

East Union Presbyterian Church

January 19, 2025

9:30am In The EUCC



"Trust the Keeping"
Pastor James at the Pulpit

Photo by Dajana Reçi



East Union Presbyterian Church

..... Sunday, January 19, 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.

Valentines Day Cards for Veterans

To show gratefulness and care, the Deacons are coordinating a Valentine's Day card distribution at the Veteran's Home in Aspinwall.

You will find 10-paks of Valentine cards at the Welcome Table, as well as coloring pages for those families that may like to have their children participate. (The Veteran's Day cards were really appreciated, and the staff thanks our community. Let's continue with our sign of respect and care this February. A simple message of care and hope means much to those with less.) Please return the cards, and check off your name by Sunday, February 2, 2025. Please return signed cards to the welcome table.

Valentine's Day Honors

- * All honors must be received by 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!!**

Youth Group Bingo Night Fundraiser!

Friday, March 14, 2025

Doors Open at 5:30—Games start at 6:00pm

Food and Drinks will be for sale

50/50 raffle

Raffle Baskets

Babysitting will be available!

Kristin Parise will be hosting a planning meeting on January 26th right after Frank McCoy's Mission Trip meeting at 6pm. We hope you will be able to join us and get involved with this large-scale event!

Announcements

2024 – 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 member in their official Church Register book. Pittsburgh Presbytery has set per capita at **\$38.11 per confirmed member for this year**, shared between the local, regional and national church governing bodies. We invite each family to pay their per capita. It can be paid in increments, at any time throughout the year, either online or by specifying 'per capita' on your contribution envelope.

Contributions Statements E-Mailed

Everyone who financially supported East Union Church should have received a year's end statement for 2024. If you have any questions, or have not received one, please contact the church office at 724-265-1381 or email Mindy at Mindy@eastunionchurch.org

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.*

Check out our weekly themes and field trips at

www.walnutwoodschildcare.com!

Announcements

Mission Team - Habitat for Humanity Work Day

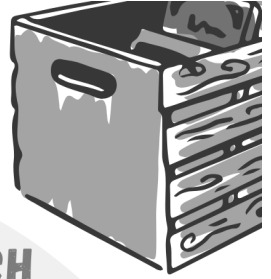
The East Union Mission team sponsored a Habitat for Humanity work day on Saturday, January 11th.

Nine workers including Doug Blinn, Shari and Steve Smallwood, Denise Winter, Carol McCaskey, Julie, Mike, Camy and Macy Plummer spent several hours removing old drywall to gut a room and bathroom in a house in New Kensington that Habitat is rehabilitating.

The team had a great time working together and felt a real sense of accomplishment when done. The Mission team plans to have more work days like this in the future.



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**



Worship Service

Sunday, January 19, 2025 • 9:30am in the EUCC

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

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

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:

Psalm 121

Jude 1:20-21, 24-25

Sermon

"Trust the Keeping"

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

Give Thanks

Dismissal of Online Congregation

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer with the Lords Prayer

* Congregational Song

Build your Kingdom Here

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Build your Kingdom Here

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. -Luke 6:38

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Online Offering

Your financial support makes the vital ministries and missions of East Union Church possible. The beginning of the New Year is an ideal time to change or update your online giving profile. We hope, if you are able, you will prayerfully consider increasing your recurring contribution for 2025. If you need assistance, please call the church office, 724.265.1381. We are happy to help!

Announcements

Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

Women's Ministry will be hosting a planning meeting for the Women's Retreat on February 2 at 10:45am in Kennedy Hall.

SAVE THE DATE!

Women's Ministry
TO HOST

THE WOMEN'S RETREAT



SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

9:00AM-12:00PM

IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

THEME: "BEE BLESSED"

PERSONAL INVITATIONS COMING SOON!

Sunday School for Adults

Sunday School for adults returns this Sunday, January 19. The class will continue their exploration of the Book of Acts. New folks are welcome!

Palm Sunday Play for Sunday School Children

Looking ahead to Palm Sunday, We will again have a Spring play that is lead by the talented Matt Forsman! Pastor Jo sent out an email inquiring about interest from our Sunday School families. Please let us know if your child would like a part in this play by emailing Pastor Jo at Jo@eastunionchurch.org. The theme is TBD. We will also continue our new tradition of Bowling with The Easter Bunny at Deer Lakes Bowl following the play! We are getting super excited for all things Spring!

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 & Jan Fyala (Concordia, Cabot)

Home Care: Joan Kozub Jeanne Walter Bonnie Braun
Jen Garrett

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East Union Birthdays
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Marcia Cook (01/19)

Marcia Festa (01/19)

Emily Allison (01/22)

Doug Blinn (01/23)

Lori Crawford (01/24)

Regina Young (01/26)

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 19 – January 26, 2025

- Today:** 9:30am - Worship (EUCC)
10:45am - Sunday School for Adults (Multipurpose Lounge)
10:45am - Sunday School for Children (Discovery Classroom)
6:30-8:00pm - Youth Group (EUCC)
- Monday:** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School DLNS**
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**
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)
6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
- Thursday:** 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
5:00-7:00pm - Private Rental (EUCC)
6:00pm-8:00pm—Cub Scouts (Kennedy Hall)
7:00-9:00pm - DL Lacrosse (EUCC)
- Saturday:** Set-Up EUCC for Worship
- Next Sunday:** 9:30am - Worship (EUCC)
10:45am - Congregational Meeting (EUCC)
10:45am - Sunday School for Children (Discovery Classroom)
6:00pm—Youth Group Mission Trip Meeting (Kennedy Hall)
6:30-8:00pm - Youth Group (EUCC)

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

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?

This Spring, we'd love to hear from you -- how you've seen God at work in your life, wisdom you've gained and suggestions you have for making it through. Share your story during our upcoming Overcomer Sermon Series. (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! Please reach out to Pastors James or Jo with questions or to sign up!



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. James C. Ramsey.....	Pastor / Head of Staff
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
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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