

# *East Union Presbyterian Church*

January 12, 2025

9:30am In The EUCC



**"Navigating Rough Seas"**  
**Pastor James at the Pulpit**

Photo by Jo Kassis



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..... Sunday, January 12, 2025

## ..... *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.

### *Christian Education News!*

Our Christian Education programs will start back up today, January 12, 2025, with the exception of Adult Sunday School, which will resume next week, January 19. Children's Sunday School will take place at 10:45am in the Discovery Classroom and Youth Group will meet tonight at 6:30pm for their lesson "What's Going to be Different in 2025?"

Frank will be holding a brief meeting regarding the Youth Mission Trip on January 26th at 6pm. This will be right before the start of our Youth Group meeting at 6:30. Please plan to attend this meeting if you are involved with the Youth Mission Trip.

### *Valentines Day Cards for Veterans*

To show gratefulness and care, the Deacons are coordinating a Valentine's Day card distribution at the Veteran's Home in Aspinwall.

You will find 10-paks of Valentine cards at the Welcome Table, as well as coloring pages for those families that may like to have their children participate. (The Veteran's Day cards were really appreciated, and the staff thanks our community. Let's continue with our sign of respect and care this February. A simple message of care and hope means much to those with less.)

Please return the cards, and check off your name by Sunday, February 2, 2025. Please return signed cards to the welcome table.

### *Session Meeting Today*

The Session will meet today in Kennedy Hall following worship at 10:45am.

### *Special Thanks from the Mission Team!*

The Mission Team would like to thank everyone who contributed to the EECM meal and a special thank you to the Youth Group and Plummer family who delivered and served the meal.

# Announcements

## *End of Year Reports Needed From Committees & Ministry Team Chairs*

Walnut Woods Summer Camp, 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.

## *Per Capita 2025*

Every Presbyterian Church contributes to our denomination an annual 'per capita' fee for each member in their official Church Register book. Pittsburgh Presbytery has set per capita at **\$38.11 per confirmed member for this year**, shared between the local, regional and national church governing bodies. We invite each family to pay their per capita. It can be paid in increments, at any time throughout the year, either online or by specifying 'per capita' on your contribution envelope.

## *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!

### **Contributions Statements E-Mailed**

Everyone who financially supported East Union Church will receive a year's end statement for 2024 this week. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 724-265-1381.

# 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.

East Union Youth Group Presents:



**FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025**

Doors open at 5:30 – Games start at 6:00

Food and Drinks Will Be For Sale

50/50 Raffle

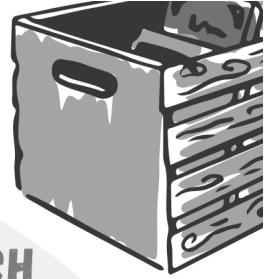
Raffle Baskets

Babysitting Also Available



**EAST UNION COMMUNITY CENTER  
292 EAST UNION ROAD  
CHESWICK, PA 15024**

# Announcements



EAST UNION CHURCH

# RUMMAGE SALE

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

MON-FRI 10AM-2PM  
CALL TO SCHEDULE DROP OFF  
724-265-1381

**SORRY, NO CLOTHING,  
TELEVISIONS, EXERCISE  
EQUIPMENT OR COMPUTER  
SCREENS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

**FOR LARGER ITEMS CONTACT  
THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR  
MORE DETAILS.**

**\*\*ALL ITEMS ARE PREFERRED TO  
BE IN BOXES FOR EASY STACKING**

**RUMMAGE SALE BEGINS  
MARCH 7, 2025**



# Worship Service

Sunday, January 12, 2025 • 9:30am in the EUCC

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

*Awesome God*

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Congregational Song

*Awesome God*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Confessional Song

*From The Inside Out*

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. Families with younger children are welcome to use the Toddler Room, which features a carpet and a variety of toys.*

Scripture Readings:

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

Sermon

"Navigating Rough Waters"

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

*My Lighthouse*

Dismissal of Online Congregation

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer with the Lords Prayer

\* Congregational Song

*You Never Let Go*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*You Never Let Go*

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. -Luke 6:38

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### *Online Offering*

Your financial support makes the vital ministries and missions of East Union Church possible. The beginning of the New Year is an ideal time to change or update your online giving profile. We hope, if you are able, you will prayerfully consider increasing your recurring contribution for 2025. If you need assistance, please call the church office, 724.265.1381. We are happy to help!

# Announcements

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!

### Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry team is asking for assistance to take down the decorations from the Sanctuary on Saturday, January 18th at 9:30am. If you are able to offer assistance, please contact Teresa Williams at 412.613.4375.

### Upcoming Events!

Popcorn And A Movie - 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)

**In Seminary:** Allison Blackwell (Vanderbilt)

**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  
Jen Garrett

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*East Union Birthdays*  
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David Volkman (01/12)

Kylie McCoy (01/15)

Justine Slavin (01/16)

James Ramsey (01/17)

Marcia Cook (01/19)

Marcia Festa (01/19)

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

**Rita Michel - (724)265-1449**

**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/ dlins@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, January 12 – January 19, 2025**

- Today: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC)  
10:45am - Session Meeting (Kennedy Hall)  
10:45am - Sunday School for Children (Discovery Classroom)  
6:30-8:00pm - Youth Group (EUCC)
- Monday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)  
6:00-8:00pm - Cub Scouts (Kennedy Hall)  
6:00-7:30pm—DL Basketball (EUCC)  
7:30-9:00pm - Adult Basketball - Open To All (EUCC)
- Tuesday: **Compass Points Deadline**  
5:00-8:00pm - Fun and Freedom Youth Sports (EUCC)  
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
- Wednesday: 7:00-9:00pm - DL Lacrosse (EUCC)  
6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
- Thursday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)  
5:00-7:00pm - Private Rental (EUCC)  
6:00pm-8:00pm—Cub Scouts (Kennedy Hall)  
7:00-9:00pm - DL Lacrosse (EUCC)
- Saturday: 9:30am—Women's Ministry Decoration Take-Down (Sanctuary)
- Next Sunday: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC)  
10:45am - Sunday School for Adults (Multipurpose Room)  
10:45am - Sunday School for Children (Discovery Classroom)  
6:30-8:00pm - Youth Group (EUCC)

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



**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 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. )

## 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**

## 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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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 2025

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

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