

# *East Union Presbyterian Church*

May 5, 2024

9:30am In The EUCC



**“How Far Did He Go?”**

Photo by Berti Weber



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..... Sunday, May 5, 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.

### *Communion Celebrated*

Everyone will be invited up to the Communion tables after the Sermon to receive the cup of salvation and bread of life from Pastors James and Jo along with an Elder at each station. Please take the elements back to your seat and we will partake together.

### *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 Communion in your home. Please contact the church office, so arrangements can be made.

### *ECCM Meal*

East Union will provide a meal to the ECCM Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, May 7th. Our sign up sheet is completely full. Thank you to those who have signed up to bring portions of the meal. **All food needs to be delivered to the EUCC kitchen by 4:30pm on Tuesday.**



**Our Next Spaghetti Dinner is THIS Wednesday May 8th  
from 4-7pm in the EUCC!**

Skip the cooking and come see us! Enjoy delicious spaghetti with your choice of sauce (meat, meatball, marinara, or Clam Sauce) a scrumptious salad bar, dinner rolls, and of course, delightful desserts! Take out is still available! **Mark your Calendars and Bring a Friend!**

**We are accepting cookie and brownie donations, please deliver to the EUCC by Tuesday May 7th. Thank you to our Amazing Bakers!**

# Announcements

## VBS Registration is OPEN!

Child & Volunteer Registration Forms Will Be Available Online  
[www.EastUnionChurch.org](http://www.EastUnionChurch.org)

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**Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 21<sup>th</sup> Evenings: 6:00 – 8:30pm**

For children ages 5 years old (by 9/1) through 6th grade

**Everyone is invited to Mid Week Hoedown, Wednesday June 19!**

*We'll explore Bible stories, play games, sing fun songs, make awesome crafts, munch on delicious snacks and make new friends! Together, we'll discover the range of God's love! Haven't you herd?! Jesus Loves Y'All! (Y'Inz!)*

## Volunteers Needed! Join the VBS Team!

**We are in need of a Recreation Station Leader!** If you would be interested in taking a leadership role in this station please reach out to Mindy, Autumn or Pastor Jo!

We always welcome new volunteers and hope to see all of our amazing volunteers who have helped in years prior. Reminder that the kiddos going into 6th grade can be station helpers or participants!

If there is a specific place you would like to be stationed, please let Autumn, Mindy or Pastor Jo know!

# VBS 2024

## Volunteer T-Shirt Sale - \$10 each



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult XS: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult S: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult M: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult L: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult XL: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult XXL: \_\_\_\_\_

Red t-shirt with black lettering

# of shirts: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$: \_\_\_\_\_

**Must Order by May 26. Please specify payment on your offering envelope.**

# Christian Education Highlights

## Christian Education at East Union ~ Fall 2023-Spring 2024

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** ~ Leaders & Helpers include Autumn Stotlemeyer, Steph Andrie, Matt & Kristie Forsman, Bree Hansen, Pastor Jo, Adrienne McCorkle, Emily McCorkle, Jessica Mikail, Vonna Miller, Katie Postreich, Justine Slavin, Gail Stotlemeyer and Mindy Young

Lessons include Follow Me Themes: Celebrate Communion and Walk Humbly, as well as Pageant & Play Rehearsals

### **Participants (4 y/o – 5th grade)**

Cameron Andrie*	Wren Andrie*	Ellis Bedillion
Korin Bedillion	BooBoo Bunny	Kenidee Forsman**
Reese Forsman*	Emalyse Hansen	Samantha Hawk*
Mary Hetrick	Rory Lechnar	Henry McCarty
Kian McCarty	Carly McCorkle*	Eleanor McCorkle*
Nora McCorkle*	Walter McCorkle*	Jaden Mickail*
Adalyn Postreich*	Avery Slavin*	Blake Slavin*
Ali Stotlemeyer*	Ivy Stotlemeyer*	Zoey Watt*
Olivia Young*		

*Attended 10 or more Sunday School classes, earning a \$5 Chick Fil-A Attendance Award*

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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** ~ Pastor James  
Key Figures of the Old & New Testaments  
Seeing the Spirit at Work (Acts)

### **Participants (Adults)**

Doug & Jan Blinn	John & Cathy Burk	Patty Martinez
Bev Schubert	Todd Shaw	Denise Winter

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS** ~ Pastor Jo  
Weekly classes from January-April, as well as Mission Outreach to EECM, Spirituality Field Trip to the Cathedral of Hope and the Crestfield Confirmation Retreat, followed by our Confirmation Celebration on April 14.

