

East Union Presbyterian Church

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today:

Blessing of the Animals; IHN Week Begins

9:30am - Outdoor Worship (Pavilion)

11:00am - Faithful Followers (EUCC)

Thursday:

10:00am - Revenue Advisory Team (Admin Bldg)

Next Sunday:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jim Davidson

9:30am - Worship (Founders' Chapel) ~ Stories & Playtime

11:00am - Faithful Followers (EUCC)

IN OUR PRAYERS (To include someone on the prayer list, please call the church office)

Hospital / Care Facility:

Albert & Emily Allison (Hartwood Care Home)

Ella Baker (Harmar Village)

Elma Baker (Fairwinds Manor—Sarver)

Evelyn Kochan (Harmar Village)

Evelyn Nagy (Elmcroft of Saxonburg)

Betty McClelland (The Willows)

Marge Wilkinson (Sunrise of McCandless)

Lois Wilson (Concordia @ Ridgewood)

Home Care: Edie Bock Bob Fyala Nancy Kennedy Noah Latronica Mary Sweadner

Birthdays:

Roger Eichner (06/25)

Clemente Runas (06/26)

Hannah Runas (06/26)

William Runas (06/26)

Michael Misour (06/28)

Joe Williams (06/28)

Doris Cochran (06/30)

Michelle Gbur (06/30)

Rita Michel (07/01)

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Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry

Online Giving available at www.EastUnionChurch.org.

To reserve any part of the church building or grounds for your use, call the church office.

Our "Prayer Cloud" accepts prayer requests for your concerns at any time. To initiate the cloud, please call Carol McCaskey (724-312-5656/camc@consolidated.net) or Teresa Williams (412-613-4375/dlns@verizon.net).

Pastor James can be reached for help in the time of need by calling him at home at 724-224-4211 or by email james@eastunionchurch.org.

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June 25, 2017 • 9:30am—Outdoors, Picnic Pavilion



BLESSING of the Animals



Rev. James Ramsey
Lead Pastor

Rev. Jo Ramsey
Associate Pastor of Family Life

Sermon: "God Cares 'Fur' Us! " with Pastor Jo at the pulpit

Musical Ministry: Praise Band

Scriptures: Job 7-10, 13 and 1 Peter 5:7 (NRSV)



Welcome to Worship... What a joy it is to have you with us today here at East Union Church! We are excited about what the Lord is doing among us and trust that you're going to enjoy this service today! We continue our summer worship schedule with one service held at 9:30am through September 3rd in Founders' Chapel (except for outdoor worship on July 9, August 20, and September 3.) Thanks for coming and have a blessed week!

Blessing of the Animals

- All Pets Should be on a Leash, in a Carrier, or the Like
- Stuffed Animals are Welcome to be Blessed, Too!
- Pet Water and Waste Stations Available

*This Sunday is a special day,
when animals will be blessed;
We are asked to bring our pets to church,
and we know they'll look their best.*

*As we'll pray for pets and ask our God
to bless them from above;
We'll remember that these creatures
are reminders of God's love.*

*So when you hug your pets today,
whether real or just pretend;
Just say a prayer of thanks to God,
for giving us these friends!*

*From a poem written by Phyllis Passarella for Songs & Stories.
Thanks, Phyllis!*



**Special Thanks To Our VBS Friends For
Bringing Your Pet to the Blessing!**

IHN Week Starts Today... We are expecting 2 families to be in the IHN (3 adults and 6 children) with the possibility of a third family entering mid-week. There are several openings on the IHN Task Sign-Up Sheet. Check your calendar to see how you can help. Caring hearts are needed to prepare a meal, host an evening, or host overnight. Please support this program and sign up for a task today. For questions, contact Darlene Fryer (724.265.1639 / 412.759.0125).

Serving The EECM Community House Meal... On Tuesday, July 4th, our church will deliver a nutritious summer-time meal to the homeless shelter located in East Liberty. You can support this mission by providing a portion of the meal or volunteering to serve the meal. Due to this mission happening on the 4th of July, it would be helpful to fill up the sign-up sheet as soon as possible. Beverly Schubert is the contact for this program. Should you need anything, please call her at 412.767.0349.

Celebrating VBS Week... We wrapped up a purr-fectly wonderful week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) on Thursday! What a fun, faith-filled 'walk in the park!' We had about 125 people on campus for VBS, including 68 children and 56 teen and adult volunteers! There are many people to thank, including our Station Leaders, as follows:

Bible: Kim Borczyk & Denise Winter
Community Corner: Robin Tarbi
Pet Wranglers: Richard & Rich Rusek
Rover's Eats & Treats: Phyllis Passerella;

Recreation: Wanda Blackwell
Pet Adoption: Gail Stotlemeyer
Volunteer Cantina: Vonna May Miller;
Sanctuary Open & The Tail End: Pastors Jo & James

We also thank our Crew Leaders, Singers, AV Crew, Snack Preparers, Registration Team, Gazette Editor, Decorators, and all of our Station Helpers! Of course, we are grateful for our Leadership Team: Heather Rusek, Carol McCaskey, and Pastor Jo for planning and preparing our VBS *Pets Unleashed: Where Jesus Cares 'Fur' You*.

