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WHO WAS ST. PATRICK?

St. Patrick was born in Britain to a Christian family near the 4th century. His grandfather was a leader in the local church and his father was a deacon and an official in the local government. Patrick was raised in a wealthy Christian family, but Patrick himself didn't take any interest in God or the church.

At the age of 16 he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and carried back to Ireland as a slave. The conditions and behavior of the people there were barbaric. Patrick found himself in a rural setting, which he had no experience with and was expected to be a shepherd. He had to learn this skill quickly because he had been threatened with severe punishment if he lost any of the sheep.

In addition, his captors nearly starved him to death. He had to become self-sufficient. Patrick realized there was no escape from his situation. I'm sure he was devastated and questioned everything from why this was happening to him to wishing he had listened and developed his relationship with God when his family tried to train him. Patrick had been assigned this mountain to show others it could be moved by trusting in God. Patrick found out what faith in God was all about.

At his greatest time of need Patrick cried out to God with an open repentant heart and God answered him with mercy, grace, and strength to survive and overcome all the obstacles he faced. In time, even though still a slave, he and the Lord had become one in thought, word and deed. Blame was gone and peace with God had come. The mountain was moved!

After six years, of being a slave God spoke to Patrick in a dream and told him to get up and go. A boat was waiting on him. Although fearful, Patrick got up and obeyed God. He made the two-hundred-mile journey not knowing if he would be recaptured. And when he arrived at the water, there was a boat waiting on him as God had promised. Patrick made it back home safely.

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Even though he loved his family and time of rest, he was not the same person as he had been before he left. God was calling him into His service. Patrick trusted and obeyed the call of God. He spent the next 20 or so years being spiritually trained and at the end of that time had advanced to the office of bishop. It was then that God called him to go back to Ireland as a missionary. God asked Patrick to go back to Ireland to bring the Gospel to his former captors, the barbarians of Ireland. Another mountain that trusting God had moved. He was advised not to go (by well-intentioned people, no doubt) but Patrick never forgot his captors need for Christ. He knew his calling and would not be moved from it.

He knew that he had yielded himself to God in Ireland through the things that he had suffered and wanted desperately for the Irish to know and experience God 's love and truth too. He knew that God had trained him for this missionary journey from the beginning of His captivity at 16 until that day! He would choose to be obedient to God's call. Because of Patrick's obedience and the obedience of countless others, God's salvation and miraculous power spread through all of Ireland.

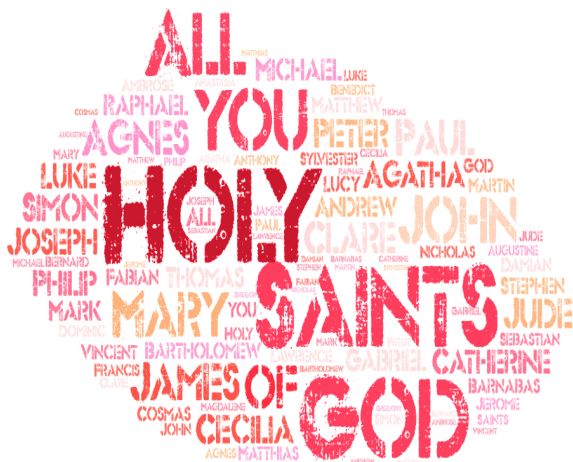
Did you know that if you are a believer, you are a saint? We are called saints of God. Patrick was a saint and so are you! You may not feel like a saint, but you are! Scripture says...we all are saints of God if we have placed our faith in Him.

Patrick received his salvation and became a saint somewhere in the pastures of Ireland after he was kidnapped at the age of 16. Because of what he suffered, Patrick's crusty heart softened and became new with the love and care of Christ. After his conversion, Patrick followed Christ with virtue and faithfulness the rest of his life.

We all have a calling as the saints of God to be ministers of reconciliation. When we received Christ and were sealed by the Holy Spirit, we then received the power of the Holy Spirit to do the work of the ministry. We may not suffer as Patrick did but we will all see suffering if we proclaim the Gospel of Christ in its fullness as Christ desires.

