

East Union Presbyterian Church

April 7, 2024

9:30am In The EUCC



"Struggling to Believe"

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..... Sunday, April 7, 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 front table 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.

Local Mission: Help to Provide a Meal to the Homeless



East Union will provide a meal to the EECM Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, May 7th. If you are willing to provide items for the meal, **please stop and sign the EECM sign up form at the Welcome Table.** Contact Doug Blinn at 724-681-4220 for more information.

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday will take place next Sunday, April 14 at 9:30 am in the EUCC! The confirmands will have their last class this Sunday and a rehearsal Saturday morning. The following young adults will be confirmed and received into membership. We hope you can be in attendance to welcome them!



Alexandria Claypoole
Cadence Hawk
Camy Plummer
Tyler Shaw
Ben Watt

Jordyn Crawford
Lauren Hawk
Macy Plummer
Julia Seborowski

Berlyn Hansen
Lilly Paredes
Desolina Postreich
Dylan Tarbi

Announcements



VBS Registration is OPEN!

Child & Volunteer Registration Forms Will Be Available Online
www.EastUnionChurch.org



Monday, June 17th – Friday, June 21th 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 the process of wrapping up planning and choosing our Bible stories. Once that is completed, we will be reaching out to you directly if you have been a station leader in the past!

We always welcome new volunteers and hope to see all of our amazing volunteers who have helped in years prior. If there is a specific place you would like to be stationed, please let Autumn, Mindy or Pastor Jo know!

Without each and every one of you, our VBS would not be such a dynamic and successful outreach program! Thank you all for your support!

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Mission Trip 2024-Returning to Hazard, Kentucky

Background:

In July 2022, Eastern Kentucky was hit by massive storms that caused flooding in many towns. Hazard, a small 7 square-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.

Trip Details:

The Mission Team will leave on Sunday morning, August 4th to travel to Hazard. We will then have 4 work days, Monday thru Thursday, and plan to leave Friday morning, August 9th to return home. We will be working with the Housing Development Alliance (<https://hdahome.org/>) doing clean up and repair of homes affected by the floods, as well as help with possible new home construction. 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 team will be staying at The 1st Presbyterian Church of Hazard.

Interested?

If individuals or families are 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). As many of our church family is aware, the 11 folks that went on this trip last year had a wonderful and meaningful experience. There continues to be many homes in need of repair which is why we decided to return. ***We hope you consider participating!***

Have You Ever Worried About Scammers?

On Sunday, April 21st a Deacon facilitated 'Scam Avoidance' workshop is being held directly after church in the EUCC. During the 30 minute workshop, you will be given the tools and provided with techniques that you can use to detect and avoid scams that may come to you via email, text message and even Social Media. The workshop is open to everyone, in particular we hope to draw our more senior friends that may not be aware of the tricks of the trade.



If you have any questions, see or call Shari Smallwood 724-448-0745.

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Life Recovery Bibles

During the month of April, our East Union Mission Ministry Team is spearheading the collection of a special offering that will be used along with other funds collected by the Pittsburgh Presbytery to purchase Life Recovery Bibles.

These bibles will be distributed to inmates at the Allegheny County Jail through the Rev. Charissa Howe who is the chaplain of the Allegheny County Jail and has been a guest Preacher here at East Union. We are asking for donations of any amount. Bibles cost \$17 a piece. You can donate by placing your gift in the offering baskets and mark it "Bibles for Inmates".

The Bible donations are part of the presbytery-wide Matthew 25 emphasis on supporting Foundation of HOPE, an existing jail ministry which provides chaplaincy, pre-release and after care, as well as youth diversion programs. Gifts of Bibles and monetary offerings will be dedicated at the May meeting of the Pittsburgh Presbytery.



EAST UNION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Spring CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY MAY 4
9:00am- 2:00pm

**FREE ADMISSION
DELICIOUS FOOD
RAFFLES**

East Union Community Center, 292 East Union Rd
West Deer Twp, PA 15024
For More Info, 412.767.5750



Adopt-A-Highway

Adopt-A-Highway has been rescheduled for this Saturday, April 13! For questions please contact Joe Haynes at 724.265.4921

Worship Service

Sunday, April 7, 2024 • 9:30am in the Community Center

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude *10,000 Reasons*

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

* Congregational Song *10,000 Reasons*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

* Confessional Song *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

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:

Psalm 13

John 20: 19-31

Sermon "Struggling to Believe" Pastor James

* Congregational Song *Be Thou My Vision*

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

Sacrament of Communion

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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

Build Your Kingdom Here

Dismissal of Online Audience

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Build Your Kingdom Here

An Easter Thank You!