VBS Collection... This year's daily VBS collection has been designated for the West Deer Food Bank & Deer Lakes Backpack Initiative. A total of \$200.80 and 179 pet and people food items were collected. The mission projects made in the Community Corner Station, which include cat, dog and bunny toys, suet bird feeders, sheep and fish decorations, dog treats and cards will be given to our Shut-Ins, Food Bank Families, Faithful Followers Community, Blessing participants and Animal Friends!

Is God Calling You? We so appreciate Carol and Heather's faithful VBS service. As of this summer, Heather and Carol have served as the VBS Leadership Team for seven years! Next summer will mark 70 years of VBS at East Union! Maybe it's your turn to take a leadership role. Carol, Heather and Pastor Jo will help support a new team in planning VBS 2018. If you have questions about the time commitment, responsibilities, etc., please speak with Carol, Heather or Pastor Jo.

Stories & Playtime... Children, toddlers through 5th grade, are welcome to join us for Stories & Playtime to be held each Sunday that worship is held indoors. Immediately following the Children's Chat, an adult volunteer will escort the children to the nursery where they will participate in reading Bible stories, singing, crafts and finish with a small snack. The activities will vary weekly. The children have enjoyed this in the past and we would like them to join us again this year. Visitors are welcome!

A Bit Behind On The Budget... If only love could pay the bills! Unfortunately, God's house has to pay the utility bills with money, even during the summer. We are committed to support East Union's ministries — year-round.

Please consider if your pledge is up-to-date and give accordingly. Thanks!



Pop Can Drive Continues... Thanks to Tyler Noble, who is collecting aluminum cans and giving the proceeds to our Haiti Clean Water mission.

Thanks to you, recycling your pop cans, almost \$900 has been raised so far; that's just about 45,000 cans collected!

Help us break that \$900 collection goal. Drop your pop cans in the container that is located in the parking lot beside the Abitibi Paper Recycle container. Thanks!

See You In September... We are grateful for Pastor Jo's hard work these past months, especially her leadership during this year's Vacation Bible School. Her part-time contract with us has her officially working 18 hours/week. But she works many more hours than that! The contract also stipulates that Pastor Jo will not work the months of July and August. It is nearly time for Pastor Jo's hiatus to begin. We wish her a quiet, restful couple of months and we'll welcome her back in September. Please direct any pastoral concerns or questions to Pastor James, who is full-time and available year-round.

Runas Triplets' Mission Trip... Clemente, Hannah, and William Runas are traveling to the Dominican Republic for a teen mission trip. They each had to raise \$1,200 (\$3,600 total) to go on the "Meeting God in Mission" trip. Our thanks to Pastor James Ramsey who helped the triplets receive \$250 each from the Pittsburgh Presbytery along with \$200 each from the East Union Mission funds. Please keep the triplets in your prayers during their travels, June 28-July 5, 2017. They will reflect on their trip on July 16 during Sunday worship.

New Children's Library & Activity Center: Now Open... Our thanks to the Trustees who have created a children's library in the Sunday School hallway. This new space is full of children's books and offers a place where our children can read, color, or just enjoy some "me" time with a parent.

West Deer Community Days... Mark your calendar for this fun event set for Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5. We're having a **Giant Used Book Sale** at our booth. We hope you can donate your used books and bring them to Bairdford Park on August 4 & 5. (If you have a book donation and can't make it to the park, then please drop off in the Administration Building). Additional help is also being requested — contact Teresa Williams (dlms@verizon.net / 412-767-8667). All proceeds are designated for East Union's Library Fund.

Women's Ministry Summertime Book... Join us as we read *St. Anne's Day* by Janice Lane Palko. She is a local author and this book is set in Lawrenceville. Here is a brief description:

A romantic dramedy, St. Anne's Day, with its ensemble of memorable characters - Anne's fastidious mother, Grace; father, Bill; and free-spirited roommate, Janetta can be likened to Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew meets the TV sitcom Cheers. Readers have described it as spirited, sparkling and sassy. While hysterically funny, St. Anne's Day is also heartwarming and inspirational and will leave you cheering when Anne's day finally arrives.

The book is available on Amazon for \$15.99 or \$3.99 for Kindle. Donna Paszek has offered to order the book with no cost for shipping. She can be contacted at (724)265- 3451 or dmpaszek@comcast.net.