I challenge each of you today to remember those saints like Patrick who have gone before you to proclaim the faith. Learn from their example and cherish their contribution. Then go out into your world with the message of Jesus Christ. As Patrick, continue to do your part with faithfulness!

Pastor Mark



March

Calendar of 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

God's Fire Youth—6:15pm (Wednesdays)

Friday, Feb. 28th thru Sunday, March 23rd—Accepting Orders for Chocolate Easter Eggs

Sunday, March 2nd—**Holy Communion** & Worship Service—10am

Monday, March 3rd—Methodist Women Serving the Kiwanis Dinner—6pm

Tuesday, March 4th—**“Our Unshakable Hope” Bible Study**—1pm

Wednesday, March 5th—**“Ash Wednesday” Service**—7pm

Thursday, March 6th—**“Book of Revelation” Bible Study**—7pm

Friday, March 7th—**World Day of Prayer**

Saturday, March 8th—Methodist Men’s Breakfast Fellowship—8am in Seaford



Sunday, March 9th—**1st Sunday in Lent**

Daylight Savings Time—**SPRING FORWARD**

Tuesday, March 11th—**“Our Unshakable Hope” Bible Study**—1pm

SPRC Meeting—7pm

Thursday, March 13th—**“Book of Esther” Bible Study**—10:30am

“Book of Revelation” Bible Study—7pm

Sunday, March 16th—**2nd Sunday in Lent**

Summer Camp Staff Interviews—1pm to 4pm

Monday, March 17th—Methodist Women Serving the Kiwanis Dinner—5:30pm

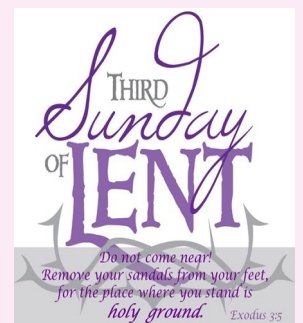
Tuesday, March 18th—**“Our Unshakable Hope” Bible Study**—1pm

Wednesday, March 19th—Ad Hoc meeting for Christian Education—6pm

Thursday, March 20th—**“Book of Esther” Bible Study**—10:30am

Methodist Women’s Fellowship Meeting—1pm

“Book of Revelation” Bible Study—7pm



Sunday, March 23rd—**3rd Sunday in Lent**

Tuesday, March 25th—**“Our Unshakable Hope” Bible Study**—1pm

Church Council Meeting—7pm

Thursday, March 27th—**“Book of Esther” Bible Study**—10:30am

“Book of Revelation” Bible Study—7pm

Sunday, March 30th—**4th Sunday in Lent**



MARCH Birthdays

1—Rose Moyer

Jeff Tull

3—Ellen Krone

4—Jeff Allen

Bonnie Smith

8—Margaret Workman

11—Jason Dean

13—Jay Mervine



15—Hunter Murray

17—Daryl King

22—Garan Callaway

24—Alma Fleetwood

28—Debbie Short

29—Lynn Clymer

Chris Short

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.



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, March 20th

1:00 PM

The Methodist ladies will meet that afternoon to enjoy light refreshments and fellowship with one another and discuss upcoming events.

