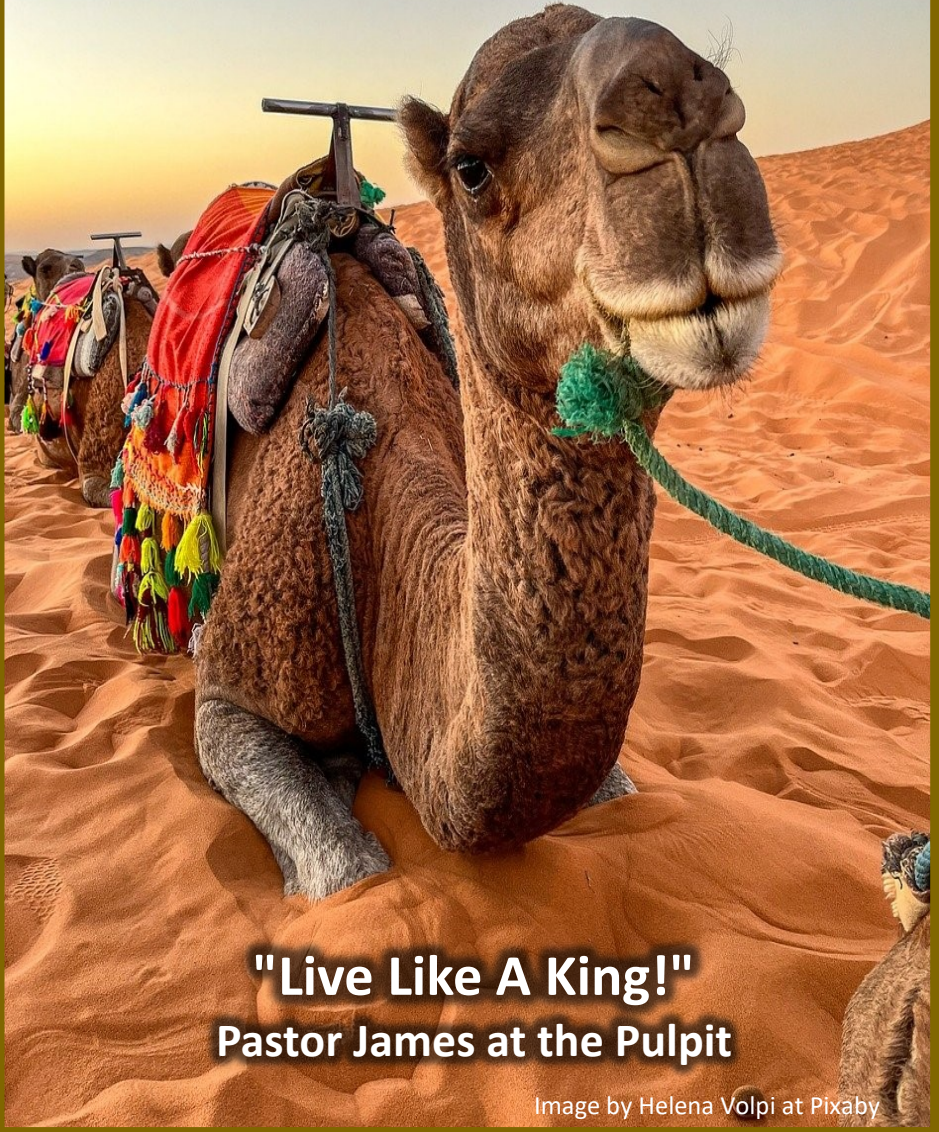


# *East Union Presbyterian Church*

January 5, 2025

9:30am In The Sanctuary



**"Live Like A King!"**  
**Pastor James at the Pulpit**

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# *East Union Presbyterian Church*

..... Sunday, January 5, 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.

### *Communion Celebrated*

Our Table is open to all. We will partake by Intinction. You will be invited to tear a chunk of bread from the loaf and dip it in the Cup (of grape juice). Elders will assist Pastors Jo and James to distribute the elements. There will be two stations. Please use the center aisle to come forward, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. You also may be served at your seat. Please motion to the pastors who will serve you at your seat after we finish serving the congregation.

### *Serving Communion To Our Homebound*

If you are unable to come to church and would like to take communion, Pastor James and an Elder are available to serve you in your home. Please contact the church office, so arrangements can be made.

