

East Union Presbyterian Church

February 16, 2025

9:30am In The EUCC



“We Are Overcomers—Take Two”

Pastor James at the Pulpit

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East Union Presbyterian Church

.....Sunday, February 16, 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.

Youth Group Bingo Night Fundraiser!



Friday, March 14, 2025

Doors Open at 6:00pm—Games start at 7:00pm

Food and Drinks will be for sale

50/50 raffle ~ Raffle Baskets

Babysitting will be available!

Can't make it to Bingo night, you can still donate! Please mark any donations as Youth Group Mission Trip on your offering!

Santa Breakfast Follow Up & Bunny Planning Meeting

Today, Teresa Williams is hosting a meeting in Kennedy Hall following worship regarding our Santa and Bunny Breakfasts. If you are a person who volunteers with these types of outreach events, or are interested in getting involved, we would love for you to attend to share your input.

Youth Group to Attend a Rise Against Hunger Event

Today, Frank McCoy along with members of our Youth Group will be attending a Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event at Hampton Presbyterian Church from 2-4pm. Each member of our Youth Group in attendance has donated funds directly to this initiative and our Mission Team has graciously matched their donation so in a combined effort we will to donate \$200!

In partnership with Pittsburgh Presbytery's Next Generation Ministry Team and Rise Against Hunger, local youth groups will partner up to pack boxes that will then be distributed in countries worldwide to fight hunger targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity. Rise Against Hunger provides volunteer-packaged meals and other assistance, often through school feeding programs, to support nutrition, education and health for children and families.

Announcements

Preparing For The EECM Dinner

Will you help provide a meal for those living at the Community House Shelter in East Liberty? Please sign-up at our Welcome Table to prepare a portion of the meal, and share your time and talents as part of this meaningful mission. The folks at the Community House and our Mission Team so appreciate your efforts and support!

We will deliver the meal on Tuesday, March 4. If you have questions, please contact Doug Blinn at 724-681-4220.

Youth Group Tally for the Souper Bowl

The Youth Group collected 90 food items and \$244 last Sunday!

All donations received at East Union will benefit the West Deer Food Bank. **Thank You For Helping To Tackle Hunger!**

Women's Ministry Book Club

The Women's Ministry Book Club will be meeting this Tuesday, February 18th at 12:30pm and will meet in The Spot. The group is reading "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. Feel free to join the ladies as they discuss their latest book! There may or may not be a special raffle involved!



Walnut Woods Summer Camp

Registration is now open! Visit our website to register today! All active members of East Union Church receive 10% off their weeks and a waived registration fee!

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

Check out our weekly themes and field trips at www.walnutwoodschildcare.com!

We are now accepting sponsorships with many levels to choose from. Please contact mindy@eastunionchurch.org if you are interested in more info on how to sponsor Summer Camp 2025!

Announcements

Rummage Sale Set Up

The Rummage Sale set up will run for two weeks this year. Beginning next Sunday, February 23, we will move all the donations over to the EUCC and have a pizza party when that work is completed. The work schedule is listed below. All are welcome to help sort and price. If you cannot stay the whole time, that is alright. An hour here and there is a great help. Times may change depending on the amount of work we have to do. Thanks, Mary Lynn and Carol

Monday, Feb 24 <i>Sort and Price:</i>	9:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday, Feb 25 <i>Sort and Price:</i>	9:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday, Feb 26 <i>Sort and Price:</i>	9:00am-1:00pm & 6:00-9:00pm
Thursday, Feb 27 <i>Sort and Price:</i>	9:00am-1:00pm & 6:00-9:00pm
Friday, Feb 28 <i>Sort and Price:</i>	9:00am-1:00pm
Monday, Mar 3 <i>Sort and Price:</i>	9:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday, Mar 4 <i>Sort and Price:</i>	9:00am-1:00pm & 6:00-9:00pm
Wednesday, Mar 5:	Ash Wednesday, No sorting/pricing— <u>ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN BY NOON</u>
Thursday, Mar 6 <i>Sort and Price:</i>	9:00am-1:00pm & 6:00-9:00pm
Friday, March 7 <i>Sale Begins:</i>	<u>BAKED GOODS IN BY 11AM</u> Noon-2pm Early Bird (\$5) 4:00-7:00 pm
Saturday March 8 <i>Sale Continues:</i>	8:00-11:00am 9:30am Bag Sale Starts (\$5) 10:30am Pack Everything Up



EAST UNION CHURCH **RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE**

MARCH 7-8, 2025

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7
EARLY BIRD (\$5 ADMISSION) 12PM-2PM
FREE ADMISSION 4-7PM**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8
FREE ADMISSION 8-11AM**



Announcements

New Christian Programming Coming Soon!

"Understanding God's Plan for Love and Partnership"

This six-week seminar is designed to strengthen and help couples grow closer together through Christian teachings.