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

Hostess: Bev Repa

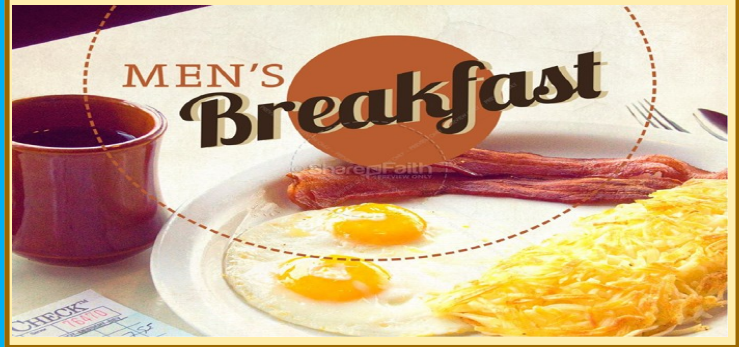
UNION METHODIST MEN

Saturday, March 8th

8:00 AM

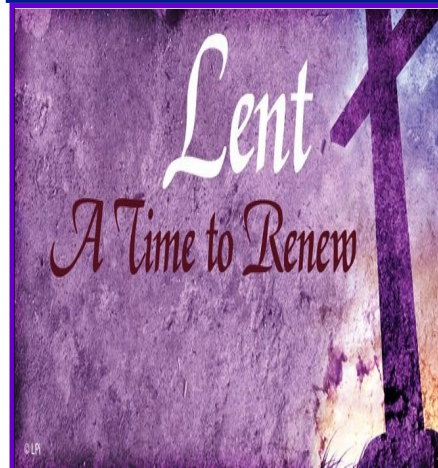
The men's monthly breakfast fellowship will take place at the Golden Eagle Diner in Seaford.

See you there!



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



It's That Time of Year Again!



Chocolate Easter Eggs



Once again our God's Fire Youth will be selling Chocolate Eggs to raise funds for their outreach events and summer overnight trip. Order forms are available at the church office. Completed order forms and payment may be turned in at the church office. If placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, be sure to clearly designate your payment. Choose between peanut butter, butter cream, or coconut— Cost—\$6 per egg. See details below.

God's Fire Easter Egg Sale

Each egg comes decorated and packaged in a gift box with grass. Limited supply – order early!

Customer: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ (cell) _____ (home)

<u>Flavor</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
Peanut Butter (<i>purple grass</i>)	_____	\$6.00/egg	_____
Butter Cream (<i>yellow grass</i>)	_____	\$6.00/egg	_____
Coconut (<i>pink grass</i>)	_____	\$6.00/egg	_____
Total Eggs Ordered	_____	*Total Paid	_____

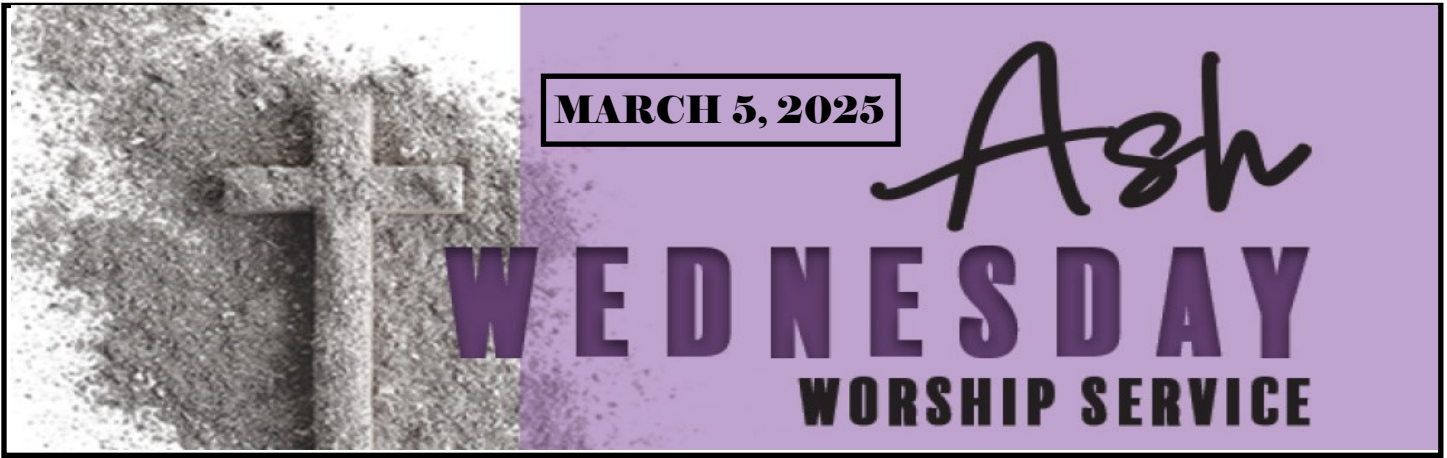
(Warning: the eggs are not made in a nut-free environment; cross contamination may occur.)

