

MYSTERY



In the Manger



Time: 9:30am

Date: December 15, 2024

Location: East Union Community Center

Reporting Officer: God

Case No: 12-25-00-BC

Prepared By: Rev. Jo Ramsey

Summary: A Christmas Who-Dunnit?!



East Union Presbyterian Church

.....Sunday, December 15, 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.

Sharing God's Word

Today, we will be presenting Adventure Bibles to our second graders, Ellis Bedillion and Molly Delaney, as well as a few of our third graders who have not yet received one, Violet Chanadet and Blake Slavin. We thank everyone who sponsored a Bible for our children. Your gift helps plant the seeds of faith in our youngest members!



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.

● 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.

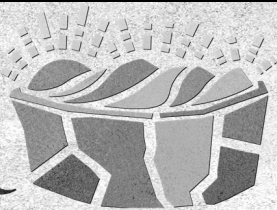
Contact Carol McCaskey for larger donation items, 724-312-5656.

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

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

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

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

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.

Share Your Prayers Through Advent

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

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!

Pageant Participants

MYSTERY In the Manger



A HUGE Thank You...To our pageant families and friends who helped with food, supervision, sets, and much more!!! To the Hansen Family and Caliente's for providing our Dress Rehearsal pizza, To Lacey Mahler of the Deer Lakes Bands for providing our Jingle Bell Band Music. We could not do this without many people sharing their time and talents. Thank you for helping bring our pageant to life!

Pageant Writer, Director & Sets.....Pastor Jo Ramsey
Costumes.....Gail Stotlemeyer
TechnologyKeith Russell, Ron Postreich,
Matt Forsman

Jingle Bell Band

Baritone...Adalyn Postrieck Clarinet.....Ivy Stotlemeyer
Flute.....Kenidee Forsman Trumpet.....Korin Bedillion
Trombone.....Jaden Mickail Saxophone.....Zoey Watt
Snare Drum.....Clarajane Pfeiffer

Special Music

Violin Duet.....Berlyn Hansen and Lillian Paredes
Glockenspiel Solo.....Clarajane Pfeiffer

Ushers.....Larry Rommes, IV and Brayden McCoy

Reception.....Mindy Young, Vonna Miller & Lynette Stewart

Pageant Participants

Narrator	Desolina Postreich
Izzy	Ivy Stotlemyer
Lizzie	Olivia Young
Ezra	Korin Bedillion
Amos	Zoey Watt
Roman Soldiers	Walter McCorkle,Brayden Doucet and Blake Anderson
Mary	Kenidee Forsman
Joseph	Blake Slavin
Merchant	Alexandria Claypoole
Innkeeper Sisters	Nora McCorkle and Carly McCorkle
Daughter Ruthie	Eleanor McCorkle
Izzy and Lizzie's Parents	Josh Runas and Jordyn Crawford
Angels	Lead Angel ~ Adalyn Postreich Angel 1 ~ Reese Forsman Angel 2 ~ Henry McCarty Angel 3 ~ Maddy Winter Angel 4 ~ Emalyse Hansen Angel 5 ~ Olivia Hitchens
Shepherds	Lead Shepherd ~ Samantha Hawk Shepherd 1 ~ Ellis Bedillion Shepherd 2 ~ Wren Andrie Shepherd 3 ~ Cameron Andrie
Wise Ones	Lead Wiseman ~ Avery Slavin King 1 ~ Molly Delaney King 2 ~ Maci Hitchens King 3 ~ Ali Stotlemyer King 4 ~ Ryleigh Delaney
The Star	Caisen Bedillion
Baby Jesus	Hudson Garrett
Baby Jesus's Angel	Jen Garrett
Donkey	Libby Williams
Donkey's Shepherd	Teresa Williams
Santa	Santa
Townspeople	Preston Postreich, Clarajane Pfefferand various youth
Sets & Support Provided By	Matthew Crawford, Cadence Hawk, Lauren Hawk, Jaden Mickail, Riley Parise, Clarajane Pfeffer, Camy Plummer, Macy Plummer, Makaylah Potter, Josh Runas, Nathaniel Tarbi and Ben Watt

