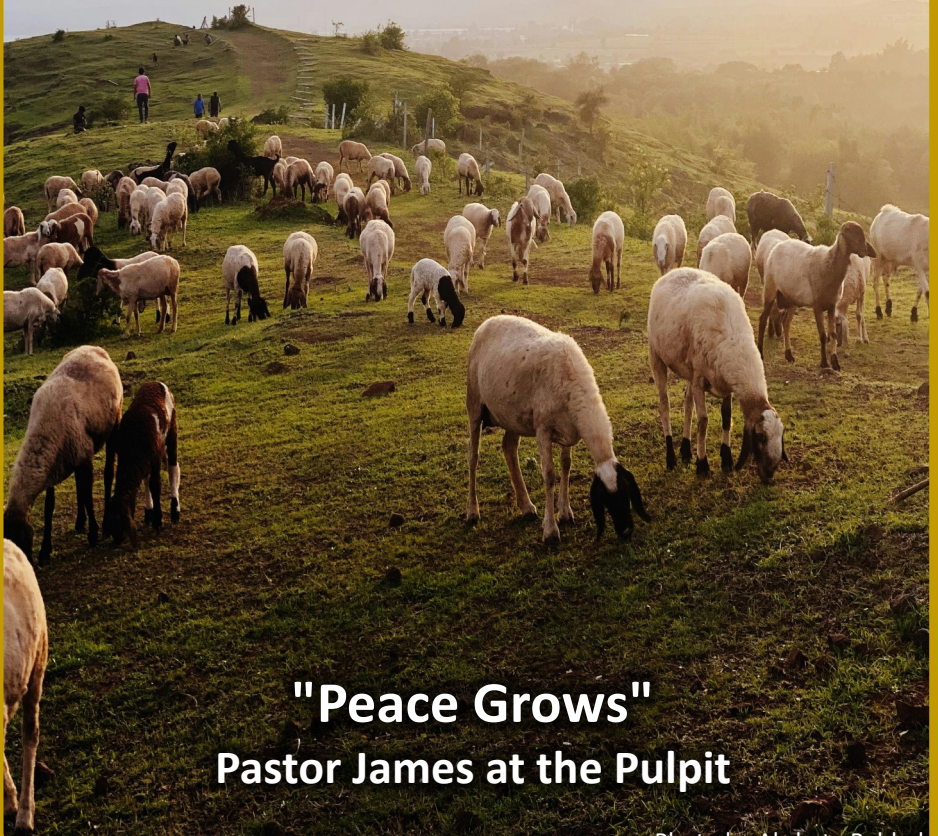


East Union Presbyterian Church

December 8, 2024

9:30am In The Sanctuary



"Peace Grows"

Pastor James at the Pulpit

Photo by Akshata Bablad



East Union Presbyterian Church

..... Sunday, December 8, 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.

Holiday Babysitting!

Next Saturday, December 14 from 4-8pm is our holiday babysitting fundraiser! Have last minute shopping to do? Maybe you need to wrap presents? Either way, bring your kiddos to East Union for our Youth and Parent volunteers to entertain them! This is a fundraiser for our Youth Mission Trip to North Carolina in June 2025. **There is an RSVP on our website, you can find it under the Events.** We are capping this at 40 kids. Don't delay! All parent volunteers have valid clearances on file in the church office.

Adventure Bibles

Each year, it is our tradition to gift our second graders with Adventure Bibles during our worship service. This year we will have our special presentation on Pageant Sunday! If you have a child who is older than second grade and has not already received a Bible, please let Pastor Jo know. We love to share God's Word! -- You can also sponsor a Bible for our children! Each Bible is \$17.00 and you can specify Bible sponsor on your donation.

● *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

MYSTERY

In the Manger



Date: December 15, 2024

Time: 9:30am

Location: EUCC

Prepared By: Rev. Jo Ramsey

Reporting Officer: God

Case No: 12-25-00-BC

Summary: A Christmas Who-Dunnit?!

We are just one week away from our Children's Christmas Pageant in the EUCC!

Children's Practice: Today! During Sunday School

Youth Practice: Tonight! During Youth Group from 6:30-8pm

Sets - Thursday, December 12 from 5:30-8:30 with Potluck Dinner

Dress Rehearsal - Friday, December 13 from 5:30-8:30pm with Pizza Dinner

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*

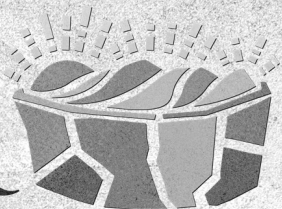
**Discounts end February 2 at midnight.*

EECM 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 EECM 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!