***Payment in full MUST be received with this order form - No Exceptions.**

****Order Deadline: Sunday, March 23, 2025 **Return forms to any God's Fire Member or to the church office.**

****Pick up times: Monday (4/7) thru Friday (4/11) (9am-3pm)**

****Make checks payable to God's Fire Youth (Easter is April 20, 2025)**



MARCH 5, 2025

Ash

WEDNESDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE

“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] (Begins March 13th—9 week study)

“The Book of Revelation” Bible Study—Thursdays at 7pm
 [Led by Pastor Mark]



SMALL GROUPS
 Developing deep rooted relationships with God and each other



SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 9th

Special thanks to the Heritage Shores residents and Fiber Arts Club for their donations to our Community Food Pantry of 110 well-filled bags of groceries, \$200 in gift cards and many hand-crafted items:

- 14 sets of hats/scarves/mittens combos
- 3 small blankets
- 44 hats
- 2 scarves
- 1 pair of mittens




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.

Don't Quit!

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
 When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
 When the funds are low and the debts are high,
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
 When care is pressing you down a bit,
 Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
 As every one of us sometimes learns,
 And many a failure turns about,
 When he might have won had he stuck it out;
 Don't give up though the pace seems slow-
 You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than,
 It seems to a faint and faltering man,
 Often the struggler has given up,
 When he might have captured the victor's cup,
 And he learned too late when the night slipped down,
 How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out-
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
 And you never can tell how close you are,
 It may be near when it seems so far,
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit-
 It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

~anonymous~



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 |



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Class	Time	Teachers	Classroom
Pre-K – 1 st Grade	9 AM	Joan Hastings	Room #201
2 nd – 5 th Grades	9 AM	Joanne Jones	Room #205
Jr. & Sr. High School	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 MARCH is “Mixed Greens” Month! @ the Community Food Pantry



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!**



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
 If you are available to help occasionally, please contact Tiffany Schutt at:
tiff.snyder89@gmail.com.





MISSIONS

...at home and around the world

Missionaries Lance & Laura Ostman

Ministering to the Higaunon people of North Central Mindanao, Philippines since 1983.

Current Prayer Requests:

Co-Workers Ron & Michelle and for their safe return to the Philippines
Ongoing translation work on the books of Ezekiel and Job
Persecution faced by the Higaunon church and people

Praises:

Safe arrival in Mindanao, Philippines
No termite damage since last visit, therefore no costly repairs needed



Baskets of empty plastic Easter eggs are available in the narthex beginning on Sunday, March 9th. If you are able, please take a basket and fill the eggs with individually wrapped candy and return to the church. Filled baskets may be placed on the stage or returned to the narthex.

The filled eggs will be used at the Community Easter Egg hunt hosted by Union Church every year the day before Easter. Contact Dionne Keeler if you have any questions.

Volunteers are needed for the winter quarter to give a brief 5 minute message or challenge to the children during the Sunday morning message.

Please contact Jenny Keim at jennk@iniusa.org or call the church office to find out what dates remain available.

Consider being a part of this important ministry to the children.

