

East Union Presbyterian Church

February 23, 2025

9:30am In The EUCC



“We Are Overcomers—Take 3”

Pastor Jo at the Pulpit

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East Union Presbyterian Church

.....Sunday, February 23, 2025

.....Compass Points

Welcome To East Union Church

We are delighted you are here! Please refer to page 11 for information about Worsip 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!

**Kristin Parise is asking anyone who is able to stay after we move the Rummage Sale donations today and meet to discuss a few planning items for Bingo, we can meet in Kennedy Hall.



EAST UNION CHURCH RUMMAGE 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



Rummage Sale Set-Up

Today, Your Help is Needed! We invite you to stay after the worship service this morning to help move items into the EUCC. If you could offer some of your time, it will be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work! Pizza will also be served after items have been moved from the Choir Room and Orange Room.

Rummage Sale Donations: The last day to donate your items for the sale is March 5th by Noon. There will be **no exceptions**, as the Ladies have their work cut out sorting and pricing! For large/heavy items, please contact Mary Lynn Fentress 412.767.5750 or Carol McCaskey 724.312.5656.

There will not be a Bake Sale this year due to egg prices.

Rummage Sale Set Up Schedule

Monday, Feb 24 Sort and Price:	9:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday, Feb 25 Sort and Price:	9:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday, Feb 26 Sort and Price:	9:00am-1:00pm & 6:00-9:00pm
Thursday, Feb 27 Sort and Price:	9:00am-1:00pm & 6:00-9:00pm
Friday, Feb 28 Sort and Price:	9:00am-1:00pm
Monday, Mar 3 Sort and Price:	9:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday, Mar 4 Sort and Price:	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 Sort and Price:	9:00am-1:00pm & 6:00-9:00pm
Friday, March 7 Sale Begins:	Noon-2pm Early Bird (\$5) 4:00-7:00 pm
Saturday, March 8 Sale Continues:	8:00-11:00am 9:30am Bag Sale Starts (\$5) 10:30am Pack Everything Up

Announcements

Easter Flower Sale

Easter Flowers order forms are now available on the Welcome Table. We have a larger variety to choose from this year: tulips, hyacinth, lilies, mums, hydrangeas and daffodils. Orders are due by March 30th and will be available for pick up after our April 20th Easter Worship Service.

Preparing For The ECCM 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.



EAST UNION
COMMUNITY CENTER
PRESENTS:

Breakfast with The Easter Bunny

Saturday, April 5, 2025
9:00-11:00am

Meet The Easter Bunny
Fun Activities, Face Painting,
Pancake Breakfast & More!

The background of the flyer features a repeating pattern of stylized white rabbits on a light gray background.

Announcements

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!

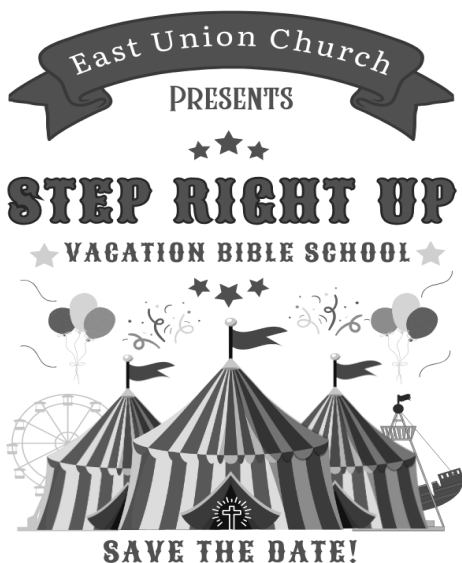
Vacation Bible School 2025!

June 16-20 ~ Evenings from 6:00-8:30pm

Come one! Come all! Step Right Up!

Carnivals are more than a place to play, eat and have fun! They also invite us to come and see extraordinary wonders! This year's VBS will feature a mix of circus and carnival delights as we explore the greatest story on earth -- The Good News of God's love!

VBS Co-directors Justine Slavin, Autumn Stotlemeyer and Mindy Young, along with Pastor Jo, have some amazing tricks up their sleeves, including a Friday Night Family Carnival! They are partnering with Deer Lakes Nursery School to bring back VBS for our preschool-aged kiddos! Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks. Registration is set to begin March 23. New 'carnies' are always welcome! Find out more at the Volunteer meeting on March 30th.



