


East Union Presbyterian Church

September 29, 2024

9:30am In The EUCC

A close-up photograph of a hand sprinkling white salt crystals into a dark blue bowl filled with bright green peas. The background is dark and out of focus, showing a blurred figure of a person. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the salt and the freshness of the peas.

Today's Sermon:
**"If Salt Has Lost Its Taste,
How Can Its Saltiness Be Restored?"**

Photo by cottonbro studio



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..... Sunday, September 29, 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.

Deacons' Health Fair

The Deacons will host a Health Fair today following worship. Offerings will include Friends & Family CPR training, blood pressure checks, ideas for healthy snacking and various other health topics! **If you haven't signed up, no worries just stick around! We're happy to have you!**

Youth Group Potluck

Tonight we will have our Youth Group Potluck at 6:00pm in the EUCC. We will go over our calendar through December, fill everyone in on our signup genius for the upcoming year and begin our discussion on a summer youth mission trip. As a reminder, Youth Group is for kids in the 6th-12th grades. Friends are welcome! We have a large group of kids moving up this year. All parents and youth are encouraged to attend.

Minute for Mission

Today, we welcome Allie Gray to present a Minute for Mission! We look forward to hearing an update on her work in Guatemala.

Recording Your Contribution

We thank you for your generous financial contributions each week. The Trustees also work hard to ensure each member's contributions are correctly recorded. **Please make sure your name is on your contribution envelope especially when donating cash.** If you would like to receive envelopes, please let Mindy know. She is happy to print them out for you. There are also generic envelopes on the Welcome Table every Sunday. Online giving is always an option, as well!

Announcements

Trunk or Treat Fall Festival

Our Trunk or Treat Fall Festival will take place on October 12 from 5-7pm. We already have a great list of groups who are participating! **We are still looking to fill slots for Trunk hosts.** You can use the link below or scan the QR code with your camera on your smartphone to sign-up!

We have had amazing donations already from the following businesses for our raffle baskets which we are super excited about!! Red Bird Rustics, Pittsburgh Zoo, Deer Creek Diner, Fox's Pizza, Big Burrito Group, Tequila Jalisco's, Katie's Clay Studio, Caliente Pizza, The Armory Print Works, T-1 Nails and more!

If you are interested in hosting a trunk, booth or donating a raffle basket for this event please visit the sign up genius <https://bit.ly/HostATrunkorBooth>



Host a Trunk



If you are interested in helping in another way, you can donate your time or items on this list! <https://bit.ly/TrunkorTreatVolunteerorDonate>

East Union Community Center Presents

Trunk or Treat Fall Festival

Raffles - Treats - Games

OCT 12 | 5-7 PM

292 East Union Rd, Cheswick PA 15024



Free Admission - Rain or Shine!
Trunk or Treat Outdoors-- Raffles, Food, Games, Bake Sale Inside!

Announcements

Operation Christmas Child

The shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child will be available today through the end of October. These boxes will be distributed to children in need all around the world. The boxes need to be returned by Sunday, November 10. Information with suggestions on items to include will be with the shoe box. Please do not tape the boxes. Use rubber bands if needed. They ask for \$10 to be included or sent online to help cover the costs of shipping. Contact Jan Blinn 724-681-4221 or janiceblinn@gmail.com if you have any questions.



EAST UNION CHURCH SPECIAL EVENT:



EAST UNION COMMUNITY CENTER

**BRING YOUR SLEEPING BAG & PILLOW OR CHAIR!
ENJOY FREE POPCORN & A FUN FAMILY MOVIE.**

Announcements

Mission Team Collecting Coats for EECM

The East Union Mission team is once again collecting gently used and new coats (still with tags) to provide to the East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) Coat drive. These coats will be distributed to clients of the EECM homeless shelter. A collection box is available in the lobby of the East Union Community Center. All of the used coats will be sent to a Dry Cleaner prior to delivery to EECM. The last day of collection will be Sunday October 13th. We thank you for your support of this impactful project.



EAST UNION MISSION TEAM HOSTING



Winter COAT DRIVE



NOW UNTIL OCTOBER 13



**Benefits the people of the East End Cooperative
Ministry Homeless Shelter (EECM)**



WE ARE ONCE AGAIN COLLECTING NEW AND GENTLY USED COATS FOR THE CLIENTS OF THE EECM HOMELESS SHELTER IN EAST LIBERTY. A COLLECTION BOX IS LOCATED IN THE LOBBY OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER. ALL COATS WILL BE DRYCLEANED BEFORE DISTRIBUTION. COLLECTION ENDS 10/13/2024.



More Information:

EMAIL: EASTUNION@EASTUNIONCHURCH.ORG OR CALL: 724-265-1381

Worship Service

Sunday, September 29, 2024 • 9:30am in the Community Center

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

Blessed By Your Name

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

* Congregational Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Confessional Song

From The Inside Out

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:

Leviticus 2.11-13

Matthew 5:13-15

Sermon "If Salt Has Lost its Taste, How Can Its Saltiness Be Restored?"

