

East Union Presbyterian Church

November 24, 2024

9:30am In The EUCC



~ Getting Our House In Order ~

"What We Leave Behind"

Pastor James at the Pulpit



East Union Presbyterian Church

..... Sunday, November 24, 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.

Operation Christmas Child

The East Union Mission Team would like to thank everyone for their support of Operation Christmas Child once again this year. Your donations of filled shoe boxes will warm the hearts of children all around the world. This year's collection of 62 boxes surpassed last year's donations by seven boxes!



This mission is made possible by the Samaritan's Purse organization in cooperation with churches throughout the United States. You can find more information about Samaritan's Purse and all of the great work they do at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>



Thanks again,
East Union Mission Team

Pastor's Terms of Call

A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, December 1, for the purpose of voting on the Terms of Call for our lead pastor, the Rev. James C. Ramsey. This brief annual meeting is required by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and will be held following the 9:30am Worship Service. Please join us if you can!

● *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

Holiday Babysitting!

Mark your calendars for December 14 from 4-8pm. 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.

Youth Group Burg-Chicken-Giving

Today is our Burg-Chicken-Giving event! The auction of our youth will begin immediately after worship. Ron Postreich will serve as our auctioneer to auction off three teams of youth to do house work/yard clean up! Please stay and bid, even if you will not be joining in the meal.

Sanctuary Holiday Decorators

We would like to extend a very big thank you to Stephanie, Wren and Cameron Andre, Vicki Callendar, Cheryl Haynes, Lyn Stewart, Mary Ann Yannetti and Teresa Williams for their work on transforming our Sanctuary into a beautiful space to celebrate the Advent Season. A special thanks to Phyllis Passarella (Mrs. P.) for bringing donuts for everyone.

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 this special presentation during the Advent Season! If you have a child who is older than second grade and has not already received a Bible, please let Pastor Jo know, we are happy to be sure they are included. You can also sponsor a Bible for our children! Each Bible is \$17.00 and you can specify Bible sponsor on your donation.

Women's Ministry Swags

Christmas Swags will be ready for pick up today from 10:30-11:30am in the Community Center.

Announcements

Breakfast with Santa

We are less than one month away from one of our largest outreach events! We are also excited to announce that we have added face painting to the free activities for the kids to enjoy! We hope to see you on December 7 from 9-11am and be sure to get your photo with the Jolly Old Elf Himself, Santa!

EAST UNION COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS

BREAKFAST

With Santa



JOIN US FOR:

DELICIOUS BREAKFAST
STORY CORNER
FESTIVE CRAFTS
PHOTOS WITH SANTA

**Donations Accepted*

EACH CHILD IN ATTENDANCE RECEIVES A SPECIAL TREAT BAG FROM SANTA!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024 | 9-11 AM

292 East Union Rd Cheswick, PA 15024

www.eastunionchurch.org | 724.265.1381

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

HOPE GROWS ~ December 1 ~ Communion

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

Breakfast with Santa ~ Saturday, December 7 from 9-11am in the EUCC

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 Podcast

Share your gifts in worship by...

Lighting the Advent Wreath, Reading Scripture, Singing or Playing an Instrument

Worship Service

Sunday, November 24, 2024 • 9:30am in the Community Center

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

Build My Life

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

* Congregational Song

Build My Life

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Confessional Song

Cornerstone

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 Toddler Room in the back of the EUCC for little ones (and parents) with toys, puzzles and books.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 55:6-13

Luke 19:1-10

Sermon

"What We Leave Behind"

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

Give Thanks

Dismissal of Online Audience

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer followed by The Lords Prayer

* Congregational Song

Holy Spirit

Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Holy Spirit

What is Per Capita?

