

East Union Presbyterian Church

December 29, 2024

9:30am In The Sanctuary

"Don't Look Back"

Guest Preacher—Minister Noble Ramsey

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East Union Presbyterian Church

.....Sunday, December 29, 2024

.....*Compass Points*

Welcome To East Union Church

We are delighted you are here! Please refer to page 11 for information about Worship Services, Christian Education and Outreach programs.

Welcoming Minister Noble Ramsey

We welcome back Minister Noble E. Ramsey! While a native Philadelphian, Noble currently resides in Big Beaver, PA with his wife, Kendra. He was licensed for ministry at the Mount Ararat Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, under the leadership of Pastor William H. Curtis. Noble received a Bachelor of Theology from Andersonville Theology Seminary in 2015 and is currently seeking a Master of Divinity from Luther Rice College and Seminary. By way of vocation, he works with at-risk youth at the Outside In School of Experiential Education where he is afforded the opportunity to speak life into the lives of these young men.

ECCM Meal

The East Liberty Community House meal will be served on January 7! If you are willing to provide items for the meal, please sign the ECCM sign up form at the Welcome Table. Our Youth Group will be delivering and serving the meal. Contact Doug Blinn at 724-681-4220 for more information. The Community House residents and our Mission Team so appreciate your efforts and support!

● *Rummage Sale Donations* ●

We are now accepting Rummage Sale donations. All items will be stored in the Choir-Conference room. Drop off times will take place Mon-Fri from 10am-2pm. All items must be in boxes that can be stacked neatly.

Contact Carol McCaskey for larger donation items, 724-312-5656.

The Rummage and Bake Sale will be March 7 & 8, 2025.

(Sorry, no clothing, televisions, exercise equipment or computer screens)

Announcements

Mission Opportunity - Habitat Workday!

The East Union Mission team, in partnership with Allegheny Valley Habitat for Humanity, will be taking a group of willing workers to one of Habitat for Humanity's House Refurbishing Projects in the New Kensington area.

Workday: Saturday, January 11, 2025

Start Time: 9:00am

End Time: 2:00pm

Meet at Church parking lot at 8:30am

We would be working on interior items as there is heat in the home.

Minimum age with Parent or Guardian: 14

Please contact Doug Blinn for questions or to reserve your spot.

Email: dhblinn@gmail.com

Text or Call: 724-681-4220

Looking Ahead to 2025:

Worship Returns to the EUCC - January 12

Sunday School for Children & Adults - Sundays, 10:45-11:30am

Popcorn And A Movie - January 3 & February 7

Ash Wednesday (Drive-Thru Ashes) - March 5

Rummage Sale - March 7 & 8

Youth Group Bingo Fundraiser - March 14

Women's Ministry Retreat - March 22

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - April 5

Bowling with the Easter Bunny - April 13

Easter Worship Service - April 20

Spring Craft Fair - May 3

Walnut Woods Summer Camp - June 9-August 15

Vacation Bible School - June 16-20

Youth Mission Trip to NC—June 21-27

Announcements

Walnut Woods Summer Camp

Early Registration Discounts from January 10-Feb 2, 2025.

Register for 1-4 weeks and save 10% on each week

Register for 5-8 weeks and save 15% on each week

Register for 9-10 weeks and save 20% on each week. (That's up to a \$400 savings for the entire summer)

\$200.00 per week, \$50 non-refundable registration fee, field trip weeks are subject to an additional \$15.00 Fee.

*Registration fees must be paid in full by February 2 to receive the discount. No Exceptions.

Walnut Woods

AT EAST UNION CHURCH

10 WEEK
SUMMER CAMP 2025

EARLY REGISTRATION OPENS
JANUARY 10, 2025*

**Discounts end February 2 at midnight.*

Christian Education 2025

Our Christian Education programs will start back up on January 12, 2025, with the exception of Adult Sunday School, which resumes the following week, January 19. Keep a look out for emails to sign up to assist/lead Sunday school for children's classes. Frank is also working to complete the Youth Group calendar for January-April. All Youth Group updates will be communicated through the Team Snap App.

Announcements

Financial Information Needed For Annual Audit

The East Union Audit Committee will need financial reports from Outreach & Enrichment Ministry Team, Cemetery Association, Deacons, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. Reports are due Monday, January 6th and can be delivered to the Administration Building.