CHILDREN'S



World Day of Prayer

Friday

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]

(beginning March 13th)

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

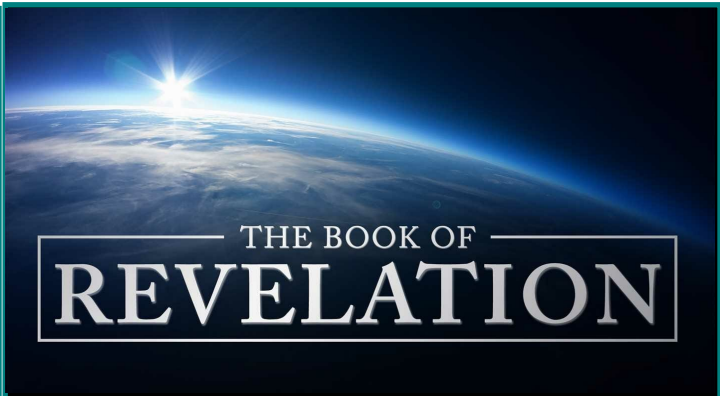
(Led by Bob & Sally Vankeuren in the Conference Room)

Tuesday, March 4th – 1pm

Tuesday, March 11th – 1pm

Tuesday, March 18th – 1pm

Tuesday, March 25th – 1pm



BIBLE STUDY

(Led by Pastor Mark in the Conference Room)

Thursday, March 6th —7pm

Thursday, March 13th —7pm

Thursday, March 20th —7pm

Thursday, March 27th —7pm





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*

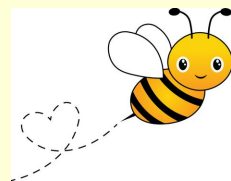
—————*Break*—————

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 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!!!



Delmarva Adult & Teen Challenge Spring Fundraising Banquet 2025

**Dinner, Beverages & Program
Crossroad Community Church
20684 State Forest Road, Georgetown, DE**

Mark your calendars and please join us at Crossroad Community Church as we share powerful stories of life-changing miracles from our DATC students and graduates. Music by the DATC Worship Team, Student Choir, and a Spirit-filled message from Pastor Tim Dilena, Senior Pastor of Times Square Church, NYC, and Pastor Nicky Cruz, the notorious gang leader that David Wilkerson won to Lord in "The Cross and The Switchblade"



Purchase Tickets at www.delmarvateenchallenge.org

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025 @ 6:00PM
www.delmarvateenchallenge.org

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 2nd—Loss of Spouse Session
- March 9th—Start of Griefshare
- March 16th, 23rd, and 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, 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

TIME TO THINK SUMMER CAMP!

Camp scholarship applications are now available for any of our Union youth attending a faith-based camp this summer other than our Union summer camp program.



Completed applications are due back by April 1st.

If you have any questions, contact the church office at 302-337-7409 or e-mail uumchurch@comcast.net. Application forms are available in the church office or contact Debbie to have one sent to you.

(Note: Camp scholarships are estimated to be awarded up to 50% of camp costs, but are not guaranteed. Amount of scholarship is based on funds available and the number of youth applying.)



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



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



UNION METHODIST CHURCH

2025 Leadership & Committee Listing



CHURCH COUNCIL:

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

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 Methodist Women's Meeting, 1pm
- 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

- 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
- 23-27 Summer Camp Week #2

Communion Service - First Sunday of each Month

Sunday School - 9am (*Sept. - May*)

Sunday Worship Service - 9am (*June - August*)
10am (*Sept. - May*)

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 1
- 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 Scrapple 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
- 20 Methodist Women’s Meeting, 1pm
- 20 Finance Committee Meeting, 6pm
- 25 Church Council Meeting, 7pm
- 27 THANKSGIVING DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 28 *(Church Office is Closed)*
- 30 Hanging of the Greens Service *(1st 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
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY *(Church Office is Closed)*


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- Sunday Worship Service – 9am *(June - August)*
10am *(Sept. – May)*
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The **FRIENDS** *of the*
BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY

If you haven't joined or wish to renew your membership with the Friends, visit the library or go to the Friends section on our website for the membership form. Consider attending our monthly meeting on **Monday, March 17th @ 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 19933



Happy National Potato Chip Day

Join us to taste a variety of flavors.
Friday, March 14th 2025



Bridgeville Public Library
600 S. Cannon St.


Bridgeville Library's
SUPER MARIO PARTY

Saturday, March 15th Join Ms. Hilary and Small Town Gaming for video gaming, crafts and snacks. **10am-1pm**
Bring some friends!