Join Us This Advent 2024

FROM THE MANGER



Hunger is a universal human experience—reminding of our most basic needs for food and nourishment for our bodies, as well as of our more complex needs for peace and meaning in our lives. It's no wonder that the story of Jesus—the one who came to feed the hungry—begins, ends, and centers around food.

Join us this season, as we reflect on the life-sustaining Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that Jesus brings and explore how the baby born in Bethlehem continues to feed us, and a hungry world, today.

Worship With Us

Sundays in the Sanctuary at 9:30am

PEACE GROWS ~ December 8

JOY GROWS ~ December 15 ~ **Christmas Pageant** *in the EUCC*

LOVE GROWS ~ December 22—**Ugly Christmas Sweater Day**

GOOD NEWS HAS COME ~ Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve at 7pm

Guest Preacher Noble Ramsey ~ December 29

EPIPHANY ~ January 5 ~ Communion

Celebrate With Us

Deacons' Seniors Luncheon ~ Sunday, December 8 in the EUCC

Night Out Youth Group Babysitting ~ Saturday, December 14 from
4pm-8pm in Kennedy Hall

Youth Group Lock-In ~ 8pm, Friday, December 20--7am, Saturday, December 21

Grow With Us

Listen to...

Advent Song – “From The Manger” on Spotify

Weekly Advent Devotional can be accessed as a Packet, Podcast or Online!

Everything Advent 2024 can be found on our website. Due to copyrights, we are required to have this information password protected as this information is only intended for members of our congregation. The password to access is 1234.

Worship Service

Sunday, December 8, 2024 • 9:30am in the Sanctuary

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

From The Manger

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

Lighting Of the Advent Wreath

Mark and Amy Brenner

* 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 Readings:

Luke 2:14

Luke 10: 1-6

Sermon

"Peace Grows"

Pastor James

***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

Angels We Have Heard on High

Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Angels We Have Heard on High

Share Your Prayers With East Union Through Advent

This Advent, you will find an Advent Wreath Prayer Board in our Narthex, and on our Facebook page!

Even as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child once again this Christmas, our hearts are filled with joys and concerns--large and small.

You are encouraged to share your prayers of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love using the pink and purple sticky notes (or in the comment section online.)

We are hoping to have all of the "white space" filled with prayers by our Christmas Eve service!



Announcements

Mission Opportunity

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

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)
Jan Fyala (Passavant Hospital)

Home Care: Joan Kozub Jim & Jeanne Walter Bonnie Braun

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East Union Birthdays
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Jessica Mickail (12/08)
Sharon Mueller (12/10)
Chris Zacherl (12/11)
Jan Blinn (12/15)

Mike Plummer (12/08)
Berlyn Hansen (12/11)
Tom Crawford (12/13)

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/ dlms@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 8 – December 15, 2024

- Today: **Second Sunday of Advent**
9:30am - Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45am - Children's Pageant Practice (Discovery Room)
11:30am - Deacons' Senior Christmas Luncheon (EUCC)
6:30-8:00pm - Youth Group Pageant Practice (The Spot)
- Monday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
7:30-9:00pm - Adult Basketball - Open To All (EUCC)
- Tuesday: **Compass Points Deadline**
6:00-8:00pm - Private Reservation (EUCC)
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
- Wednesday: 6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
6:00-9:00pm—DL Basketball (EUCC)
- Thursday: 5:30-8:30pm - Pageant Set-Up with Potluck Dinner (EUCC)
- Friday: 5:30-8:30pm - Pageant Dress Rehearsal and Caliente Pizza (EUCC)
- Saturday: 4:00-8:00pm - Youth Group Babysitting (Kennedy Hall)
- Next Sunday: **Third Sunday of Advent**
9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **Children's Pageant**

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

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 weeks 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.

Z'roni Rolls

If you have ordered a Zroni Roll and have not picked it up yet, it is in the EUCC freezer. Please take it with you today.



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 have your email added to the WM's email list.

Facebook & Instagram



Like and Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on all the happenings here at East Union Church!

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. Jo Ramsey	Associate Pastor of Family Life
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Colleen Zaremski	Deer Lakes Nursery School
Mike & Stephanie McCormick	Housekeeping/Maintenance

Ministry Teams & Committees 2024

Administration & Staff	Gail Stotlemeyer
Christian Education	Pastor Jo
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Mission	Doug Blinn
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Session

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