### **Participants (6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

Alexandria Claypoole	Jordyn Crawford	Berlyn Hansen
Cadence Hawk	Lauren Hawk	Lillian Paredes
Camy Plummer	Macy Plummer	Desolina Postreich
Julia Seborowski	Tyler Shaw	Dylan Tarbi
Ben Watt		

# Christian Education Highlights

## YOUTH GROUP ~ Frank McCoy

Weekly gatherings during the school year, as well as helping at Santa and Bunny Breakfasts, Overnight Lock-In, Pageant, Personal Mission Statements, Souper Bowl Collection, Snow Tubing at Seven Springs, Master Chef Competition, Paintball, Frisbee Golf, Edward's Ice Cream & McDonald's Outings and College Freshman Care Packages

## Participants (6-12th grade)

Caisen Bedillion	Alexandria Claypoole	Jordyn Crawford
Matthew Crawford	David Hansen	Cadence Hawk
Lauren Hawk	Lexie Lollo	Brayden McCoy
Kylie McCoy	Ciara Olexa	Rily Parise
Camy Plummer	Macy Plummer	Desolina Postreich
Preston Postreich	Larry Rommes, IV	Mea Rommes
Josh Runas	Austin Shaw	Tyler Shaw
Zane Spence	Dylan Tarbi	Nathaniel Tarbi
Ben Watt	Guests & Friends	

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## Special Events

- Blessing of the Backpacks ~ September 10, 2023
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Adventure Bible Presentation ~ October 8, 2023
- Fall Festival & Bonfire ~ November 10, 2023
- Countdown To Christmas Pageant ~ December 10, 2023
- Crestfield Tweeners' Retreat ~ February 24-25, 2024
- The Jingle Bell/Palm Sunday Band
- "From Eggs To Eternity" Spring Play ~ March 24, 2024
- Bowling with the Easter Bunny ~ March 24, 2024

## Upcoming 2024 Special Events

- Blessing of the Graduates ~ Sunday, June 2
  - Hope Ranch Vacation Bible School ~ June 17-21
  - Blessing of the Animals ~ Sunday, July 14
  - Blessing of the Backpacks ~ Sunday, September 8
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*A HUGE thank you to our teachers, leaders, chaperones, snack folks, helpers, and parents who share their time, talents and treasures to support our children, youth and adults as they grow in faith!*

# Worship Service

Sunday, May 5, 2024 • 9:30am in the Community Center

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

*God Of Wonders*

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Congregational Song

*God Of Wonders*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

\* Confessional Song

*Lord, I Need You*

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:

**Luke 24:44-53**

**Acts 1:1-11**

Sermon

"How Far Did He Go?"

Pastor James

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

\* Congregational Song

*Everlasting God*

Sacrament of Communion

Celebrating our Christian Education Program

Announcements

Offering

*Thank you for your generous financial contributions, that support East Union Church, our ministries and missions. The Offering Plate will be passed. (We now 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*

Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

*Give Thanks*

## **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**

Please know that through the trials and tribulations of life, your pastors, James and Jo are here to support and guide you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

- John 14:27

## *Spring Worship Schedule*

**Sunday, May 12** - Mother's Day Women's Service

**Sunday, May 19** - PENTECOST

**Sunday, May 26** - Memorial Day Weekend

**Sunday, June 2** - Blessing of the Graduates

Weather Permitting, we plan to move out to the Pavilion for our Outdoor Summer Services on June 2!



# Announcements

## Walnut Woods Summer Camp

**Registration is Open and Space is Limited - Don't Delay!**

All members of East Union Church receive a 10% discount and waived registration fee! Camp begins June 10 and lasts until August 16. We have 5 field trips planned! We will also welcome a few special guests and have theme days! You can choose to come specific weeks or the entire summer!

**Summer Wish list!** We have put together an Amazon wish list of items we would love to have for summer camp this year to add to the campers' experience, as well as to decorate Kennedy Hall to make the space feel more inviting and welcoming. We even have a few items to make the day-to-day a little easier for our counselors. Items are on the "Wishing Tree" in the entrance to the EUCC and accessible from our Amazon Wish list: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/343UMV2Z2PH7Q>

**Summer Camp Sponsorship!** We are still accepting sponsorships for summer camp. The sponsorships help to fund transportation for our field trips and the purchasing of items to enrich our camp!