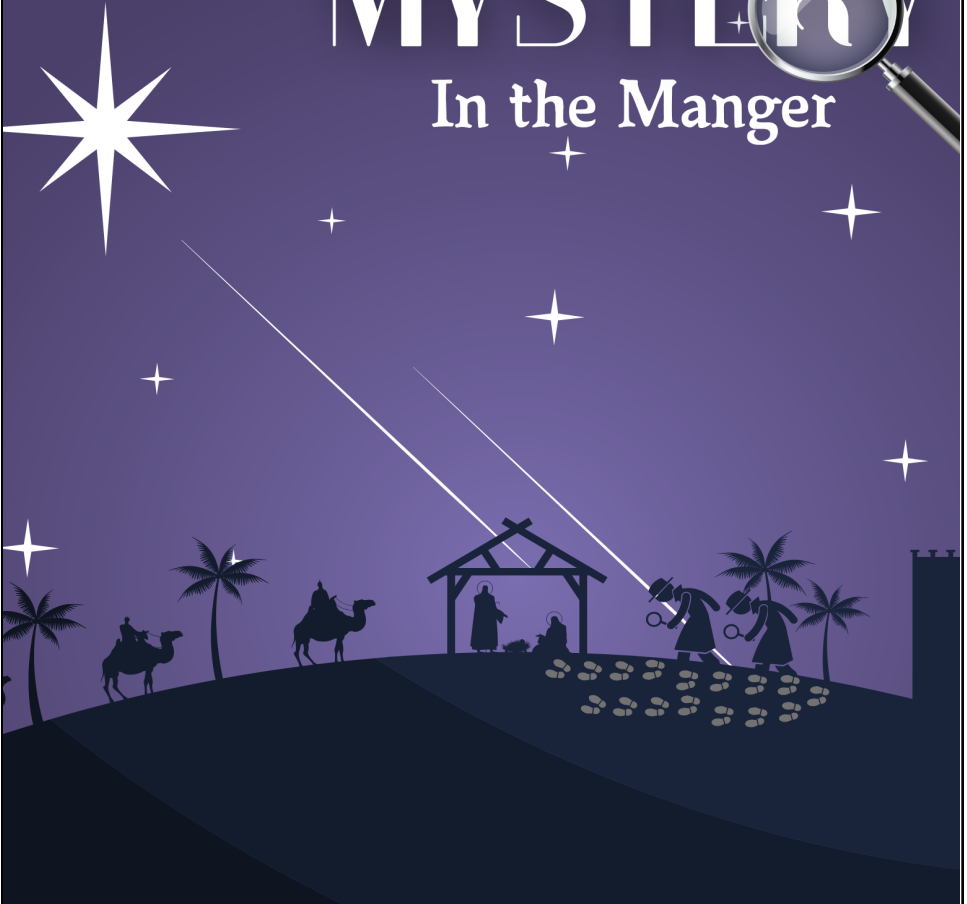
Per Capita is the per-member cost for being Presbyterian. We invite members to contribute this amount, in addition to your regular donations. Per Capita for 2024 is \$36.35. This amount is sent away to Pittsburgh Presbytery, the Synod of the Trinity and the General Assembly of the PC(USA). East Union Church is responsible for Per Capita on each member, each year. The total cost to the church is a bit over \$8,000.

With the end of this year fast-approaching, we want to remind everyone there are only a few more months to cover the per capita fee for 2024. It 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. If you are unsure if you have made this contribution, Mindy is happy to look that up for you!

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?!

Children's Practices: During Sunday School today, as well as December 1 & 8

Youth Practices: December 1 @ 10:45 am with the children and
at Youth Group on December 8 @ 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

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 (Presbyterian Hospital)

Home Care: Joan Kozub Jim & Jeanne Walter Bonnie Braun

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East Union Birthdays
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Sue Katich (11/24)	Mike Lockerrman (11/24)
Pat Aber (11/25)	Jimmy Michel (11/25)
Madilynn Winter (11/28)	Eleanor McCorkle (11/30)

Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry
Bree Hansen - (412)225-5173

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, November 24–December 1, 2024

- Today: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **SWAG ORDER PICK-UP**
10:45am - **Youth Auction** (EUCC)
10:45am - Pageant Practice for Children (Discovery Classroom)
11:30-1:30pm - Burg-Chicken-Giving (EUCC)
- Monday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
6:30-8:00pm - Cub Scouts Meeting (Pavilion)
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: 6:00-9:00pm - DL Basketball (EUCC)
6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
- Thursday: **Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed**
- Friday: **Church Office Closed**
- Saturday: 8:00am - Private Rental (Kennedy Hall)
12:00-2:00pm - Private Reservation (EUCC)
- Next Sunday: **First Sunday of Advent-Communion**
9:30am - Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45am - Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
10:45am - Pageant Practice Children/Youth (Founders' Chapel)

***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.

Adult Sunday School

We will not have Adult Sunday School today, this Sunday, due to Burg-Chicken-Giving.



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 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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Ministry Teams & Committees 2024

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Session

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