End of Year Reports From Committee & Ministry Team Chairs

Walnut Woods Childcare Project, Ministry Team Chairs, Board of Trustees, the Deacons, and the Cemetery Association are asked to submit a 'Year-in-Review' report. Reports are due in the Administration Building by Monday, January 13th.

2024 – The Year In Review

East Union's Annual Corporate Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26 at 10:40am in the EUCC, following the Worship Service. East Union Ministry Teams will distribute a booklet reporting their activities to the congregation. Also at this time, a Congregational Meeting is called for the purpose of voting for openings for the Board of Trustees, Congregational Nominating Committee, Audit Committee, and Cemetery Association.

2025 Offering Envelopes

Mindy has printed all 2025 offering envelopes and they are available at the Welcome Table. If you do not currently receive envelopes and would like to, please contact Mindy. She is happy to print those for you!

Keychains

We still have a few keychains left for a small suggested donation of \$5 per key chain. You can choose from grey, white marble, or bamboo. They will be available each Sunday at the Welcome Table. Please specify on your offering "Keychain."



Worship Service

Sunday, December 29, 2024 • 9:30am in the Sanctuary

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

From The Manger

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

* Congregational Song

From The Manger

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Confessional Song

What Child is This

Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

Children's Chat

Following the Congregational Song, children are invited to take a Worship Tote and library book to their seats; the totes include coloring books and a snack. We also offer a KidsZone in the Sanctuary for little ones (and parents) with toys, puzzles and books. Our Sunday School Hallway features a Children's Library, in the Blue Room, while the Orange Room is filled with toys.

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 3:12-16

Sermon

"Don't Look Back"

Rev. Noble Ramsey

***All who are able, please stand**

Announcements

Offering

Thank you for your generous financial contributions which support East Union Church, our ministries and missions. The Offering Plate will be passed. (We also accept Venmo for donations, you can scan this QR code or set up online donations at our church website. Call the church office...Mindy can help!)



- * Congregational Song O Little Town of Bethlehem

- Dismissal of Online Audience

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

- Pastoral Prayer followed by The Lords Prayer

- Congregational Song *Mary Did You Know*

- Charge and Benediction

- * Postlude *Mary Did You Know*



SAVE THE DATE!

Women's Ministry

TO HOST

THE WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

9:00AM-12:00PM

IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

PERSONAL INVITATIONS COMING SOON!



Announcements

EAST UNION COMMUNITY CENTER

presents:

popcorn & a movie



FRIDAY, JAN 3

Starts at 7:00 pm

Bring a Blanket, pillow, or
chair and join us for a
family-friendly movie!

East Union Community Center
292 East Union Rd
Cheswick, PA 15024
www.eastunionchurch.org

Joys, Concerns & Prayer Requests

In Our Prayers

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

In Mission: Allie Gray (Guatemala)

Care Facility: Emily Allison (Harmar Village)
Karen Klemmensen (Quality Life Services of Grove City)
Joann Peterson (Atria's Senior Living, McCandless)
Bob Fyala (Montefiore Hospital)

Home Care: Joan Kozub Jeanne Walter Jan Fyala Bonnie Braun

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East Union Birthdays
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Ted Barsolo (12/29)
Kevin Vresh (01/02)

Marilyn Kirin (12/31)

Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry
Rachel Hetrick - 412-708-5238

Prayer Requests... To initiate your prayer request or join the Cloud, contact: Carol McCaskey (724-312-5656 / camc@consolidated.net) or Teresa Williams (412-613- 4375/ dlns@verizon.net.)

You Are Not Alone — Your pastors are here for you! If you need support, assistance or prayer... If you have questions about who God is and how to grow in your faith... If you are struggling with grief, anxiety or depression... If addiction or conflict is affecting your relationships... We care about you...in body, mind and spirit! Please contact the church office or email the pastors to schedule a confidential visit. In case of an emergency, Pastor James can be reached at 724-681-5672.