## Mother's Day Honors

**This Wednesday, May 8th is the deadline** to get your Mother's Day Honors in to Mindy. These special honors are only a \$10 donation! Email to [Mindy@eastunionchurch.org](mailto:Mindy@eastunionchurch.org)

## Graduate Sunday

**Blessing of the Graduates is Sunday,**

**June 2 at 9:30am!** If you would like to highlight your Graduate, please email [Mindy@eastunionchurch.org](mailto:Mindy@eastunionchurch.org) by May 28.

Please include a photo, career or college plans, any extra curricular activities they participated in during HS or college! This is not limited to High School Graduates. College/Trade School/Military graduations are all celebrated as well!





# 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)

**Home Care:** Joan Kozub

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*East Union Birthdays*  
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Bonnie Wilczynski (05/03)	Gage Brandstadter (05/05)
Wendy Long (05/06)	Robin Trocki (05/07)
Hunter Seborowski (05/10)	Cameron Andrie (05/11)
Wren Andrie (05/11)	Allie Gray (05/11)
Phyllis Passarella (05/12)	

**Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry**  
**Jeanne Walter 412-767-5379**

**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, May 5 – May 12, 2024

- Today: 9:30am - Worship, **Communion & Sunday School Celebration (EUCC)**  
10:45am - Trustees Meeting (Admin Building)  
10:45am - Adult Sunday School (The Lounge)
- Monday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)  
7:30-9:00pm - Adult Basketball - Open To All (EUCC)
- Tuesday: **Compass Points Deadline—Cookies Due for Spaghetti Dinner**  
4:30pm - EECM Shelter Meal (EUCC Kitchen)  
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
- Wednesday: 4:00-7:00pm - Spaghetti Dinner (EUCC)  
6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
- Thursday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)  
6:00-8:00pm - K-Five Tutoring (Discovery Classroom)  
7:00-9:00pm - Boy Scout Meeting (Kennedy Hall)
- Next Sunday: 9:30am - Worship, **Women's Sunday (EUCC)**  
**To reserve any part of the church building or grounds,  
contact the church office 724.265.1381**

### Trustees Meeting

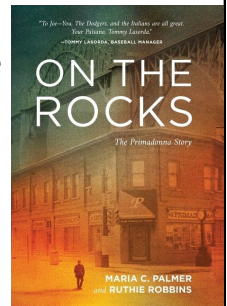
The Trustees will meet today, following worship service in the administration building.

### Deacons Lunch Day Outing

The Deacons are organizing a Lunch Day Outing on May 16th at 11:30am at the Clubhouse on Route 8. Please sign up for the lunch either by signing up at the Welcome Table or by sending Jan Blinn a message at 724-681-4221 or janiceblinn@gmail.com.

### Women's Ministry Book Club

The Women's Ministry Book Club is set to meet next Tuesday, May 14th at 12:30pm in the Choir/ Conference Room. They will be discussing the book "On the Rocks" by Maria Palmer and Ruthie Rocks. The ladies are lucky enough to welcome one of the authors Maria Palmer to join them in their discussion. If you are interested in joining the ladies for their book club, please reach out to Donna Paszek at dmpaszek@icloud.com.





# 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 during the school year. Classes for children will begin again in the Fall.

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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. Jo Ramsey .....	Associate Pastor of Family Life
Frank McCoy .....	Youth Director
Mindy Young.....	Admin Asst-Financial Secretary
John H. Burk, Jr.....	Treasurer
Colleen Zaremski .....	Deer Lakes Nursery School
Pearl Campbell .....	Housekeeping Custodian
Mike McCormick .....	Maintenance Custodian

## 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
Outreach & Evangelism.....	Event Team Leaders

## Session

Carol McCaskey, Clerk	John Burk	Jared Hawk
Doug Blinn	Keith Russell	Todd Shaw
Gail Stotlemeyer	Dawn Spence	Lori Crawford
Marcia Cook	Teresa Williams	
Jessica Mickail	Vicki Callender	

## Board of Deacons

Bonnie Braun	Bree Hansen	Jeanne Walter
Heather Rusek	Jan Blinn	Shari Smallwood,
Janet Wangler	Denise Winter	Moderator
Rachel Hetrick		

## Board of Trustees

Tom Crawford	Joe Andrie	Carol Bock
William Runas	Matt Forsman	Lori Butler
Rich Rusek	Bill Maher	Mary Runas
Kevin Vresh	Tom Wagner	Keith Tarbi