

EAST UNION CHURCH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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We served a total of 508 Spaghetti Dinners

The second Wednesday of every month, we host our drive through spaghetti dinners. From January-March we served 508 dinners to members of our community! There are many helping hands that go into this mission and we are extremely grateful for your work. Without all of your assistance, this would not be so successful!

We installed four new Trustees

On March 5, Pastor James installed four new trustees: William Rusek, Tom Crawford, William Runas, and Kevin Vresh. We are excited to have these four men step up to serve as Trustees for the next three years.



Women's Ministries Book Club

The book club meets quarterly to discuss various books. In January they read "The Morning Star" by Janice Lane Palko who was able to join the Ladies for their gathering. They meet again on April 18 to discuss "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict.



We hosted our Women's Retreat

The theme for the retreat was "A Heart for Jesus Lessons from Mary and Martha" (The original m&ms). Some of the mission projects completed during the retreat were making mats for the homeless, 24 care baskets and 24 backpacks for the Alle-Kiski Area Hope Center and mason jar cookie mixes. All proceeds from the cookie mixes benefited Noah's Legacy Foundation. We were able to present the foundation with a \$500 donation.



AMELIA'S 99TH BIRTHDAY



RICK WINTER



GEORGE KISTLER



MAE MCCREEDY

We celebrated milestone birthdays and said goodbye to dear friends.

"GIVE, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU.
A GOOD MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN,
SHAKEN TOGETHER AND RUNNING
OVER, WILL BE POURED INTO YOUR LAP.
FOR WITH THE MEASURE YOU USE, IT
WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU."

- LUKE 6:38

Our Annual Rummage and Bake
Sale was wildly successful. We
raised over \$7,000.00.



Our Easter Bunny Breakfast was a hopping success!



Our Tweens had a fun-filled
and memorable retreat at
Crestfield





Our Children's Chat is a great way to include the children in our service and give them a preview into their Sunday School lesson. Most of you have also noticed the page in the bulletin that is dedicated just to them.

"START CHILDREN OFF ON THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO, AND EVEN WHEN THEY ARE OLD, THEY WILL NOT TURN FROM IT"
PROVERBS 22:6

The Youth Group met monthly for discussion with Frank McCoy and Pastor Jo.

The Youth Group helped put away Christmas decorations, moved rummage items, and served at the Bunny Breakfast.

On January 29, a group of 16 youth met at Deer Lakes Bowl for Pizza and bowling!



Our Youth Group collected 79 food items and \$233 during our Souper Bowl of Caring. The donations collected benefit the West Deer Food Bank.

The month of March our Sunday School Children dedicated their time to learning their lines for our Palm Sunday play "The Three Trees" and to creating sets for the play!





East Union Mission Team



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On Tuesday, January 3 and March 7, our Mission Team delivered meals to the Community House in East Liberty. The meals nourished nearly 50 adults each time who currently reside at the homeless shelter. We thank everyone who donated their talents and time to this mission.



Our Mission Team will be traveling to Hazard, Kentucky from August 6-11 to work with the Housing Development Alliance to repair homes that were affected by the devastating floods that happened in July 2022. If you are interested in joining this mission, please contact Doug Blinn at 724-681-4220.



The Mission Team is collecting gently-used & new shoes for a non-profit organization called Bridges to Burkina. This organization helps to build schools for the children of Burkina Faso, Africa. We will be collecting shoes until May, the box is located outside of the EUCC.

Walnut Woods Summer Camp

In February, we hired Dante Foster for the position of Summer Camp Director for Walnut Woods. He and Mindy have been working tirelessly to get Walnut Woods Summer Camp off the ground. We are proud to report that registrations for the camp have begun as of April 1! The dream is now a reality!



Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School is set to take place on June 19-23 in the evenings from 6-8:30 pm! Our theme this year is Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness. This year, Mindy Young and Autumn Stotlemeyer are our co-directors. We are looking forward to a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School this summer and we feel blessed to help the children in our community grow in faith.



Our giving is reaching nearly \$75,000 for the first quarter. Please know your tithes and offerings are received with an abundance of gratitude. We thank you for your continued support of the church, our missions, and ministries. We hope this newsletter reflects how your donations are put to good use--sharing the good news of God's love! We hope that our additional ways to donate have been convenient for our members as well as our guests. Thank you and God bless you!