We hope you found seeds of joy sprinkled throughout Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday! It takes many people working together to map out a Lenten journey that feels fresh, uplifting and meaningful. We especially want to thank Carol McCaskey, Keith Russell, Teresa Williams, Mary Ann Yanetti, Phyllis Passarella, Paul Klemmensen, Ron Postreich, Katie Postreich, Preston Postreich, Matt Forsman, Mindy Young, Autumn Stotlemeyer, Gail Stotlemeyer, Zoey Watt, Everyone who stuffed Easter Eggs for our hunt, Carol Bock, Kevin Vresh, Lori Butler and Bill Maher (and everyone else) who enriched our worship services and went the extra mile. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with our East Union family!

May God bless us all with Resurrection Joy!

Eastertide Blessings,

Pastors James & Jo

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Spaghetti Dinner THIS WEDNESDAY!!

Join us on April 10 from 4-7pm in the EUCC! With sports season in full swing, **Skip the cooking and come see us!** Enjoy delicious spaghetti with your choice of sauce (meat, meatball, marinara, or Clam Sauce) a scrumptious salad, dinner rolls, and of course, delightful desserts!

We are accepting Cookie and Brownie donations that can be dropped off at the EUCC Tuesday, April 9. We appreciate all our amazing bakers!

As always donations are accepted and appreciated! We also accept Venmo!

Thank you for your Support!

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!

Summer Camp Sponsorship! We are currently accepting sponsorships for summer camp. This year we are offering a variety of sponsorship levels. For as little as \$100 your business will be listed on the backs of our camp t-shirts. These sponsorships allow us to offer discounted tuition to those in need and help to fund our field trips! For more information email mindy@eastunionchurch.org

Session Meeting, Next Sunday!

Reminder! There is a Session Meeting on April 14th following worship at 10:45am in Kennedy Hall.

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)
Lois Wilson (Edenton RC, Maryland)
Karen Klemmensen (Quality Life Services of Grove City)
Joann Peterson (Atria's Senior Living, McCandless)

Home Care: Joan Kozub Donna Paszek Ted Barsolo
Jeanne And Jim Walter

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East Union Birthdays
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Kenidee Forsman (04/07)	Rachel Hetrick (04/08)
Sarah Blinn (04/10)	Rachel Borczyk (04/12)
Lauren Hawk (04/13)	Rachel Klemmensen (04/13)
Michael Shurina (04/14)	

Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry
Heather Rusek - 412-526-1868

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, April 7 – April 14, 2024

- Today: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC)
10:45am - Trustees Meeting (Admin Building)
10:45am - Deacons Meeting (Choir/Conference Room)
10:45am - Confirmation Class (Kennedy Hall)
10:45am - Adult Sunday School (Multipurpose Room)
10:45am - Children's Sunday School (Discovery Classroom)
6:30-8:00pm - Youth Group (EUCC)
- Monday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
7:30-9:00pm - Adult Basketball - Open To All (EUCC)
6:30pm - Cub Scouts Meeting (Kennedy Hall)
- Tuesday: **Compass Points Deadline—Spaghetti Dinner Cookies Due**
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
5:00-8:30pm - Fun and Freedom (EUCC)
7:00pm - Administration & Staff Meeting (Admin Bldg)
- 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)
1:00pm - O & E Meeting (Choir-Conference Room)
4:30-5:30pm - DL Soccer (EUCC)
6:00-8:00pm - K-Five Tutoring (Discovery Classroom)
7:00-9:00pm - Boy Scout Meeting (Kennedy Hall)
- Friday: 6:30-8:00pm - DL Soccer (EUCC)
- Saturday: 9:30am - Confirmation Rehearsal (EUCC)
11:00am - Youth Group departs for PAINTBALL (Parking Lot)
- Next Sunday: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **Confirmation Sunday**
10:45am - Session Meeting (Kennedy Hall)
10:45am - Children's Sunday School (Discovery Classroom)
**To reserve any part of the church building or grounds,
contact the church office 724.265.1381**

Ramsey's Out Of Town

The Ramsey's will be out of town from April 15-April 23 without access to phone/email. In the event Pastoral care is necessary, please contact the church office and Mindy will get you in contact with a Deacon or Elder while they are away. All conversations are confidential and kept personal. We will welcome Guest Pastor, Tiffany Chamberliss on April 21!



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.

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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 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
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