

East Union Presbyterian Church

March 5, 2023



9:30am In The EUCC



**Today's Sermon:
"Mercy, Mercy, Mercy"**



East Union Presbyterian Church

..... Sunday, March 5, 2023

..... *Compass Points*

WELCOME TO EAST UNION CHURCH

We are delighted to have you worship with us! Please refer to page 11 for additional information about our Christian Education programs and Worship services.

COMMUNION CELEBRATED

Please pick up your communion elements (the Cup of Salvation & the Bread of Life). They are available at the Welcome Table.

SERVING COMMUNION TO OUR HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to come to church and would like to partake in communion, Pastor James and an Elder are available to serve communion in your home. Please contact the church office, so arrangements can be made.

EECM DINNER THIS TUESDAY!

This Tuesday, March 7, we will deliver a meal to the Community House in East Liberty. **We are still in need of Salad, Casserole and Green Beans.** Please sign-up at our Welcome Table to help prepare a portion of the meal. All items will need to be brought to the church no later than 4:30pm on the 7th. The folks at the Community House and our Mission Team so appreciate your efforts and support! If you have questions, please contact Darlene Fryer at 724-265-1639 or 412-759-0125.

CHANGES COMING TO OFFERING ENVELOPES

With the rising cost and many requests to stop receiving them all together, it has been decided that we will no longer be ordering offering envelopes from the third party vendor. Going forward, we will be printing them in-house. If you would like to continue receiving weekly envelopes, please reach out to the church office or email Mindy directly at: mindy@eastunionchurch.org. If you would like to move to online giving and need assistance getting that set up, Mindy would also be happy to help with that! Thank you for your patience during this transition and for your continued support of East Union Church!

BIG NEWS FROM WALNUT WOODS

The search is over!! We are thrilled to announce that we have officially hired a coordinator for the summer program. Dante Foster has joined our staff as of March 1 as our Walnut Woods Summer Camp Director. He is a graduate of Point Park University with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education (Pre-K-4th) and Certification in Special Education (Pre-K-8th). He was an assistant director at Camp AIM (which was also a start up camp!) and most recently has been a substitute teacher at North Allegheny School District. Dante brings fantastic energy to the team and he is excited and eager to take on this new and exciting role!

Announcements



This Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 4-7pm

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TAKE OUT ONLY ● DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Skip the cooking this Wednesday and come see us! Enjoy delicious spaghetti with your choice of sauce (meat, meatball, marinara, and mushroom), a scrumptious salad, dinner rolls, and of course, delightful desserts! Hope to see you there! **We are accepting Cookie and Brownie donations that can be dropped off at the EUCC Tuesday or Wednesday and will be very much appreciated! Thank you!!**

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR RUMMAGE WORKERS!!

Without each and every one of you, we would not be able to have such a successful Rummage and Bake Sale. Thank you for all your hard work moving items into the EUCC and helping to sort and price. You all are a blessing to us!

SPEED & AGILITY TRAINING FOR JR AND SR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

All Youth are invited to join Frank McCoy for Speed & Agility Training! Sessions will be held on Sundays and Thursdays in the EUCC. A suggested donation of \$5 per session will go toward Youth Missions. Join Frank this Sunday from 2-3 pm in the EUCC! Please contact Frank at fmccoy070977@gmail.com for additional info!

East Union Honors

The East Union Women's Ministry Team would like to Honor **Boy Scout Troop 653**. This troop meets at our church and can always be counted on to help us when we are in need. They are a great group of scouts who are always kind and respectful.



Troop Leader Rob Stewart and the scouts have supported us and eagerly helped every time we have asked. From helping to set up and take down tables in the EUCC and helping to move the basket room, We can always count on them whenever we call!

We are so very thankful for Troop 653 and Rob Stewart! God Bless you!

Mission Trip Announcement

The East Union Mission Team is excited to announce the 2023 Mission Trip!

Out of Disaster, Bring Hope

Background:

In July 2022, Eastern Kentucky was hit by massive storms that caused flooding in many towns. Hazard, a small 7 sq mile coal town located on the banks of the North Fork of the Kentucky River in Perry County Kentucky, was one of these towns affected by the storms. If you are interested in learning about Hazard, I suggest this link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hazard,_Kentucky#Demographics.

The Hazard mission opportunity is listed on the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance web site under Referral Sites (<https://pda.pcusa.org/page/work-teams-locations/>). Work in Hazard is being coordinated by a Non-profit called the Housing Development Alliance, Inc (<https://hdahome.org/>)

HDA provides job sites, carpenters, supplies and tools for volunteer groups to come to Hazard to work on projects. The 1st Presbyterian Church of Hazard will provide housing with a kitchen and bathrooms during our stay.