Also available to provide information and support:

- Samaritan Counseling Center.....(412) 741-7430
- Hope Center (Abuse and/or Domestic Violence)(888) 299-4673
- ReSolve Crisis Services.....1-888-7YOU-CAN (796-8226)
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.....**988** or 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- National Substance Abuse Hotline.....1-800-662-HELP (4357)

The Week At A Glance

Sunday, December 29 – January 5, 2024

Today: **Guest Preacher - Minister Noble Ramsey**
9:30am - Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday: 11:00-2:00pm—DL Lacrosse (EUCC)
6:00-7:30pm—DL Basketball (EUCC)

Tuesday: **Compass Points Deadline—New Year's Eve**

Wednesday: **New Year's Day—Happy New Year!**

Friday: 7:00pm - Popcorn and a Movie (EUCC)

Saturday: 4:00-6:00pm—Tae Kwon Do (EUCC)

Next Sunday: **Epiphany—Communion**
9:30am - Worship (Sanctuary)

***To reserve any part of the church building or grounds,
contact the church office 724.265.1381***

Church Office Closed for the Holidays

The office will be closed from December 27th-January 3. Mindy will periodically check her personal church email. If there are any emergencies please contact Clerk of Session, Carol McCaskey at 724-312-5656.

Build Your Legacy with a Planned Gift

Making a planned gift enables you to build a meaningful legacy while maintaining control of your finances. By including East Union Church in your estate plan, your generosity advances our mission and ministries, and extends the Good News of God's love into our community and beyond—now and in the future! If you have questions on how to get started please reach out to the church office at 724-265-1381.

Per Capita Reminder!

With only a couple days left of 2024, we want to remind everyone to please cover your per capita fee for 2024. The fee is \$36.35. Per Capita can be paid online or by specifying 'per capita' on your contribution envelope.



God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Thanks For Worshipping With Us Today

Have A Great Week!



East Union Presbyterian Church A Church With Direction

A Warm Welcome Is Extended To Our Guests!

What a pleasure to have you worship with us this morning! Please take a moment to fill out our Connection Card, available at the Welcome Table, and return it in the offering plate or Connection Card box. (We respect your privacy and do not share this information.) Please know that you are invited to participate in all of our activities and events.



Worship Schedule. Sundays at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. Weekly Services are **broadcast on YouTubeLive**. Directions are available at our website and on our Welcome Table. (If you have trouble hearing and would like a printed copy of the sermon to follow along in worship, please contact Pastor James.)



Youth Group Teens, 6th–12th grade, are invited to Youth Group! Meeting notices and event details will be sent out through TeamSnap. Contact the Church Office or Frank McCoy to have your name added to the contact list.



Sunday School Sunday School for Children and Adults is offered most Sundays. Classes meet after worship from 10:45–11:30am
Save the Date! VBS is scheduled for June 16-20, 2025!



Women's Ministry All ladies are welcome to participate in our events, Bible Studies, Annual Retreat and Book Club. Please call or text Teresa Williams (412.613.4375) to be added to the WM's email list. **Women's Retreat - March 22,2025**



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Clearances PA State Law requires East Union to maintain a file of current PA Criminal and Child Abuse Clearances for all adults, age 21 and older, who have contact with children without their parents present. Clearances are free, easy to obtain online and last for 5 years. Please make sure yours are up-to-date. If you need help, please contact Mindy or Pastor Jo.

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Rev. James C. Ramsey.....	Pastor / Head of Staff
Rev. Jo Ramsey	Associate Pastor of Family Life
Frank McCoy	Youth Director
Mindy Young.....	Admin/Financial Secretary & Walnut Woods Director
John H. Burk, Jr.....	Treasurer
Colleen Zaremski	Deer Lakes Nursery School
Mike & Stephanie McCormick	Housekeeping/Maintenance

Ministry Teams & Committees 2024

Administration & Staff	Gail Stotlemeyer
Christian Education	Pastor Jo
Christian Growth & Membership	Pastor James
Mission	Doug Blinn
Women's Ministry	Teresa Williams, Sue Vresh
Worship	Carol McCaskey
Nominating Committee	Carol McCaskey
Cemetery Committee	Joe Williams
Revenue Advisory Team	Dana Wangler

Session

John Burk	Carol McCaskey, Clerk	Jared Hawk
Keith Russell	Doug Blinn	Todd Shaw
Dawn Spence	Gail Stotlemeyer	Lori Crawford
Teresa Williams	Marcia Cook	Patty Martinez
Vicki Callender	Jessica Mickail	Wanda Blackwell

Board of Deacons

Bonnie Braun	Heather Rusek	Hannah Runas
Bree Hansen	Janet Wangler	Rita Michel
Jan Blinn	Rachel Hetrick	Kristin Parise
	Shari Smallwood, Moderator	Janet Volkman

Board of Trustees

Tom Crawford	Joe Andrie	Carol Bock
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