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

My Lighthouse

Dismissal of Online Congregation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

* Congregational Song

You Never Let Go

Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

You Never Let Go

New to East Union Church?

Have you been considering joining our East Union Church Family? We'd love for you to become a member! Pastor James is currently meeting with interested families. The process of becoming a member is simple and straightforward. Speak to Pastor James or note your interest on one of our Connection Cards (on Welcome Table.) New members will officially join on Sunday, October 27 in worship!



Announcements

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School will begin next Sunday, October 6th! Children ages 4 y/o-5th grade are invited to participate. Adults and youth interested in teaching or helping may sign-up using our Sign-Up Genius. Lessons are provided. (Child Abuse and Criminal Clearances are required for adults per PA State Law.) If you need clearances, please contact Mindy in the office and she will give you the information. Every adult working with children on campus must have clearances on file in the office and must be renewed every 5 years.



Online Registration for Children & Youth Requested:

Parents and guardians of children and youth who participate in Sunday School and/or Youth Group are asked to complete a NEW Online Registration Form at our church website. This simple form, found under the Inreach Ministries drop-down on our website, allows caregivers to provide/update cell phone numbers, emails, emergency contacts, allergy information and a photo-refusal option.

This Registration Form is required on an annual basis each fall. An additional Youth Group Off-Campus Event Permission form will occasionally be required for specific YG activities. Please contact Pastor Jo if you have any questions.

Adult Sunday School "Exploring the Book of Acts"

Begins on October 20, following Worship in the Multi-purpose lounge.

K-Five Tutoring

K-Five Tutoring begins on October 3rd. If you have a child who can benefit from this free program, we encourage you to visit their website to register, <https://www.kfive.org/>. The program takes place in our Sunday School Classrooms on Thursday evenings during the school year. For questions please email kfivepgh@gmail.com

Trustees and Deacons

The Trustees and Deacons will each meet next Sunday, October 6, 2024. The Trustees will meet in the Admin Building and the Deacons will meet in the Choir/Conference room.

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 (John Kane Community, Glen Hazel)

Home Care: Joan Kozub Pat Aber Jim & Jeanne Walter

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East Union Birthdays
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Jeff Bastin (09/29)

Lauren Chanadet (09/29)

Charlotte Foster (09/30)

Karen Klemmensen (10/05)

Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry
Jan Blinn 724.681.4221

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, September 29 –October 6, 2024

- Today: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **Allie Gray Minute for Mission**
10:45am - Deacon's Health Fair (EUCC)
6:00pm - Youth Group Potluck (EUCC)
- Monday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
7:30-9:00pm - Adult Basketball - Open To All (EUCC)
- Tuesday: **Compass Points Deadline**
5:00-8:30pm - Fun and Freedom (EUCC)
6:30-8:00pm - Cub Scouts Meeting (Pavilion)
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
- Wednesday: 10:00am - Staff Meeting (Admin Building)
6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
6:30pm—Girl Scouts Meeting (Discovery Classroom)
- Thursday: 10:00am - Pittsburgh Presbytery Meeting (Camp Crestfield)
9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
5-7:00pm—K-Five Tutoring (Sunday School Hallway)
7:00-9:00pm - Boy Scout Meeting (Kennedy Hall)
- Friday: 7:00pm—Popcorn and a Movie (EUCC)
- Next Sunday: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **World Communion**
10:45am - Sunday School for Children (Discovery Classroom)
10:45am—Trustees Meeting (Admin Building)
10:45am—Deacon's Meeting (Choir-Conference Room)
6:30-8:00pm - Youth Group—Messy Game Olympics (EUCC)

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

Per Capita 2024

With the end of the year fast approaching we want to remind everyone there are only a few more months to pay the per capita fee for 2024. Every Presbyterian church contributes to our denomination an annual 'per capita' fee for each registered member in their official Church Register book. The per capita amount set by the Pittsburgh Presbytery is \$36.35 per member for this year. The per capita 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!



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.

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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.)

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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.

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Sunday School

Sunday School for Children and Adults is offered most Sundays. Classes meet after worship from 10:45—11:30am beginning October 6th.

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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.

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Facebook & Instagram

Like and Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on all the happenings here at East Union Church!

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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 2024

Administration & Staff	Gail Stotlemeyer
Christian Education	Pastor Jo
Christian Growth & Membership	Pastor James
Mission	Doug Blinn
Women's Ministry	Teresa Williams, Sue Vresh
Worship	Carol McCaskey
Nominating Committee	Carol McCaskey
Cemetery Committee	Joe Williams
Revenue Advisory Team	Dana Wangler

Session

John Burk	Carol McCaskey, Clerk	Jared Hawk
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