# East Union Presbyterian Church October 12, 2025 9:30am In The EUCC "More on Welcome: 'In Each Other's Shadows'" Pastor James at the Pulpit Photo by Maria Lin Kim on Unsplash



## East Union Presbyterian Church

.....Sunday, October 12, 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.

#### **Deacons Meeting Today**

The Deacons will meet today at 10:45am in the Choir/Conference Room.

#### Joint Session/Trustees New Meeting Date!

The Session and Trustees will now meet on October 26th following worship at 10:45am in Kennedy Hall.

#### Volunteers Wanted!

**West Deer Food Bank** is looking for volunteers to help carry the bags to the client's car. We are opened the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10-noon. If you can volunteer, please call or text Carol at 724-312-5656

#### 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 9. 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.



Last year we were able to donate 62 shoe boxes, can we beat that number this year? Thank you in advance for your participation in such an impactful mission!

#### Santa Breakfast

#### Preparations for Santa Breakfast Have Begun!

Thank you to all who came to our Santa Breakfast planning meeting last Sunday. This is our largest outreach event of the year, so we depend on <u>a lot</u> of volunteers to make the morning a smooth and successful day for all. We have many ways that you can get involved in this outreach:

- ⇒ Sign up at the Welcome Table to help at one of our stations—Cook, serve, carts, craft, hostess, collect money and even dishes!
- ⇒ Donate food items by using this link: https://bit.ly/SantaBreakfast2025
- ⇒ We are also accepting monetary donations to help cover the costs of the crafts this year. Please specify "Santa Crafts" on monetary donations.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Bree Hansen at breehansen@hotmail.com!



### Youth Group

Youth Group met last Sunday for Messy Games. It was indeed a successful night filled with spaghetti, shaving cream, baked beans, oatmeal and more! Enjoy some pictures from their messy night!

Zombie Paintball has been booked and an alert was sent to all youth participating in Team Snap. There is a waiver that MUST be completed and important information in that alert. If you did not receive it, please let Mindy linear ASAR



#### Everyone's Favorite Fundraiser is Back!

The Youth Group will again be selling Zroni Rolls to fundraise for future activities. They are getting a head start on our fundraising efforts to build their fund back up after the successful mission trip this past summer. The funds raised will help cover costs of Youth Group outings, and future Mission Trips. Each roll is \$17 dollars and feeds 3-4 people. They come frozen and can be thawed out whenever you are ready to eat them. Deadline to order is November 16. Rolls will be delivered December 4, pick up time of 6pm. This was conveniently timed for anyone who will be helping with Santa Breakfast set up! The order form is located on the Welcome Table. Please specify on your offering "Zroni Roll."

#### **Announcements**

#### **Sunday School!**

Join us today for Sunday School with Steph Andrie and the lesson of The Pumpkin Gospel.

**As a reminder,** Sunday School will run a little differently this year, and the schedule will be as follows:

- Month of October classes at 10:45-11:30am, following worship
- No Sunday School November 2—Legacy Tree Dedication
- November 9-December 7 classes will be during worship after the Children's Chat from 9:45-10:45am as we prepare for the Pageant --the morning practices will include youth participants

Pastor Jo has sent 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.

Here are some pictures of our children from last week's Lesson with Pastor Jo all about World Communion.











#### EECM Meal

Our next EECM meal will be served on November 4! If you are willing to provide items for the meal, please stop and sign the EECM sign up form at the Welcome Table. The Youth Group will be delivering and serving the meal next month. Contact Doug Blinn at 724-681-4220 for more information. The folks at the Community House and our Mission Team so appreciate your efforts and support!