David and Janet Volkman are hosting this six week seminar each Sunday beginning March 2 until April 6. This will take place in Kennedy Hall from 11:00am-12:00pm. Please RSVP at the Welcome Table or by using this link: <https://bit.ly/CouplesSeminar>. All are welcome to join a little early to grab a snack, drink and enjoy fellowship time before the class begins!

*Two are better than one... if either of them falls down, one can help the other up.
– Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

Growing In God at Sunday School!

This week, our children learned about the Parable of the Sower or the Story of the Farmer. They planted sunflower seeds, guessed all the seeds we eat, played beanbag toss, acted out our Bible story, and created artwork from sandy soil, rocky soil, thorny soil and good soil! We talked about how we can keep the soil of our hearts good for growing the seeds of God's love by praying, going to church, singing, reading the Bible and weeding out things like worry. Join us for Sunday School anytime! We have a great time!



Adult Sunday School Resumes Today!

10:45am in the Multipurpose lounge.

Worship Service

Sunday, February 16, 2025 • 9:30am in the EUCC

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

Overcomer by Mandisa

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

* Congregational Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart

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:

2 Samuel 22:29-34

Ephesians 1:15-19

Sermon:

"We Are Overcomers—Take Two"

Pastor James, Bree Hansen, and Katie & Desolina Postreich

***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

Holy Spirit

Dismissal of Online Congregation

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer with the Lords Prayer

* Congregational Song

Mighty to Save

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Mighty to Save

Upcoming Events!

Love and Partnership Seminar - March 2-April 6

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

Palm Sunday Play - April 13

Bowling with the Easter Bunny - April 13

Maundy Thursday - April 17

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



'Bee Blessed'

"Kind Words are like Honey, Sweet to the Soul"

Proverbs 16:24

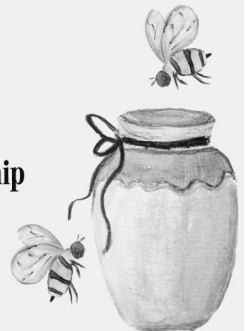
You are cordially invited to join the Women and Young Ladies of
East Union for our Annual Mini Retreat

Saturday, March 22, 2025
9:00am - 12noon
East Union Community Center

A Morning of Caring and Serving
Fellowship, Mission Projects, Teaching, Craft, Worship and more.
Light Morning Refreshments--Soup and Salad Lunch.



The favor of a reply is requested by
March 16, 2025
to Teresa: Text 412-613-4375,
dlns@verizon.net or sign up at Worship



~Bring a Friend~

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 (Concordia, Cabot)

Home Care: Joan Kozub Jen Garrett
Amelia Brooke Jan Fyala

..... *East Union Birthdays*

Olivia Young (02/18)

Ellis Bedillion (02/19)

Karl Kennedy (02/20)

Larry Rommes III (02/21)

Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry
Kristin Parise—412.735.4713

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, February 16 – February 23, 2025

- Today:** 9:30am - Worship (EUCC)
10:45am - Sunday School for Children (Discovery Classroom)
10:45am - Sunday School for Adults (Multipurpose Lounge)
10:45am - Santa Breakfast Recap (Kennedy Hall)
2:00-4:00pm - Youth Group Rise Against Hunger (Hampton PC)
- Monday:** **Happy President's Day—No School DLNS**
9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
12:00pm - VBS Leadership Meeting (Admin Building)
6:00-8:00pm - Cub Scouts (Kennedy Hall)
6:00-7:30pm—MQA Basketball (EUCC)
7:30-9:00pm - Adult Basketball - Open To All (EUCC)
- Tuesday:** **Compass Points Deadline**
12:30pm—Women's Ministry Book Club Meeting (The Spot)
5:00-8:00pm - Fun and Freedom Youth Sports (EUCC)
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
- Wednesday:** 5:30-6:30—Girl Scouts (Discovery Classroom)
5:00-6:00pm—DL Basketball (EUCC)
6:00-7:00pm - DL Soccer (EUCC)
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)
1:00pm - Pittsburgh Presbytery Meeting (Zoom)
5:00-8:00pm - KFive Tutoring (Sunday School Hallway)
5:00-7:00pm - Private Rental (EUCC)
6:00-8:00pm—Boy Scouts (Kennedy Hall)
7:00-9:00pm - DL Lacrosse (EUCC)
- Next Sunday:** 9:30am - Worship (EUCC)
10:45am - Sunday School for Children (Discovery Classroom)
10:45am - Sunday School for Adults (Multipurpose Lounge)
10:45am - Move Rummage Donations to EUCC – Pizza to follow
10:45am - Youth Group (Rummage & Pizza)

***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
Worship.....	Marcia Cook, Lori Crawford, Wanda Blackwell
Mission	Doug Blinn
Women's Ministry	Teresa Williams, Sue Vresh
Nominating Committee	Carol McCaskey
Cemetery Committee	Joe Williams

Session

John Burk	Carol McCaskey, Clerk	Jared Hawk
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