

East Union Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2024

9:30am In The EUCC

“In The Fullness of Time”

Confirmation Sunday Celebration

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.....Sunday, April 14, 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.

Confirmation Sunday

Today, we celebrate our **13** Confirmands! We have created an additional Confirmation Booklet on the Welcome Table that includes information on our Confirmation Journey as well as our confirmands' Statements of Faith. We are thrilled to welcome the following young adults into membership today. A brief reception will follow service that will include a congratulatory cake and a receiving line!

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| Alexandria Claypoole | Jordyn Crawford | Berlyn Hansen |
| Cadence Hawk | Lauren Hawk | Lilly Paredes |
| Camy Plummer | Macy Plummer | Desolina Postreich |
| Tyler Shaw | Julia Seborowski | Dylan Tarbi |
| | | Ben Watt |

Thank You!

We believe East Union is a wonderful place to grow in faith, and week by week, it proves to be true! Between our Worship Services, Children and Adult Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Youth Group, Women's Ministries, Outreach Events and Mission Projects--we are thriving!

We wanted to extend a huge thank you to everyone who played a significant role in our Confirmation Journey! This includes the confirmands themselves, as well as their parents and grandparents, our chaperones and drivers, Pastors James & Jo and our Elders, Youth Director Frank McCoy, Josh Runas, Mindy Young, Keith Russell, Ron Postreich, Carol McCaskey, Teresa Williams, Mary Ann Yanetti, Gail Stotlemeyer, Vonna May Miller, Bev Schubert, Jan and Doug Blinn and anyone else we might have overlooked! Your time, talents and treasures are much appreciated!

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!)

Session Meeting. Today!

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

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.



Mission Team Announcements

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!***

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".

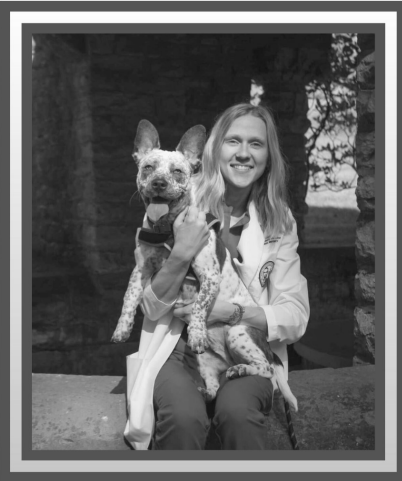
The Bible donations are part of the presbytery-wide Matthew 25 emphasis on supporting Foundation of HOPE, an existing jail ministry which provides chaplaincy, pre-release and after care, as well as youth diversion programs.

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Happy 26th Birthday to Sarah!

By: Jan and Doug Blinn



We admire your drive, determination and dedication to achieve your goal to be a veterinarian. We are so very proud of you!

Love you always,
Mom and Dad

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

Worship Service

Sunday, April 14, 2024 • 9:30am in the Community Center

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude		<i>Build My Life</i>
Gathering and Welcome		
Call to Worship		Macy Plummer
Lighting of the Christ Candle		
Invocation		Camy Plummer
* Congregational Song		<i>Build My Life</i>
Prayer of Confession		Alexandria Claypoole
* Confessional Song		<i>Holy Spirit</i>
Assurance of Pardon		Cadence Hawk
* Passing of the Peace		
Children's Chat	Berlyn Hansen & Pastor Jo	
<i>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.</i>		
Scripture Readings:		
Ecclesiastes 3:11-14 (NIV)		Jordyn Crawford
Revelation 1:8, 22:13		Desolina Postreich
Meditation	"In the Fullness of Time"	Pastor Jo
Confirmation Class 2024 Video	I Was Loved By Davy Flowers; available for download on iTunes	
*All who are able, please stand		

Expressions of Faith

- Alexandria Paige Claypoole** ~ Expression of Faith Artwork
- Jordyn Rose Crawford** ~ Statement of Faith
- Berlyn Allena Hansen** ~ “F-A-I-T-H” Statement of Faith with Slideshow
- Cadence Ann Hawk** ~ Expression of Faith “Goodness of God” Song
- Lauren Elizabeth Hawk** ~ Expression of Faith Artwork
- Lillian Grace Paredes** ~ Statement of Faith with Slideshow
- Camy Plummer** ~ Statement of Faith
- Macy Plummer** ~ Expression of Faith Artwork
- Desolina Ruth Postreich** ~ Expression of Faith “Your Grace Is Enough” Song
- Julia Brooke Seborowski** ~ Statement of Faith with Slideshow
- Tyler Anderson Shaw** ~ Statement of Faith with Slideshow
- Dylan David Tarbi** ~ “The Sun” Statement of Faith with Slideshow
- Benjamin William Watt** ~ Statement of Faith

Reception of Confirmands

<i>Apostles' Creed</i>	<i>Confirmands</i>
<i>Membership Vows</i>	<i>Pastors James & Jo,</i>
	<i>& Carol McCaskey, Clerk of Session</i>
<i>Laying on of Hands & Prayer of Blessing</i>	<i>YG Director, Frank McCoy, Confirmed</i>
	<i>Youth, Elders and Pastors</i>

Boy Scout God & Church Award *Recipient– Dylan Tarbi, Troop 186*

Attendance Awards

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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 *My Lighthouse*

Charge and Benediction

* Postlude *My Lighthouse*

All are invited to our Confirmation Reception following Worship Service. Greet the Confirmands and enjoy cake!

Announcements

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



Our Spaghetti Dinner dished out 146 dinners to the community this past week! Thank you to all who attended and supported!

Our Next Spaghetti Dinner is May 8 from 4-7pm!

Mark your calendars and bring a friend!!

Scam Avoidance Workshop

Next Sunday Sunday, April 21st a Deacon-facilitated 30 minute 'Scam Avoidance' workshop is being held directly after church in the EUCC. All are invited to attend!

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

Quarterly Statements

Quarterly Statements were sent out on Friday, April 12 via email and mailed to those who requested paper copies. If there are any issues with your Statement, please contact Mindy in the office at 724.265.1381.

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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Michael Shurina (04/14)	Cheryl Haynes (04/15)
Beth Klemmensen (04/18)	Joan Kozub (04/18)
Reese Forsman (04/20)	Brendan Wangler (04/21)

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 14 – April 21, 2024

- Today: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) Confirmation Sunday
10:45am - Confirmation Reception (EUCC)
10:45am - Session Meeting (Kennedy Hall)
10:45am - Children's Sunday School (Discovery Classroom)
- 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**
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
5:00-8:30pm - Fun and Freedom (EUCC)
6:15-7:30pm - Girl Scouts Meeting (Discovery Classroom)
- Wednesday: 6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
- Thursday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
4:30-5:30pm - DL Soccer (EUCC)
6:00-7:00pm - DL Youth 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: 9:00am-6:00pm - Private Reservation (Kennedy Hall)
- Next Sunday: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **Guest Preacher, Tiffany Chamberliss**
10:45am - Deacons "Scam Prevention" Workshop (EUCC)
10:45am - Children's Sunday School (Discovery Classroom)
6:30-8:00pm - Youth Group (The Spot)

***To reserve any part of the church building or grounds,
contact the church office 724.265.1381***

Now Booking Graduation Parties!

Reminder! *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 Preacher, 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 Stotlemyer
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 Stotlemyer	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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