

East Union Presbyterian Church

February 2, 2025

9:30am In The EUCC



"The Legacy of Overcoming"
Pastor James at the Pulpit

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..... Sunday, February 2, 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 those who have come forward.

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.

Youth Group Collecting for the Souper Bowl

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-led, national food drive that mobilizes thousands of young people to fight hunger and poverty in their communities. All donations received at East Union will benefit the West Deer Food Bank. The Youth Group will be collecting "Cans and Cash" next week, February 9th. Once all donations are collected, tallied and moved to the Food Bank, the youth will gather for in the EUCC for a lunch of Jersey Mikes subs.



Valentine's Day Honors

- * **All honors must be received by this Tuesday, February 4, 2025.**
- * Valentine's Day Honors will be in the February 9th bulletin, on our pre-service powerpoint and our social media outlets.
- * We are asking for a \$10 donation for these special honors.
- * Email Mindy@eastunionchurch.org with your honor.
- * **Photos are encouraged!!**



Announcements

Walnut Woods Summer Camp

Today is the last day to take advantage of the Early Registration discounts!!

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.*

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

Are You An Overcomer? Will you share your story?

Most of us wouldn't describe ourselves as "overcomers," but the truth is, we face and overcome challenges every day. Has God helped you navigate a tough time, given you tools for coping with a difficult situation, or provided a path through a season of loss?

We begin our series today. Pastor James introduces the topic today and then we plan to have "overcomers" share their story/reflection with the congregation the following four Sundays. How is God at work in your life, how has God through faith helped you through? Speak to Pastor James or Jo about sharing. (Remember our Faith At Work Series?! Amazing!) Don't worry! You don't need to be perfect or have it all figured out! All ages are welcome!

East Union Community Center Presents: POPCORN AND A MOVIE!

WHEN: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

TIME: MOVIE BEGINS AT 7PM

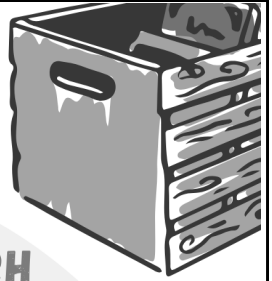
DETAILS: JOIN US FOR THIS FUN FAMILY OUTREACH.

BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET AND PILLOW, AND ENJOY FREE POPCORN AND A MOVIE WITH FRIENDS!

*DONATIONS ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED



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**



Announcements



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!

We have been given an update through “Praying Pelicans” about who we will be working with for this trip. Our location will be Spruce Pine, North Carolina. This area is still heavily devastated from hurricane flooding. In fact, our group will drive to a designated location and then be driven by utility vehicles to their final destination. This is due to many of the roads still being inaccessible. We will plan to keep the congregation updated with any developing details as the date draws near. Thank you for your continued support of our Youth Group!

Seminarian Allison Blackwell to Appear on PBS!

Tune into WQED on Tuesday, February 11th at 4pm to watch our own Allison Blackwell in a new video documentary! Allison served on the 2024 Cohort of the Abrahamic Program for Young Adults at Chautauqua Institution. The summer program offers interfaith worship and programming that brings together members of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian communities to fellowship with one another and develop a deeper understanding of one another’s faiths. This PBS special, entitled Unity Through Interfaith and the APYA, will explore this unique program, as well as some of America’s most difficult cultural and religious flashpoints. Allison is the daughter of Jeff and Wanda Blackwell. She worked as a Young Adult Volunteer for the Presbyterian Church (USA) for several years, and currently attends Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

Worship Service

Sunday, February 2, 2025 • 9:30am in the EUCC

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

Blessed Be Your Name

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

* Congregational Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Confessional Song

Come As You Are

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:

Numbers 13:25-33

Romans 12:9-21

Sermon

"The Legacy of Overcoming"

Pastor James

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

* Congregational Song

Holy Spirit

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

Everlasting God

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Everlasting God

Pastors James and Jo Away on Study Leave

Pastors James and Jo will be heading to Calvin University, in Grand Rapids, Michigan this week for the Symposium on Worship Conference. This conference brings together more than 800 people and 80 presenters from across the country and world, from many Christian traditions, who serve in worship leadership. The five plenary worship services will explore the Parables of Luke.

The conference is from February 5-7. James and Jo will be attending sessions related to worship, faithful Christian living, children and youth, suicide prevention, sports and the Christian life, building connections in divided times, cultural intelligence, and the global and historical nature of Christian worship, and much more. An added bonus to this conference is they will also get to see their daughter, Fiona, when they can find the time! Please pray for their safe travels!

Announcements

Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

Women's Ministry will be hosting a planning meeting for the Women's Retreat today following worship at 10:45am in Kennedy Hall.

The Women's Retreat will take place on March 22, 2025 from 9am-12:00 noon in the community center! Be on the lookout for personal invitations next week!

Volunteers Wanted for Refreshments Table!

- * We are still looking for a few more volunteers to fill out a rotation **setting up and refreshing** the Refreshments Table during Sunday worship services in the EUCC.
- * The job is simple and you will be reimbursed for any treats that are purchased.
- * If you are interested in volunteering, please see/call Gail Stotleymer at 412-657-8358, **OR** sign up at the Welcome Table!

Cards for Amelia Brooke

On Feb 1, Amelia Brooke turned 101, she is the oldest member of our congregation! As you may know, she also suffered a fall a couple weeks back and is suffering from a fracture to her sacrum. She is now staying with her daughter, Barb, since she is not able to be independent in her apartment. We thought it would be a great idea to share her address with you all if you would like to send her a cheery card as she is on her road to recovery!

Amelia Brooke
835 Hummingbird Lane
Apollo, PA 15613

Deacons and Trustees to Meet Today!

Both the Trustees and Deacons will meet today following worship. The Trustees will meet in the admin building and the Deacons will meet in the Mission Room, also known as the Pretty Room (right next to Founders' Chapel).

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 Jeanne Walter Jen Garrett
Amelia Brooke Jan Fyala

..... *East Union Birthdays*

Robbie Gray (02/02)

Janet Wangler (02/02)

Julie Plummer (02/05)

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/ 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, February 2 – February 9, 2025

- Today: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **Communion**
10:45am - Sunday School for Children (Discovery Classroom)
10:45am - Sunday School for Adults (Multipurpose Lounge)
10:45am - Women's Ministry Retreat Meeting (Kennedy Hall)
10:45am - Trustees Meeting (Admin Building)
10:45am - Deacons Meeting (The Mission Room)
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—Valentine's Day Honors Due**
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)
5:30pm - Girl Scouts (Discovery Classroom)
6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
- Thursday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
5:00-8:00pm - KFive Tutoring (Sunday School Hallway)
5:00-7:00pm - Private Rental (EUCC)
6:00pm-8:00pm—Cub Scouts (Kennedy Hall)
7:00-9:00pm - DL Lacrosse (EUCC)
- Friday: 7:00pm - Popcorn and a Movie (EUCC)
- Next Sunday: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION**
10:45am - Sunday School for Children (Discovery Classroom)
10:45am - Session Meeting (Kennedy Hall)
10:45am - Youth Group Luncheon (EUCC)

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



**God Goes with you
wherever you go!**

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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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
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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