

East Union Presbyterian Church

March 31, 2024

9:30am In The Sanctuary

Easter Sunday
"Glorious Joy"

Photo by Mitya Parker



East Union Presbyterian Church

..... Sunday, March 31, 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.

Planting the Seeds of Joy...!

Today, we celebrate the Good News that our Savior Jesus Christ is risen! We will celebrate the day with beautiful music and a special furry guest! This morning's service will end with a special Easter Surprise after a slight venue change!



Easter Flower Pick Up

Thanks to everyone who ordered Easter Flowers and helped make our Sanctuary so beautiful this Easter Morning! You may pick-up your flowers after today's service. To avoid confusion, **please check in with Phyllis or Mary Ann** in the front of the Sanctuary and they will help you gather your flower order. Please don't take flowers until you check in with one of them. Thank you!



Confirmation Sunday

Mark your calendars! **Confirmation Sunday will take place on April 14** at 9:30 am in the EUCC! The Confirmands are nearing the end of the Confirmation Journey with only one more class left. Hold them in your prayers as they complete the last few steps of this journey and prepare to share their Expressions of Faith with the congregation.

Adopt-A-Highway 2024

Adopt-A-Highway will take place this Saturday, April 6 from 9-11am (Rain Date April 13). Join us as we help keep our neighborhood litter-free. We will pick up litter along a two mile stretch, mainly in front of the church and up Rich Hill Road. Contact Joe Haynes for more info at 724.265.4921

Announcements



VBS Registration Opens April 5!

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 discover the range of God's love! Haven't you herd?! Jesus Loves Y'All! (Y'Inz!)

Child Abuse Clearances — Make Sure Yours Are Up-to-Date!

As you know, Pennsylvania requires all adult volunteers who work closely with children to obtain two clearances:

1. PA State Police Criminal Record Check
2. PA Child Abuse History Clearance

Clearances are **good for 5 years**. Please check your clearances to be sure they are current. Updates copies of clearances should be turned into the church office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you so much for your help in complying with these requirements and keeping our children safe.

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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!***

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!

EXTENDED! *Until April 5, we are offering a \$50 referral incentive for new families! In order to receive the incentive the new family must include your name in the referral section of our registration form, sign up for a minimum of two weeks, and be a new family to our program.*

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

Palm Sunday Recap

East Union was the place to be this Palm Sunday!

Our Children did a fantastic job on our play "From Eggs to Eternity!" We had a wildly fun Egg hunt with more than 450 eggs, all donated by our amazing church members. Next, we enjoyed pizza in the EUCC and ALL of our youth played games together cohesively! It was great to see our youngest children together with our oldest having such a great time together! Finally, we went over to Deer Lakes Bowl for Bowling with the Easter Bunny! It was such a wonderful day filled with love and fellowship! Here are just a few photos from our day. There are many more on our Facebook page! **Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all who helped make the day so wonderful!**



Worship Service

Sunday, March 31, 2024 • 9:30am in the Sanctuary

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

God Of Wonders

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

* Congregational Song

Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Special Music

"New Every Morning" By The Porter's Gate

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 KidsZone in the back of the Sanctuary for little ones (and parents) with toys, puzzles and books.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 25:6-9

John 20: 1-8

Sermon

"Glorious Joy"

Pastor James

* Congregational Song

God of Wonders

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

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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

Give Thanks

Easter Prayer (Ending with the Lord's Prayer)

Special Music and Video

"All Things New" By Elaine Hagenburg

* Congregational Moves to Michael Garden

Please pick up a "Seeds of Joy" envelope!

* Sowing Seeds of Joy!

Charge and Benediction (From the Michael Garden)

* Postlude

"All Things New"

Portions of our Easter liturgy were adapted from worship materials created by Teri McDowell Ott and the Presbyterian Outlook.

East Union Church

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
APRIL 14, 2024
9:30 AM

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	

Announcements



We are just two weeks away from Spaghetti Dinner!

Join us on April 10 from 4-7pm in the EUCC! 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!

Jess Mickail will be hosting a spaghetti dinner meeting on April 4th in the Admin building at 7pm! If you are interested in volunteering, we would be happy to have you at the meeting!

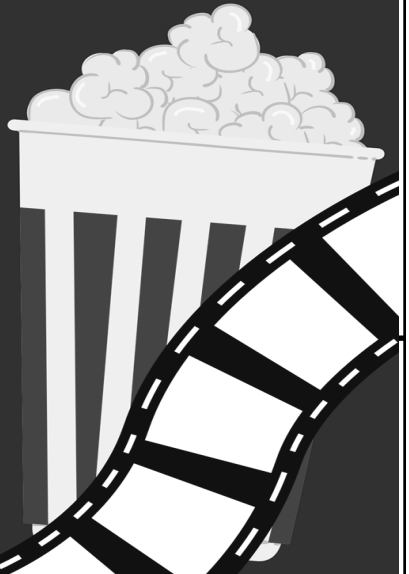
**EAST UNION CHURCH
SPECIAL EVENT:**

POPCORN & A MOVIE

**EAST UNION COMMUNITY CENTER
FRIDAY, April 5, 7PM**



BRING YOUR SLEEPING BAG AND PILLOW OR CHAIR!
ENJOY FREE POPCORN AND A **FUN** FAMILY MOVIE.



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)
Ted Barsolo (Rebecca Residence)

Home Care: Joan Kozub Donna Paszek

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East Union Birthdays
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Meaghan Parsons (03/31) Mike McCormick (04/06)
Dana Wangler (04/06) Kenidee Forsman (04/07)

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, March 31 – April 7, 2024

- Today: 9:30am - Worship (Sanctuary) **Easter Sunday**
- Monday: No School DLNS
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: No School DLNS - **Compass Points Deadline**
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
5:00-8:30pm - Fun and Freedom (EUCC)
6:15pm - 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)
6:00-8:00pm - K-Five Tutoring (Discovery Classroom)
7:00pm - Spaghetti Dinner Meeting (Admin building)
7:00-9:00pm - Boy Scout Meeting (Kennedy Hall)
- Friday: **VBS Online Registration Opens!**
7:00pm - Popcorn and a Movie (EUCC)
- Saturday: 9:00-11:00am - Adopt-A-Highway (Meet in Church Parking lot)
- Next Sunday: 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)

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

Share Your Ideas for Strengthening East Union's Financial Stability! Use our SUGGESTION BOX!

Session is developing a project called "East Union Needs a Cost of Living Raise." We welcome your input on how we might proceed---what we can do to raise awareness and move faithfully into the future! Please consider signing your name in case we need to contact you to discuss further. At the Welcome Table, you will now find a "RATS Wrap Up" at the beginning of each month. This is designed to keep the congregation aware of our finances along with helpful information on donating!



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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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
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Marcia Cook	Teresa Williams	
Jessica Mickail	Vicki Callender	

Board of Deacons

Bonnie Braun	Bree Hansen	Jeanne Walter
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Rachel Hetrick		

Board of Trustees

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