Worship Service

Sunday, February 23, 2025 • 9:30am in the EUCC

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

Overcomer by Mandisa

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

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 29:11

Romans 12:17-21

Sermon:

"We Are Overcomers—Take 3"

Pastor Jo, Denise Winter, and Clarajane Pfeffer

Song for Reflection:

Build A Boat, Colton Dixon

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

Announcements

Dismissal of Online Congregation

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

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

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

My Lighthouse

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 next Sunday, 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



Women's Retreat

'Bee Blessed'

THE WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

9:00AM-12:00PM

IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

A MORNING OF CARING AND SERVING

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

~Bring a Friend~



Updated Hope Center Donation Requests

Each year the Women's Ministry Team puts out a list of items that can be donated for the Hope Center Baskets that are made during the Women's Retreat. Below is the list of requested donations. A donation bin is located in the EUCC entryway.

WOMEN

Women's Shampoo
Women's Body Wash
Women's Hair Conditioner
Body Lotion
Travel Tissue Packs
2-3oz Hand Sanitizer
24 Pack Crayons
Toothpaste

KIDS

Kid's Shampoo
Kid's Body Wash
Card Games
Small Games
Small Stuffed Animals
Kids Coloring Books
Spiral Notebooks
Chapstick

Monetary donations are also welcome. Please include with your offering and designate "Women's Ministry – Hope Center"

Any amounts are welcome or sponsor a basket or backpack

Women's Basket (\$15) ~ Kid's Backpack (\$12)

In addition to the basket items, the ladies are also requesting small mouth canning jar lids and/or rings for the craft and new or used (but clean) plastic grocery bags for the mats for the homeless.

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

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East Union Birthdays
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Stacie Duffy (02/25)

Jessica Michel (03/01)

Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry
Hannah Runas - 724-882-1806

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
- ReResolve 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 23 – March 2, 2025

- Today:** 9:30am - Worship (EUCC)
10:45am - Move Rummage Donations to EUCC – Pizza to follow
10:45am - Youth Group (Rummage & Pizza)
11:45am - Youth Group Bingo Discussion (Kennedy Hall)
- Monday:** **EUCC NOW CLOSED UNTIL MARCH 11 FOR RUMMAGE SALE**
9:00am-1:00pm - Sort and Price for Rummage Sale (EUCC)
9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (Kennedy Hall)
6:00-8:00pm - Cub Scouts (Kennedy Hall)
- Tuesday:** **Compass Points Deadline**
9:00am-1:00pm - Sort and Price for Rummage Sale (EUCC)
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
- Wednesday:** 9:00am-1:00pm - Sort and Price for Rummage Sale (EUCC)
6:00-9:00pm - Sort and Price for Rummage Sale (EUCC)
6:00-7:00pm - DLNS Art Class (Nursery School)
6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
- Thursday:** 9:00am-1:00pm - Sort and Price for Rummage Sale (EUCC)
9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (Kennedy Hall)
5:00-8:00pm - KFive Tutoring (Sunday School Hallway)
6:00-8:00pm—Boy Scouts (Kennedy Hall)
- Friday:** 9:00am-1:00pm - Sort and Price for Rummage Sale (EUCC)
- Next Sunday:** 9:30am - Worship (**Sanctuary**) **Communion**
10:45am - Sunday School for Children (Discovery Classroom)
10:45am - Sunday School for Adults (Multipurpose Lounge)
10:45am - Trustees Meeting (Admin Building)
10:45am - Deacons Meeting (Choir Room)
10:45am - Women's Retreat Planning (Mission Room)
11:00am - Love and Partnership Seminar Begins (Kennedy Hall)
6:30-8:00pm - Youth Group - Your P.O.V. Lesson (Kennedy Hall)

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

Deer Lakes Nursery School Art Classes!

DLNS is now offering art classes in their classroom for children ages 3-5 each Wednesday through March 12. Classes are \$25 each. To register, please call or text Colleen Zaremski at 724-799-1960.

Unleash your child's creativity with art classes! Inspire and nurture your young artist with a variety of engaging and educational art classes!



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
Revenue Advisory Team	Dana Wangler
Outreach & Evangelism.....	Event Team Leaders

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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