

# East Union Presbyterian Church

September 28, 2025

9:30am In The EUCC



**“Contentment”**  
**Guest Preacher**

**Pastor Alina Kanaski at the Pulpit**

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# East Union Presbyterian Church

.....Sunday, September 28, 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. **Sign-Up Genius Listings** for all current activities and service opportunities are available on the church website near the bottom of the landing page.

### Welcoming Guest Preacher, Pastor Alina Kanaski

Alina Kanaski went to seminary at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and there fell in love with both Pittsburgh and pastoring. She was ordained in 2017 and was previously the pastor at Chartiers Valley United Presbyterian, Good Shepherd Lutheran, and Saint John Lutheran Churches. Her hobbies include reading, knitting, and going for slow walks where she might see ducklings.

### World Communion Breads Needed

#### Calling All Bread Bakers:

We will celebrate World Communion next Sunday, October 5th. Last year in honor of this very special day, we sampled breads from around the world at the Lord's Table. People really enjoyed it, and we hope to try it again this year!

**We are looking for six different kinds of bread, representing six world regions. Please sign up at the Welcome Table Today!**

We trust this will be a creative, hands-on way to connect with God's children around the world.

### Upcoming Leadership Meetings

- ⇒ The **Trustees** will meet on Oct 5 following worship in the Admin Building.
- ⇒ The **Deacons** will meet Oct 12 in the Choir-Conference room.
- ⇒ The **Session and Trustees** will have their joint meeting on Oct 12 in Kennedy Hall.

# Announcements

## East Union Legacy Tree Campaign

Today is the last day to contribute to the Tree Campaign. As a part of our 175th anniversary, we will be dedicating these trees on All Saint's Day, November 2.

**We are currently at \$2,802.50 of our \$3,000 goal. Which means we only need \$197.50 more to reach our goal! Will you help us reach our goal?**

To contribute to the East Union Legacy Tree Campaign please specify on your contribution envelope "EU Tree Legacy". You can also donate through Vanco and Venmo!



## Trunk or Treat Fall Festival

Our Trunk or Treat Fall Festival will return in just a few short weeks! Join us on **October 11 from 5-7pm** for a spooktacular night! Kristin Parise and Robin Tarbi are co-chairing the event this year!

- ⇒ **The Women's Ministry Team** is looking for donations of baked goods for their Bake Sale that will happen during the Trunk or Treat.
- ⇒ **We still have many open spots** to host a Trunk. Will you be able to host a trunk and help make this event a success? Please use this link to sign up, or visit the welcome table! <https://bit.ly/HostATrunkorBooth>
- ⇒ **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 11 | 5-7 PM**



# Announcements

## Youth Group News!

Youth Group is for all youth in grades 6-12. Our primary communication is through the Team Snap App. If your Youth would like to be involved and needs to be added to the app, please email [Mindy@eastunionchurch.org](mailto:Mindy@eastunionchurch.org), and she will get you all set up.

Last week, about 30 youth and parents met for our Potluck dinner and discussed the year ahead. We have an awesome calendar that takes us all the way into the new year with lots of lessons and fun activities.

⇒ **Please remember to mark your availability** at your earliest convenience for planning purposes. The two most important RSVPs are for the Zombie Paintball and the Breakout Room. **The deadline for those two specific events is Oct 5 by midnight.**

Our next meeting will be October 5th for Messy Games! If you haven't already, please check out our sign-up genius to organize a messy game and RSVP in the app! As a reminder and for your convenience, the sign up genius can be found at the home page of our church website @ [www.eastunionchurch.org](http://www.eastunionchurch.org).

# Youth Group Presents:

# MESSY GAMES NIGHT!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 6:30-8PM EUCC

**Wear clothes you can get messy!  
Bring a change of clothes and a  
trash bag!**

**RSVP VIA TEAM SNAP!**

 **East Union**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Announcements

## Sunday School Starts Next Sunday!

**Sunday School** for Children kicks off on October 5th in the Discovery Classroom! Sunday School will run a little differently this year, and they schedule will be as follows:

- Month of October classes at 10:45-11:30am
- No Sunday School November 2.
- November 9-December 7 classes will be during worship from 9:45-10:45am as we prepare for the Pageant--this includes youth

Pastor Jo will be sending out an email to all families with information as well as the signup genius for teachers/helpers!

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jo

## Breakfast With SANTA & Mrs. Claus too!



## Planning Meeting

It's almost that time of the year again! **We invite you to join us on October 5**, following worship in Kennedy Hall as we get ready for one of our largest outreach events. If you plan to help, we would love to have you here!

# Worship Service

Sunday, September 28, 2025



9:30am in the EUCC

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

*Here I Am to Worship*

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Congregational Song

*Here I Am to Worship*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Confessional Song

*Lord, I Need You*

Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

Children's Chat

*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, rocking chair and a variety of toys.*

Scripture Readings:

**Psalm 146**

**1 Timothy 6:6-19**

**\*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

*It Is Well*

Dismissal of Online Congregation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

\* Congregational Song

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Blessed Be Your Name*

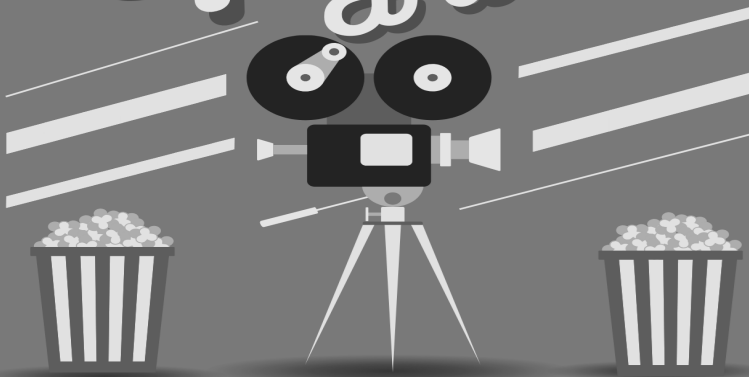
### **New to East Union Church?**

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.)