Registration is required. Call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or: delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville
600 S. Cannon St. Bridgeville, DE

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.
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
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BRIDGEVILLE, DE

Bridgeville Public Library
Teen/Tween Program

STEAM Team Showcase

Rescheduled → **Wednesday, March 26th**
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 February, you will be creating 3D designs with Tinkercad. Bring your friends!




We prefer registration to ensure we have enough materials. Please call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or go online: delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/bridgeville
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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

Saturday, March 29th
10am-2pm

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED
ALL MODERN CONSOLES AVAILABLE

600 SOUTH CANNON STREET BRIDGEVILLE, DE 19933

IT'S NATIONAL OREO COOKIE DAY

Thursday, March 6th

Join Us For a Treat!



Bridgeville Public Library
600 S. Cannon Street

"Library Learners League"

Homeschool Group

Join Ms. Hilary for 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.

DATE CHANGE → Monday, March 17th

Join us with Mr. Stephen for Science demonstrations on how color helps scientists determine the makeup of unreachable things in outer space (such as stars, nebulae and galaxies). In other words, how do we figure out what they are made from?

Registration is required. Parents-Please sign up your child/children online: 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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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!
March theme Weather

600 South Cannon St. Bridgeville, DE

Saturday Story Book Brunch

for all ages

Join Ms. Hilary on Saturday, March 8th @10am for stories, songs, and rhymes about Weather followed by brunch!

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



Oliver

Tuesday, March 11th and Tuesday, March 25th

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.

600 S. Cannon St. Bridgeville, DE



Bridgeville Library's

"Spring into Wellness" Family Fun & Community Night

Thursday, March 20th
6-8pm

Join us as we kick-off our 2025 Community Bridge to Wellness Program! For the next 8 months, we are promoting fitness and wellness offering many different events. The first 100 individuals or families that register will receive a health journal and an insulated tote bag.



Registration is required. Call 302-337-7401 ext. 101 or online: delawarelibraries.libcal.com. Walk-ins are welcome!

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WESTERN SUSSEX LIBRARIES



SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
600 S. CANNON ST
BRIDGEVILLE, DE 19933

LOCAL AUTHORS | BOOK SIGNINGS
READ ALOUDS | PERFORMANCES
CRAFTS | FOOD | MUCH MORE!

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY'S

Book Club

Ages 8-14

Thursday, March 27th @ 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:
"HALF MOON INVESTIGATIONS"
BY EOIN COLFER



REGISTRATION REQUESTED.

CALL 302-337-7401 EXT. 101 TO SIGN UP OR ONLINE: DELAWARELIBRARIES.LIBCAL.COM/CALENDAR/BRIDGEVILLE

600 S. Cannon St. Bridgeville, DE

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

CHAIR FITNESS CLASS

Every MONDAY @ 9:30am

from February 10th- March 31st

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



Ananda Yoga

YOGA CLASS

with Bonnie

EVERY Wednesday @ 6pm

March 12th thru May 28th

These classes are for all ages and levels and are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring your own mat.

If you cannot attend in person, a virtual option will be available.

The link will be posted on our FB and website.

The recorded session will also be posted on Youtube.

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Health is on its way.



HEALTH 2 GO

Bridgeville Public Library
600 S Cannon St, Bridgeville, DE 19933
Thursday, March 26th 11am-3pm
For more information, call: 302-283-7190

- Free Mobile Health Care Clinic
- COVID-19 Vaccination
 - HIV Testing, Counseling & Referrals
 - Diabetes Testing & Referrals
 - Cholesterol Testing & Referrals
 - Blood Pressure Screening & Referrals
 - Smoking & Vaping Cessation Referrals
 - Lead Testing
 - Seasonal Flu Shots
 - Clinical & Community Resource Referrals
 - Educational Materials
 - Clinical Refuse Kits available (limited)

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600 S Cannon St, Bridgeville, DE 19933
Thursday, March 6th 11am-3pm
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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

Website: 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
- 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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