Trip overview:

The Mission Team will leave on a Sunday morning to travel to Hazard. The trip will take about 7 hours plus a few stops for gas and bathroom breaks. We will then have 4 work days, Monday thru Thursday, and plan to leave Friday morning to return home. HDA works with teams up to 7 people, so depending on how many people go along on the trip will depend on how many groups we break into. HDA allows unaccompanied youth volunteers 14 and above, but also allows children down to the age of 10 as long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The work we will be doing will be focused on clean up and repair of homes affected by the floods, as well as, help with possible new home construction. The area in and around Hazard KY is depressed much like many towns in Appalachia. I am certain our help would be very much appreciated.

Next Steps:

We are working on establishing the exact week the team will go based on the available dates given to us by HDA. Currently, we are looking at dates in July and August. Once we have the date, we will announce it to the congregation. If anyone is interested in participating on this trip or would like further information, you can contact Doug Blinn (dhblinn@gmail.com) or text/call 724-681-4220). or you can attend the Mission Team meeting on Sunday, March 19th immediately after the Worship Service. This is the first of what we hope are many trips of this kind, and I encourage you to consider being a part of one of the trips if you feel called to do so.

Doug Blinn, East Union Mission Team

MISSION TEAM COLLECTING SHOES:

The East Union Mission Team is collecting gently-used & new shoes. Our shoes will go to a non-profit organization called Bridges to Burkina. The shoe charity will help build a school in Burkina Faso, Africa. Start gathering those gently-used and new shoes to donate for a great cause and declutter your space while you are at it!

Children's Corner

This Second Sunday of Lent, our Bible Story is based on 1 Kings 17. It's all about Serving a Stranger. The Bible is full of examples of God's followers serving strangers. Below are some things you can do at home with your family. But for now, can you solve the puzzle below?

- ⇒ As a family, make thank-you cards for people who serve you, such as fire-fighters, garbage collectors, grocery workers, hospital staff, and so forth. Deliver the cards in person.
- ⇒ Read together *Who Is My Neighbor?* by Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso (Flyaway Books, 2019) or watch the YouTube video "Who Is My Neighbor?" (bit.ly/FMWholsMyNeighbor, 8:10). Talk together about who are your neighbors: those who may be "blue" or "yellow" like you, those who may be unknown to you, and those you have been told to stay away from because they are different. Wonder together how, as a family, you could serve a stranger.

Find ten things that are different in the two pictures. Answers on page 11



Worship Service

Sunday, March 5 2023 • 9:30am in the EUCC

All lyrics displayed on projection screen



Prelude *Praise To The Lord The Almighty*

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

* Congregational Song *Come As You Are*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Confessional Song *Above All*

Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

Installation of Trustees

Children's Chat

Children are invited to take a Worship Tote and library book to their seats after the Children's Chat; the totes include coloring books and a snack. We also offer a Toddler Room in the back left of the EUCC for little ones (and parents) with toys, puzzles and books.

Old Testament 1 Samuel 24

New Testament Matthew 5:7

Sermon **"Mercy, Mercy, Mercy"** Pastor James

* Congregational Song *Everlasting God*

Communion

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Offering Recognition

Thank you for your generous financial contributions. An offering plate is at the welcome table. (Or, set up online donations at our church website. Call the church office...Mindy can help!)

Dismissal of Online Audience

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

* Congregational Song *Build Your Kingdom Here*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude *Build Your Kingdom Here*

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

2023 Lenten & Easter Worship Schedule

Love Extravagantly Sermon Series

Lent 2, Sunday, March 5 (Communion) ~ Sermon: Mercy, Mercy, Mercy

Lent 3, Sunday, March 12 ~ Sermon: Wash What?!

Lent 4, Sunday, March 19 ~ Sermon: Angelic Courage

Lent 5, Sunday March 26 ~ Sermon: Overcome By Peace

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 2 ~ *"The Three Trees" Children's Easter Play ~ 9:30am in the EUCC*
Special Music & Palms for All

Maundy Thursday, April 6 ~ *"The Last Supper" at 7pm in Founders' Chapel*
Communion with the 12 Disciples

Good Friday, April 7 ~ *"Finding Light in the Darkness" ~ Sanctuary Open from 5-7pm*
Stop In to Light a Candle, Reflect & Pray (Activities for Children, too)

Easter Sunday, April 9 ~ *"All Things New!" ~ 9:30am in the EUCC*
Easter Youth Drama
Special Music & a Gift for our Children

A few other things to keep in mind!

- * **Tweeners Retreat** March 25-26 at Crestfield
- * **Worship Song Leaders** ~ Singers of all ages are needed to lead our congregation in singing on Sunday mornings! Song Videos and Lyrics will be provided early each week. No commitment! Come when you can! Please contact Pastor Jo or Mindy to add your name to the Song Leaders email list.
- * **Twelve Disciples** are needed to create our Last Supper table on Maundy Thursday. No practices. Costumes and munchies provided! Please see Pastor James for more information.
- * **Easter Flower Sale** - See enclosed order form



Our Lenten focus is
"Love Extravagantly."

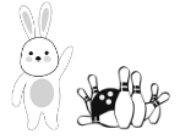
A simple one-page guide for use at home is available for pick-up at the Welcome Table.

