


East Union Presbyterian Church

March 16, 2025

9:30am In The EUCC



“Bread for Growth”
Pastor James at the Pulpit

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..... Sunday, March 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.

New Online Directory

We are creating a new Online Directory for our East Union Church Family & Friends! This is a great opportunity to get-to-know and keep-in-touch with our faith community! It's easy to participate!

- **Please visit <https://bit.ly/EUOnlineDirectory>** to complete the following form for your entire family, including children through age 20.
- Young adults, 21 and older, are asked to submit their own form.
- Please upload a picture or pictures of you and your family if you'd like.
- This directory and your contact information/photo will be available only to MEMBERS and ACTIVE FRIENDS of East Union Church who will be given the PASSCODE to receive access.
- Please submit your form by April 27th so we are able to launch our new directory in May.

Thank you for being part of our East Union Church family and for participating in this effort!

Easter Flower Sale

Only a few more weeks to get your Easter Flower Orders in! Order forms are available on the Welcome Table. **We have a larger variety to choose from this year: tulips, hyacinth, daffodils, mums, all \$9/ea., lilies \$10.50/ea., and hydrangeas \$16.25/ea.** Orders are due by March 30th and will be available for pick up after our April 20th Easter Worship Service.



Volunteers for Worship

The **East Union Worship Team** is looking for volunteers to help with set-up of our Worship Space on Sunday mornings. **We still have many dates that need filled, mainly for April!** Use this link <https://bit.ly/WorshipTeamSIGNUP> to volunteer or contact Lori Crawford for information at 724-544-3349.

Women's Retreat

"Bee Blessed"

The Women's Retreat is this coming Saturday, March 22 from 9am-12:00 noon in the EUCC.

A Morning of Caring and Serving Fellowship, Mission Projects, Teaching, Craft, Worship and more.

Light Morning Refreshments--Soup and Salad Lunch.

Please RSVP by today, March 16th to Teresa at 412-613-4375.



Hope Center Donations

Contributing to the Alle-Kiski Hope Center through donations of Care Baskets and Backpacks is one of Women's Ministries' primary missions, and a main activity of our Women's Retreat. We truly appreciate your support of this mission. We continue to accept monetary donations for this great cause. Please include with your offering and designate "Women's Ministry - Hope Center."

Any amount is welcome, or you can sponsor a basket or backpack:

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

Mats for Homeless:

We are also accepting new or used (but clean) plastic grocery bags to assemble the mats.

Adopt-A-Highway 2025

Adopt-A-Highway will take place on Saturday, April 12 from 9-11am. Join us as we help keep our neighborhood litter-free. We will pick up litter along a two mile stretch, mainly in front of the church and up Rich Hill Road. Contact Joe Haynes for more info at 724.265.4921

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.

Announcements

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!

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.



PRAY for OUR OWN ALLIE GRAY

and HER MINISTRY TO WOMEN IN GUATEMALA!

Allie recently posted to honor International Women's Day. She has lived and worked in Guatemala for nearly three years, building up a local ministry. Pictured are sisters from one of the families with whom Allie works. She showers these women with love, spending quality time with them "talking and listening, crying and praying, studying the Bible, growing in leadership skills, cooking and eating, and beautifying our nails :)"



Allie prays, "Jesus, love the women of Guatemala so well that it would cause a wave of Your healing all over this land. In Jesus' name."

East Union Church just contributed \$1,000 to help Allie purchase a car that will greatly enhance her ministry. Our mission funds helped her reach her goal of just over \$7,000, so the car is paid for!

You can keep up to date with Allie's ministry by joining her mailing list here:
<https://bit.ly/ConnectwithAllie>

You can support her financially here: <https://bit.ly/DonatetoAllieGray>

Announcements



Our Bread of Life Lenten theme highlights how Jesus fed people—not just their bodies but their souls—with good news, redemption, and stories of God’s kingdom. From wedding feasts to eating with tax collectors to feeding thousands, people left Jesus’ presence with full hearts and bellies. Bread of Life will help us set the table and equip all ages in our congregation and community to be nourished, both in body and spirit. Each Sunday we will have an interactive element following worship we are calling "Bread for the Journey." We will sample different kinds of bread and toppings throughout Lent. This will be a tangible way to remind ourselves that Jesus is the “Bread of Life.”

We also will learn a new Lenten song to sing along the way!

Sunday Worship, 9:30am, EUCC

LENT 2 – March 16 “Bread for Growth”

LENT 3 – March 23 “Bread for Each Day”

The Caton Family will officially join our East Union Church Family

LENT 4 – March 30 “Bread for Sharing”

Caisen and Korin Bedillion will receive the Sacrament of Baptism

LENT 5 – April 6 “Bread for Community” Communion

Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY – April 13 – 9:30am, Sanctuary

“Looking Back, Springing Forward” (Our Children's Spring Play)

We will also have our annual Bowling with the Easter Bunny at Deer Lakes Bowl following worship at 11:30am.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 17, 7pm, Founders' Chapel

Last Supper Drama

We are looking for participants to play the roles of the disciples.

Please reach out to Pastor James if the role interests you!

EASTER SUNDAY – April 20, 9:30am, Sanctuary

“Bread for Feasting” Live Flowers & Butterfly Release!