Worship Service

Sunday, December 15, 2024 • 9:30am in the EUCC

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Gathering and Welcome *Pastor James*

Call to Worship *Avery Slavin*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *The Garrett Family*

* Congregational Song *From The Manger*

Call to Confession *Caisen Bedillion*

Prayer of Confession *Samantha Hawk*

Special Confessional Music *"Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen
Clarajane Pfeffer, Glockenspiel*

Assurance of Pardon *Matthew Crawford*

* Passing of the Peace *Jordyn Crawford*

Adventure Bible Presentation *Pastor Jo*

Announcements *Pastor Jo*

Offering *Alexandria Claypoole*

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!)



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

Special Music

Jingle Bell Band

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*Makaylah Potter, Riley Parise,
Nathaniel Tarbi, and Josh Runas*

1 Timothy 3:16

Adalyn Postreich

Special Music

*"Chimes & Bells" Violin Duet
Berlyn Hansen and Lillian Paredes*

Mystery in the Manger

Scene 1: The Rooftop.....Scene 2: The Robbers

Scene 3: The Rooftop

Scene 4: The Inn

Scene 5: The Rooftop.....Scene 6: The Robbers

Scene 7: Dinner at Home

Scene 8: Angels & Shepherds

Scene 9: The Rooftop.....Scene 10: The Robbers

Scene 11: The Rooftop

Scene 12: The Kings

Scene 13: The Rooftop.....Scene 14: The Robbers

Scene 15: The Rooftop

Scene 16: The Stable

- * Congregational Song *Away in the Manger (new lyrics)*
- * Christmas Prayer *Clarajane Pfeffer*
- * Charge and Benediction *Josh Runas*

Postlude

Joy to the World

Christmas Eve Readers

We are in need of scripture readers for our Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7pm on December 24. If you are interested, there is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Table or see Pastor James!



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

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!

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

Condolences: Prayers for Charlotte Legge and family, Bull Creek Presbyterian Church, and the Alle Kiske community on the loss of Rev. Dr. James Legge. Dr. Legge was pastor of Bull Creek Presbyterian Church for over 30 years. He also was instrumental in the community serving in leadership at the Allegheny Valley Association of Churches, Habitat for Humanity, the Hope Center of Allegheny Valley and Camp Crestfield. Dr. Legge passed away last Sunday. His funeral was on Friday. We give thanks to God for his faithful service to so many and so much in our region.

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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Jan Blinn (12/15)

Brayden McCoy (12/17)

Richard Rusek (12/20)

Mary Lynn Fentress (12/21)

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 15 – December 22, 2024

- Today: **Third Sunday of Advent**
9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **Children's Pageant & Birthday Cake!**
- Monday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
7:30-9:00pm - Adult Basketball - Open To All (EUCC)
- Tuesday: **Compass Points Deadline**
9:00am-12:30pm - DLNS Pageant (Founders' Chapel)
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: 6:00pm - DLNS Pageant (Founders' Chapel)
6:00-9:00pm - DL Basketball (EUCC)
- Friday: 11:00am-6:00pm - Passavant Memorial Homes (EUCC)
6:00pm - DLNS Pageant (Founders' Chapel)
8:00pm-7:00am - Youth Group Lock In (EUCC)
- Saturday: 10:00-6:00pm - Private Reservation (Kennedy Hall)
- Next Sunday: **Fourth Sunday of Advent - Christmas Sweaters & PJ's!**
9:30am - Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45am - Santa Breakfast Meeting (Kennedy Hall)

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

Santa Breakfast Re-Cap Meeting

Teresa Williams will be hosting a debriefing meeting on Sunday, December 22 right after worship in Kennedy Hall. We are always looking for ways to improve our outreach events. Please bring you suggestions to this meeting for discussion.



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.

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Worship Schedule, Sundays at 9:30am in the Sanctuary or EUCC

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.)

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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.

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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!

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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.

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Facebook & Instagram

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

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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-

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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
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Dawn Spence	Gail Stotlemeyer	Lori Crawford
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Vicki Callender	Jessica Mickail	Wanda Blackwell

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