- Watch anime together, vote on what to watch next!
- Dive into the stories and discuss characters, plot twists, and everything in between.

ALL ANIME WILL BE RATED FOR AGES 14 AND UNDER.

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**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

**FREE LUNCH PROVIDED  
ALL MODERN CONSOLES AVAILABLE**

**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
10am-2pm**

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JOIN US FOR THE

# BRIDGEVILLE SENIOR CENTER DANCE CLASS



- 1ST AND 3RD MONDAY
- MARCH, APRIL & MAY
- 11AM-12PM
- @ THE BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY

AGES 55+  
 BRING SOME FRIENDS AND ENJOY POPULAR DANCES!  
 WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHES.  
 WATER WILL BE PROVIDED.  
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BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY'S

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

## "BUNNIES & BASKETS"

THURSDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>  
 6-8PM

Join us for a fun night with your family! We will have crafts for a mini basket, snacks, and a photo op with the Easter bunny!



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.  
 CALL 302-337-7401 EXT.101  
 OR ONLINE:  
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Due to popular requests...

# Emerging Adults Craft Night

(ages 18-35)

Enjoy a night out with your friends to craft and make this beautiful floral book art!



**Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
5:30-7pm**

Registration is required!  
 Call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or signup online:  
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# Your Bridge to the World

A culinary and literary adventure



Join us on Saturday, April 5th from 11am-1pm as we discuss the book selection "The Enchanted Hacienda" by J. C. Cervantes, and enjoy a variety of Mexican inspired cuisine.

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

Available on the Libby app!

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



**Oliver**

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

**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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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 9am** ages 0-2

Join us for stories, songs and rhymes!  
**April theme SPRING**

No sessions on April 22nd & 23rd

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**"Library Learners League" Homeschool Group**

Join Ms. Hilary for an educational experience to be held on the 2nd Thursday from 11am-12pm.

**Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Introduction to Economics & Marketing**  
Learn basic concepts: supply and demand, profit and loss, marketing basics, and product/service analysis. This will tie into our business fair in May.

**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.

We will have a dedicated area tailored for the younger learners (ages 6 & under), if you would find it more beneficial.

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BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY'S

# Book Club

Ages 8-14

**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm**

Join Ms. Miranda at the library for a fun interactive Book Club! Several copies of the book are reserved at the library. It is also available as an ebook on the Libby or Hoopla App.

**THIS MONTH'S BOOK: "ESCAPE FROM MR. LEMONCELLO'S LIBRARY" BY CHRIS GRABENSTEIN**



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FOR ADULTS AND OPEN TO TEENS 14+

# MAHJONG

WE ARE LOOKING FOR BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED PLAYERS TO LEARN OR PLAY THE GAME OF MAHJONG!

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, starting March 28<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30pm**

WE WILL HAVE 2 BOARDS AVAILABLE OR YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN BOARD/RACKS AND CARDS/TILES TO PLAY, IF YOU WISH. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. PLEASE CALL 302-337-7401 EXT. 101 OR ONLINE: [DELAWARELIBRARIES.LIBCAL.COM](http://DELAWARELIBRARIES.LIBCAL.COM)



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**\*Disclaimer-We will be playing the American version of Mahjong with cards, using the 2024 card.**

# BEACHSIDE book festival

SPEND THE DAY AT THE BEACH WITH THE SUSSEX COUNTY LIBRARIES BEACHSIDE BOOK FESTIVAL!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025**

10:00am - 1:00pm  
Local author talks and craft vendors

5:00pm  
Author talk and book signing with David Baldacci. Use the QR code to purchase your ticket!



**BROWSEABOUT READ BOOKS**

**SUSSEX COUNTY LIBRARIES**

Rehoboth Beach Convention Center  
229 Rehoboth Ave., Rehoboth Beach, DE 19771

Bridgeville Library's Community Bridge to Wellness



## COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

Our library now has a Community Health Worker onsite two days a week to provide access to free counseling, resources, and incentives for qualifying individuals.

**CHW Latoya Harris**  
Call for availability

Other services offered:

- Food and Clothing Pantry Connections-Information about local open pantries and days of operations.
- Wraparound Services- Assistance with completing necessary paperwork and documentation.

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Comprehensive Community Center

Bridgeville Public Library

# Therapeutic Session

## Let's Talk: Stress

WITH **Dr. Michelle Hammond**  
**Friday, April 4, 2025 6:00 PM**

Returning due to popular demand during the Culture and Arts Event!



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JOIN US AS WE IMPROVE OUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH IN 2025

# CHAIR FITNESS CLASS

**Every MONDAY @ 9:30am through the end of June**  
FREE and open to the public

Instructor Bree Rudy, ISSA Group Exercise Instructor, will conduct a 45 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!

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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
- Offering Counters

- Family Ministry Coordinator
- Greeters and Ushers
- Special Music/Instrumentals
- Acolytes
- Children’s Chat Volunteers



**SUNDAY**

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



**God’s Fire Youth Group**  
**Wednesdays at 6:15pm**

*Rev. Mark Bell*



Monday—Friday

9:00am to 3:00pm

Debbie Vogelsang  
Office Administrator

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