Jesus spoke frequently about love. He told stories about love, taught about love, and embodied love in a way never seen before. After his death and resurrection, Jesus early followers began to meet and put into practice his way of love. They began to share and write down their memories and ideas about the love of God made known in Jesus. They tried to live out self-giving love with one another. Followers of Jesus have been trying to do the same ever since, paying close attention to the greatest commandment...to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself. **As you reflect on God's mercy in your life, how might you show mercy to others?**

Announcements

BOWLING WITH THE BUNNY; A CONGREGATIONAL PARTY!

Save the Date!! On April 2, 2023 we will be hosting a Bowling with the Bunny Party for our church family at Deer Lakes Bowl from 12-2pm. All are welcome to enjoy a fun filled afternoon. Prizes for best and worst bowlers! More details to come!



DON'T MISS OUT ON MASON JAR COOKIE MIXES!

The Women's Ministry Team will be offering Mason Jar Cookie Mixes before and after worship on Sundays. A donation of \$10 for each jar is requested to benefit Noah's Legacy Foundation! We did all the measuring for you, all you have to do is add the wet ingredients! Stop by and pick up one or two today!

BUNNY BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We are looking for volunteers to help make the Bunny Breakfast a hopping success! There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table for various areas that are still in need of volunteers. If you can share some of your time, it will be greatly appreciated! Any questions, please contact Teresa Williams at 412.613.4375. Thank you!!

EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Sat, March 25th, 9-11am
Enjoy Breakfast and Fun Activities!



EAST UNION COMMUNITY CENTER
292 EAST UNION RD, WEST DEER TWP.

Joys, Concerns & Prayer Requests

In Our Prayers

(To include someone on the prayer list, please call the church office)

Care Facility: Emily Allison (Harmar Village)
Garry Christy (FL Rehab Facility)
George Kistler (Fair Oaks of Pittsburgh)
Lois Wilson (Edenton RC, Maryland)
Karen Klemmensen (Magnolia Place, Saxonburg)

Home Care: Ted Barsolo Dave Cook Karl Kennedy
Nancy Kennedy Joan Kozub Henry McCarty
Marcia Cook Cathy Burk Tom Wagner



East Union Birthdays



Joshua Klemmenson (03/06) Heather Rusek (03/11)
Stacey Hollibaugh (03/12)

Payer 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/ dlins@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)

Answer to Children's puzzle:
bread, cheese, collar, eyes, frame, hair, headband, jug, mustache, stripes

Opportunities of The Week

Sunday, March 5 — March 12, 2023

- Today: **Communion ~ Sunday Cycle ~ Begin With Boards ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent**
9:30am - Worship (EUCC)
10:40am - Sunday School/Play Practice for Children (Discovery Room)
10:40am - Session, Deacons and Trustees Meet (Various)
2:00-3:00pm - Speed & Agility with Frank McCoy (EUCC)
- Monday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
6:00-7:30pm - Private Reservation (EUCC)
7:30-9:00pm - Adult Basketball - Open To All (EUCC)
- Tuesday: Compass Points Deadline
4:30pm - EECM Dinner (EUCC Kitchen)
5:00-9:00pm - Fun & Freedom Youth Sports (EUCC)
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
- Wednesday: 4:00-7:00pm - Drive-Thru Spaghetti (EUCC/Parking Lot)
- Thursday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching—Open To All (EUCC)
6:00-9:00pm - Cub Scout Meeting (Founders' Chapel)
6:30pm - Tai Chi - Open To All (EUCC)
5:30-7:00pm - KFive Tutoring (Sunday School Wing)
- Next Sunday: **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ~ Seek on Second ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent**
9:30am - Worship (EUCC)
10:40am - Sunday School/Play Practice for Children (Discovery Room)
10:40am - Sunday School for Adults (Lounge)
10:40am - Youth Group (The Spot)

To reserve any part of the church building or grounds, call the church office

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Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry
Meaghan Parsons 412.767.0148

East Union's Sunday Cycle :
Today, we "Begin With Boards"
Next week, we "Seek on Second"



Today is "Begin with Boards" - The boards will meet in the following locations:
Session - Meeting in The Spot
Trustees - Meeting in the Admin Building
Deacons - Meeting in the Mission Room
Children's Sunday School/Play Practice - Discovery Classroom

Following worship next Sunday (10:40am on 3/12), we "Seek on Second"
Sunday for Children/Play Practice - Discovery Classroom
Sunday School for Adults - Multipurpose Lounge
Youth Group - The Spot **NOTE: March 12 is Daylight Savings!**



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, Sunday at 9:30am in the EUCC.

Services are **broadcast on YouTubeLive**. (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. Frank McCoy, YG Director, can be reached at fmccoy070977@gmail.com. Meeting notices and event details will be sent out through TeamSnap. Contact Frank to have your name added to the contact list.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for Children and Adults is offered throughout the School year following worship. Lessons will be based on our monthly *Follow Me* theme. The Children's class schedule meets every Sunday from 10:40—11:30am. Adults and teens have classes on the second Sunday of the month from 10:40—11:30am.



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.



FACEBOOK

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