## Announcements

EAST UNION COMMUNITY CENTER

# presents: popcorn & a movie



FRIDAY, OCT 3  
Starts at 7:00 pm

Bring a Blanket, pillow, or  
chair and join us for a  
family-friendly movie!

East Union Community Center  
292 East Union Rd  
Cheswick, PA 15024  
[www.eastunionchurch.org](http://www.eastunionchurch.org)

### Fall Dates At A Glance

Popcorn and a Movie .....	October 3
World Communion .....	October 5
Trustees Meeting .....	October 5
Santa Breakfast Planning Meeting .....	October 5
Sunday School for Children Begins.....	October 5
Trunk or Treat Fall Festival .....	October 11
Joint Trustees and Session Meeting .....	October 12
Deacons Meeting .....	October 12
Women's Ministry Book Club .....	October 14
All Saint's Day/Legacy Tree Dedication .....	November 2
Popcorn and a Movie .....	November 7
EECM Meal (Youth Group to Deliver).....	November 4
Session Meeting .....	November 9
Decorate the Sanctuary .....	November TBD
Deacons Thanksgiving Baskets .....	November 22
Advent Begins .....	November 30



## 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)

<b>Care Facility:</b>	Leslie Dodson (UPMC Montefiore Long Term Care) Karen Klemmensen (Quality Life Services of Grove City) Joann Peterson (Atria's Senior Living, McCandless) Ted Barsolo (Concordia of Cranberry)
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**Home Care:** Joan Kozub Jan Fvala



## East Union Birthdays



Austin Young (09/28)

Jeff Bastin (09/29)

Lauren Chanadet (09/29)

Molly Delaney (09/29)

Charlotte Foster (09/30)

Amy Brenner (10/01)

Karen Klemmensen (10/05)

**Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry**  
**Bonnie Braun (412) 225-5173**

**Prayer Requests...**Please contact Carol McCaskey (724-312-5656 / [camc@consolidated.net](mailto:camc@consolidated.net)) or Teresa Williams (412-613- 4375/ [dlns@verizon.net](mailto:dlns@verizon.net).) to share your prayer request or join the Cloud.

**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

ReResolve Crisis Services.....1-888-7YOU-CAN (796-8226)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.....**988** or 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

## ***The Week At A Glance***

### **Sunday, September 28 – October 5, 2025**

**Today:** 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **Guest Preacher— Pastor Alina Kanaski**

**Monday:** 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)  
7:30pm—Men's Basketball - Open To All (EUCC)

**Tuesday:** **Compass Points Deadline**  
5:00-8:30pm - Fun and Freedom Youth Sports (EUCC)  
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)

**Wednesday:** 6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)

**Thursday:** 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)  
5:00-7:00pm—KFIVE Tutoring (Sunday School Hallway)  
6:00-8:00pm - Boy Scouts (Kennedy Hall)

**Friday:** 7:00pm—Popcorn & a Movie (EUCC)

**Next Sunday:** 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) World Communion  
10:45am— Sunday School for Children (Discovery Room)  
10:45am—Trustees Meeting (Admin Building)  
6:30pm—Youth Group Messy Games (EUCC/Pavilion)

**To reserve any part of the church building or grounds,  
contact the church office at 724-265-1381  
by email [eastunion@eastunionchurch.org](mailto:eastunion@eastunionchurch.org)**

*God Be With You Till We Meet  
Again*

*Thanks For Worshipping With Us Today.*





# 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 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

**Sunday School for Children Begins October 5th!**

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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 be 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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Office Hours - 9:00am - 2:00pm Daily

Our Pastors' regular day off is Friday (Available in emergencies)

Rev. James C. Ramsey.....	Pastor / Head of Staff
Rev. Jo Ramsey.....	Associate Pastor of Family Life
Mindy Young.....	Admin/Financial Secretary & Walnut Woods Director
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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
Worship.....	Marcia Cook, Lori Crawford, Wanda Blackwell
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 Jr.	Doug Blinn	Wanda Blackwell
Keith Russell	Gail Stotlemeyer	David Parise
Dawn Spence	Marcia Cook	David Volkman
Teresa Williams	Jared Hawk	Bill Bedillion
Vicki Callender	Lori Crawford	Todd Shaw
Carol McCaskey, Clerk	Patricia Martinez	

## Board of Deacons

Bonnie Braun	Rachel Hetrick	Robin Tarbi
Bree Hansen	Hannah Runas	Justine Slavin
Jan Blinn	Rita Michel	Amy Brenner
Heather Rusek	Kristin Parise	Joe Haynes
Janet Wangler	Janet Volkman	Shari Smallwood-Moderator

## Board of Trustees

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