#### **Worship Service**

Sunday, October 12, 2025 ● 9:30am in the EUCC

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Prelude Come, Now Is The Time to Worship

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Congregational Song Come, Now Is The Time to Worship

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession** 

Confessional Song Open the Eyes of My Heart

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:

Leviticus 19:11-18

Luke 6:27-38

\*All who are able, please stand

# Sermon "More on Welcome: 'In Each Other's Shadows'" Pastor James

Announcements

#### Offering

Thank you for your generous financial contributions which support East Union Church, our min istries and missions. The Offering Plate will be passed. (We also accept Venmo for donations, you can scan this QR code or set up online do nations at our church website. Call the church office...Mindy can help!)



\* Congregational Song

Oceans

Dismissal of Online Congregation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Congregational Song

Indescribable

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Indescribable

#### 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**

#### **New Online Directory**

You may have noticed when you visit our Church website, there is a new page titled "Members" at the header of our navigation page. This is a password protected page where you can find the contact information for those people who are members of East Union. The password was emailed to all members this past Friday. If you did not receive the email, or have any issues, please email Mindy at Mindy@eastunionchurch.org or call the office.

If at any time you need to make updates to your information, you can use the link at the bottom of our homepage titled "New Online Directory" to do so.

#### Legacy Trees

This past week we had the Legacy Trees delivered and planted back by the pavilion area. A huge thank you to Jeff Plummer Landscaping who donated his time to plant the trees. They look beautiful back there and we are looking forward to watching them grow over the coming years. The Tree Dedication will take place on November 2 during our All Saints' Day service and 175th Anniversary!







# 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:** 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)

Home Care: Joan Kozub Jan Fyala

East Union Birthdays

Karen Klemmensen (10/05)

Patty Lock (10/08)

Dave Cook 10/10)

Julie Smallwood (10/07)

Chuck Gray (10/09)

Kim Borczyk (10/11)

Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry
Amy Brenner (724) 448-4394

**Prayer Requests...**Please contact Carol McCaskey (724-312-5656 / camc@consolidated.net) or Teresa Williams (412-613- 4375 / 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

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, October 12 – October 19, 2025

Today: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC)

10:45am – Sunday School for Children (Discovery Room) 10:45am - Deacons Meeting (Choir-Conference Room)

Monday: Columbus Day-No DLNS-Mindy Out of Office

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)

7:00-8:00pm - Baton Group (EUCC)

6:00-8:00pm - Boy Scouts (Kennedy Hall)

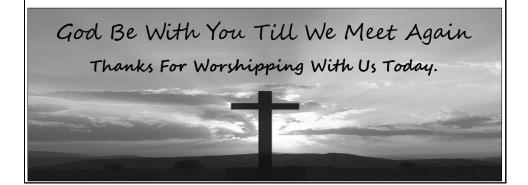
Friday-Sat: 7:00pm-8:00am—Cub Scouts Camp Out (Pavillion/Kennedy Hall)

Saturday: 7:00pm—YG Outing-Zombie Paintball

Next Sunday: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) Guest Preacher Pastor Tiffany Chamberliss

10:45am – Sunday School for Children (Discovery Room) 10:45am - Youth Group Tree Planting for Dylan (Playground)

To reserve any part of the church building or grounds, contact the church office at 724-265-1381 by email eastunion@eastunionchurch.org





# 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 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

Sunday School for Children Began October 5th!

#### 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.

#### 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.

# East Union Presbyterian Church

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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 

#### Ministry Teams & Committees 2025

Administration & Staff ...... Gail Stotlemyer Christian Education...... Pastor Jo

Christian Growth & Membership...... Pastor James

Worship.......Marcia Cook, Lori Crawford,

Wanda Blackwell

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

Patricia Martinez Doug Blinn John Burk Gail Stotlemyer Wanda Blackwell Teresa Williams Marcia Cook Todd Shaw **David Parise** Bill Bedillion Lori Crawford David Volkman Carol McCaskey, Clerk Jared Hawk Vicki Callender

#### Board of Deacons

Heather Rusek Rita Michel Joe Haynes Jan Blinn Kristin Parise Justine Slavin Rachel Hetrick Janet Volkman Amy Brenner Shari Smallwood Robin Tarbi

#### Board of Trustees

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