Worship Service

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

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

* Congregational Song

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

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:

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

Luke 13:18-21

Sermon:

"Bread for Growth"

Pastor James

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

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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

Bread Of Life

Dismissal of Online Congregation

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

* Congregational Song

Everlasting God

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Everlasting God

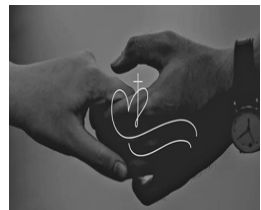
New Christian Programming Continues Today!

"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 will be kicking off their third session

today! The sessions are not necessarily cumulative, so if you missed the previous weeks, feel free to join us at any time. These sessions are also not restricted to couples only, some may want to "think ahead" to a future successful partnership... so all are welcome!



We hope to see you after worship in Kennedy Hall! We meet from 11am-Noon. Refreshments will be served.

Announcements

Summer Opportunities For Growth & Adventure

This summer, we are excited to offer our own Youth Group & Church-Wide Mission Trips, as well as Walnut Woods Summer Camp! In addition, there are several other opportunities available for our children, youth and even adults to grow in God. Please contact Pastor Jo if you'd like to learn more about participating. Remember, East Union provides 50% of cost up to \$100 annually per active member family.

Summer Camp at Crestfield Camp & Conference Center

When: Various days and weeks throughout the summer

Where: Slippery Rock, PA

Who: 9-17 years old

Cost: Varies (Scholarships available)

Trinity Youth Conference (Regional)

When: July 13-19

Where: Camp Living Waters, Schellsburg, PA

Theme: The Crown of Life

Who: Rising 10th Graders - College Seniors

Cost: \$450

New Wilmington Mission Conference

When: July 18-23

Where: Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA

Theme: Go & Make Disciples

Who: Intergenerational

Cost: Varies with age and length of attendance (scholarships available)

Presbytery Youth Triennium (National)

When: July 28-31

Where: Louisville, KY

Theme: As If We Were Dreaming

Who: Rising 9th graders - Graduated High School Seniors

Pittsburgh Youth Delegation Led by Sara Hackett (East Liberty) & Jenny Newman (6th)

Cost: \$199 + housing

A Note from the Administration & Staff Ministry Team

Our East Union Staff is here to serve you! Please note that the church office hours are 9:00am-2:00pm Monday-Friday. Pastors James and Jo try to be "off" on Fridays and Saturdays, with the exception of church events, worship preparation and emergency situations. The best way to contact the church is through email, Mindy@eastunionchurch.org for the quickest response.

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 Glenn Reed
Amelia Brooke Jan Fyala

••••• *East Union Birthdays* •••••

Julia Seborowski (03/16)	Mason Seborowski (03/16)
Beth Egan (03/17)	Lauren Festa (03/19)
David Hansen (03/19)	David Parise (03/20)
Rich Rusek (03/23)	

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/ 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, March 16 – March 23, 2025

- Today: 9:30am - Worship (EUC) **Second Sunday of Lent**
10:45am - Spring Play Practice for Children (Discovery Classroom)
11:00am - Love and Partnership Seminar (Kennedy Hall)
- Monday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUC)
6:00-8:00pm - Cub Scouts (Kennedy Hall)
- Tuesday: **Compass Points Deadline**
5:00-8:00pm—Fun and Freedom Youth Sports (EUC)
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
- Wednesday: 7:00-9:00pm - DL Basketball (EUC)
6:00-7:00pm - DLNS Art Class (Nursery School)
6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
- Thursday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUC)
5:00-8:00pm - KFive Tutoring (Sunday School Hallway)
6:00-8:00pm—Boy Scouts (Kennedy Hall)
- Friday: 6:00-9:30pm - Women's Retreat Set-Up (EUC)
- Saturday: 9:00am-12:00pm - Women's Retreat (EUC)
- Next Sunday: 9:30am - Worship (EUC) **Third Sunday of Lent**
New Members Received / VBS Registration Opens
10:45am - Spring Play Practice for Children (Discovery Classroom)
11:00am - Love and Partnership Seminar (Kennedy Hall)
6:30-8:00pm—Youth Group (Kennedy Hall)

Easter Bunny Breakfast

When: Saturday April 5, 2025

Time: 9:00-11:00am

Where: EUC!

Details: Meet the Easter Bunny, participate in fun activities such as crafts and face painting and of course, enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast! We can't wait to see you there!
We are accepting donations for the Easter Bunny Breakfast. Please use this link, <https://bit.ly/BunnyBreakfastDonation>



Bowling with the Easter Bunny!

We will have our annual Bowling with the Easter Bunny on Palm Sunday (April 13th), after worship at 11:30am at Deer Lakes Bowl! If you plan to bowl, your \$15 donation per person mostly covers the cost of two games and shoe rental. Please do not let cost be a barrier. All are welcome to join in the festivities!
RSVP Here: <https://bit.ly/BunnyBowling2025>



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
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Outreach & Evangelism.....	Event Team Leaders

Session

John Burk	Carol McCaskey, Clerk	Jared Hawk
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Teresa Williams	Marcia Cook	Patricia Martinez
Vicki Callender	Jessica Mickail	Wanda Blackwell

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