### *Christian Education News!*

Our Christian Education programs will start back up on January 12, 2025, with the exception of Adult Sunday School, which will resume the following week, January 19. We will be reaching out to families regarding our spring play and to see what children are interested in participating! Keep a look out for that email to come! Sunday School for children takes place on Sundays at 10:45am in the Discovery Classroom and is designed for children in preschool-5th grade. Youth Group takes place most Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm and is for youth in grades 6-12.

### ● *New Beginnings in 2025* ●

*We will move worship to the East Union Community Center  
next Sunday, January 12 until the end of May!*

*Looking Forward To Another Year of Growing, Serving, and Sharing Together!*

# 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 Chair*

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.

## *2025 – 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 registered member in their official Church Register book. The per capita amount set by the Pittsburgh Presbytery is \$38.11 per confirmed member for this year, which is shared between the local, regional and national church governing bodies. The per capita can be paid in increments and at any time throughout the year. Per Capita can be paid online or by specifying 'per capita' on your contribution envelope.

# 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.*

### ● 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

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.

### *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!

### *E&CM Meal*

The East Liberty Community House meal will be served this Tuesday, January 7! There are still a few items that need filled in, please sign the E&CM 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. Thank you for your support of this important mission!

# Worship Service

Sunday, January 5, 2025 • 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

*Away in a Manger*

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:

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

Sermon

**"Live Like A King!"**

**Pastor James**

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

\* Congregational Song

*Joy to the World*

Sacrament of Communion

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

*We Three Kings*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*We Three Kings*

*Thank You*

*A Special Thank you from our Pastors*

What a great and eventful year it has been at East Union Church! It has been our privilege to work alongside you all as we serve God together. This past year had real highlights, as well as some challenging, painful times. We've celebrated after some great events, pulled off important projects, shared many meaningful moments and mourned together after hard losses. There's no family of faith we would rather share it with. We are grateful for all of your support, generosity and kindness, especially with your Christmas gift! May God bless you and your family in 2025, and all our efforts together to live out the good news of Jesus Christ!

**Pastors James & Jo**

# 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 **this Saturday!**

**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](mailto:dhblinn@gmail.com)

Text or Call: 724-681-4220

## Enjoy the Benefits of Exercise

No matter what your age or shape, you should exercise daily. Not only does exercise tone your body, it strengthens your muscles, keeps your bones strong, and improves your skin. And there are more benefits of exercise -- increased relaxation, better sleep and mood, and improved immune system functioning. Enjoy the convenience of exercise right here at East Union's campus and make a healthier you!

### Fitness Schedule

**Programs Are Open to the Community**

**\$5 Donation per Class Is Asked**

**Instructor**

#### Mondays

Strength & Stretching ..... 9:30am ... .....Kathy McDonald

Adult Basketball ..... 7:45p

#### Tuesdays

Fun & Freedom Youth Sports..... 6:30pm

.....Register at [www.funandfreedom.org](http://www.funandfreedom.org)

#### Wednesdays

Tae Kwon Do.....6:00pm.....Jimmy Manganaro

.....Register with Jimmy 412-609-6669

**Tae Know Do is currently accepting new students!**

#### Thursdays

Strength & Stretching ..... 9:30am.....Kathy McDonald



# 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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Autumn Stotlemyer (01/06)	Jeanne Lockerman (01/07)
Dawn Spence (01/07)	Wanda Blackwell (01/08)
John Katich (01/08)	Margaret Christy (01/08)
Maci Hitchens (01/08)	Austin Shaw (01/10)
Vicki Callender (01/10)	Janet Volkman (01/10)
David Volkman (01/12)	

**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/ 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, January 5 – January 12, 2025**

- Today: Epiphany—Communion**  
9:30am - Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:45am - Trustees Meeting (Admin Building)  
10:45am - Deacons Meeting (Kennedy Hall)
- 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—DLNS Resumes**  
4:00pm - EECM Meal Delivery (EUCC Kitchen)  
5:00-8:00pm - Fun and Freedom Youth Sports (EUCC)  
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
- Wednesday:** 10:00am- Staff Meeting (Admin Building)  
6:00pm - Girl Scouts (Discovery Classroom)  
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)  
6:00pm-8:00pm—Cub Scouts (Kennedy Hall)  
7:00-9:00pm - DL Lacrosse (EUCC)
- Friday:** 8:00am - Early Registration Opens for Walnut Woods
- Saturday:** 8:30am-2:00pm—Mission Team—Habitat for Humanity
- Next Sunday:** 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)

***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 (from 1/12) 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
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 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

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

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