

## East Union Presbyterian Church

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### THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today: 9:30am - Summer Worship; Communion (Founders' Chapel)  
11:00am - Faithful Followers (EUCC)

Monday — Friday: Church Office Closed (Pastor James is available this week)

Tuesday: 5:30pm - EECM Community House Meal (EUCC)

Wednesday: **Happy 4th of July!**

Next Sunday: 9:30am - Worship; Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Page Creach (Founders' Chapel)  
11:00am - Faithful Followers (EUCC)

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

**Care Facility:**

Ella Baker (Harmar Village)	Albert & Emily Allison (Hartwood Care Home)
George Kistler (Harmar Village)	Elma Baker (Fairwinds Manor, Sarver)
Evelyn Kochan (Harmar Village)	Karen Klemmensen (Elmcroft of Saxonburg)
Evelyn Nagy (Elmcroft of Saxonburg)	Marion Miller (Concordia—Cabot, PA)
Marge Wilkinson (Sunrise of McCandless)	Betty McClelland (The Willows)
Ruth Frey (Passavant Hospital)	Lois Wilson (Concordia @ Ridgewood)

**Home Care:** Dolores Bogaty Noah Latronica Marilyn Roth Mary Sweadner

**Birthdays:** Rita Michel (07/01) Teresa Williams (07/03) Keith Russell (07/05)  
Carol Bock (07/06) Olga Graham (07/06) Rick Schubert (07/07)

### Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry

Bonnie Braun 412.979.8872

Online Giving available at [www.EastUnionChurch.org](http://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](mailto:james@eastunionchurch.org).

## East Union Presbyterian Church

Rev. James Ramsey  
Lead

Rev. Jo Ramsey  
Associate Pastor of Family



Sunday, July 1, 2018

9:30am in the Pavilion

**Sermon: "Sleeping in Foxholes, Retreating to Cemeteries"** with Pastor James at the pulpit

**Scriptures:** 1 Samuel 12:13-15 and Matthew 8:18-22 (NRSV)

**Musical Ministry:** Sunday Singers

**Hymns:** #14 - God Will Take Care of You  
# 3 - A Hymn of Joy We Sing  
# 12 - God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again



**Welcome to Worship...** We are delighted to worship with you today! We continue our summer worship schedule with one service held at 9:30am through September 2<sup>nd</sup> (except for our outdoor services held on July 15, August 12, and September 2).

**Stories & Playtime...** Children, toddlers through 5th grade are welcome to join us for Stories & Playtime 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, crafts and finish with a small snack. The activities will vary weekly. Visitors are welcome!

**Borrowed Items For VBS...** We are grateful to everyone who lent us items to help us *'blast to the past'* visiting each decade, back to the 1940's. If you lent us a lava lamp, water sprayer, rotary phone, wicker laundry basket, science kit, Rubik's cube, Gumby, etc., please pick up your item today in the Administration Building. Thanks again for lending us your items!

# Summer Missions



**Serving The Community House Meal...** Our thanks to the food preparers, deliverers and servers for the Community House Meal. There are a few people needed to sign up to donate sloppy joes. All food items should be taken to the kitchen in the East Union Community Center by 5:30pm this Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rest easy knowing you have cared for those in need on this holiday. Should you have questions, please contact Beverly Schubert at 412-767-0349.

**Getting Ready For IHN Week...** East Union will host IHN (our program to house the homeless) beginning the week of July 29. About 30 people are needed to fill the slate. Because of vacations and summer events, it can be difficult to find caring hearts for each task. To support this program, you can make a meal, host an evening or host overnight. Experience a summer that is significant to both you and the community. Consider how you can help and sign up today.

**VBS Donates To West Deer Food Bank...** As part of our Vacation Bible School program, East Union always focuses on sharing God's love with others. This year, VBS students donated \$155 and 115 canned goods to the West Deer Food Bank. Way to go, kids!

**Deer Lakes Backpack Program...** Since 2013, this program has been supplying weekend food for the children in the Deer Lakes School District during the school year. *Backpack Initiative to Fight Hunger* is now expanding to include **Summer Food Distribution**. We will be distributing bags to the children on the following Saturday mornings: July 13 and 27, August 10 and 24, from 10am until noon. Each child will receive a bag at each distribution. There are three pick-up points: East Union Presbyterian Church, Holy Family Catholic Church and Transfiguration Catholic Church. Participants must register by calling or emailing Carol at 724-312-5656 / [camc@consolidated.net](mailto:camc@consolidated.net). You will also need to choose a pickup point. In addition to the three churches listed above, donations for the program were made by St. Victor Catholic Church and Janes United Methodist Church. If you know a family who would benefit from this program, please pass this information on to them.

**Please Make A Summertime Pledge...** We encourage you to consistently support East Union's missions and ministries during the summer months. While the church's bills do not lower over the summer, our contributions do. The easiest way to honor a summertime pledge is to give online. It's easy. Just go to our website and set up recurring giving (one-time donations available, too) so that you don't have to remember your tithe while you're enjoying your time away.

**Pastor Jo On Limited Hours During July & August...** 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's hours will be "allocated according to the church program and season, allowing for limited duties during July and August." Pastor Jo's summer hiatus has begun. We wish her a quiet, restful couple of months. This July and August, please direct any pastoral concerns or questions to Pastor James, who is full-time and available year-round. Any questions about Pastor Jo's contract can be directed to the Chair of the Administration & Staff Ministry Team, Gail Stotlemeyer ([GStotlemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:GStotlemeyer@gmail.com)), or any member of the team.

**EUCC Closed...** Please note, the East Union Community Center will be closed for maintenance on Monday, July 9 through Saturday, July 14.

**A Note Of Thanks...** Beverly Schubert sends her gratitude for all the prayers, cards, and concerns for her recent surgery. She states, "I don't know what I'd do without my church family!"

## A Prayer For Independence Day

~ A Prayer For The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday ~

Dear Heavenly Father,

There is no greater feeling of liberty than to experience freedom from sin and death that you provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this, I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that a very high price was paid for my freedom. My freedom cost others their very lives. Lord, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Jesus Christ.

In your name, I pray. Amen.

*In these troubled times across the globe, may we be ever vigilant to pray for the freedom of all God's children. May is blessing be with all the families of the earth.*

Adapted from: Fairchild, Mary. "Freedom Prayers for Independence Day." ThoughtCo, Sep. 14, 2017, [thoughtco.com/independence-day-prayers-699929](https://www.thoughtco.com/independence-day-prayers-699929).