

East Union Presbyterian Church

May 4, 2025

9:30am In The EUCC

"Without A Doubter"
Pastor Jo at the Pulpit

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..... Sunday, May 4, 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.

Communion Celebrated

The Lord's Table is open to all! We will partake by Intinction. You will be invited to tear a chunk of bread from the loaf and dip it in the Cup (of grape juice). Elders will assist Pastors Jo and James to distribute the elements at two stations. Please use the center aisle to come forward, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. You also may be served at your seat. Please motion to the pastors, who will serve you after they finish serving those who have come forward.

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 you in your home. Please contact the church office, so arrangements can be made.

EECM Meal

We are just TWO days away from our EECM Meal. We are still in need of the following items to complete our meal:

- 3 lbs of sloppy joes.
- 3 slots open for Macaroni or potato salad.
- 2 slots open for baked beans (3- 28oz cans per volunteer).
- 2 dozen cookies or brownies, no nuts please.
- Thank you to the Session who will be delivering and serving the meal.

We will deliver the meal on Tuesday, May 6, please have all items to the church by 4:30pm. If you have questions, please contact Doug Blinn at 724-681-4220.

Deacons and Trustees Meet Today!

Deacons will meet in the choir-conference room and the Trustees in the admin building at 10:45am!

Announcements

Adopt-A-Highway Thank you!

We want to thank the 9 volunteers who joined our Adopt-A-Highway clean up in early April. This was the largest number of volunteers that we have had to date. The clean up was minimal with only 9 trash bags. The weather was a little chilly but overall it was a great day. We are grateful to Joe Haynes who organizes this event every year in early April. Keep a look-out next year for your chance to get involved with helping keep our stretch of road beautiful!



Walnut Woods Summer Camp

Registration is open! Visit our website to register today!

We are now utilizing a waitlist for Week 1! Weeks 2-10 still have availability but most are almost at capacity! Don't delay, sign up today!

We are still accepting Sponsorships for 2025. There are various levels of sponsorship available. Email Mindy for more information.

All active members of East Union Church receive 10% off their weeks and a waived registration fee!

\$200.00 per week, \$50 non-refundable registration fee, field trip weeks are subject to an additional \$15.00 Fee.

Check out our weekly themes and field trip locations

Week 1: All About Birds—Field trip to The Aviary

Week 2: Native Americans Week

Week 3: Amazing Race Week—Field Trip to the Carnegie Science Center

Week 4: Patriot Week—No Camp July 4.

Week 5: Time Travelers Week—Field Trip to The Museum of Illusions

Week 6: Ancient Egypt Week

Week 7: Inventors and Inventions Week

Week 8: Our Town History Week—Field Trip to the Heinz History Center

Week 9: Amusement Parks Week

Week 10: Colonial Living Week—Field Trip to the Depreciation Lands Museum

Christian Education 2024-2025

East Union takes great joy in encouraging our church family on the journey of faith. We work hard to inspire and teach people of all ages through a variety of creative Christian Education opportunities. Thank you to our teachers, children, youth and adults for your participation! Below is a bit about this year's Sunday School classes.

Children's Sunday School

Leaders & Helpers include Autumn Stotlemeyer, Steph Andrie, Matt & Kristie Forsman, Pastor Jo, Emily McCorkle, Justine Slavin and Gail Stotlemeyer

We used curriculum from the PCUSA called **Awesome Adventures: God's People on the Move** for our weekly lessons, and also held rehearsals for our Christmas Pageant and Spring Play

Participants (4 y/o – 5th grade)

Cameron Andrie*	Wren Andrie*	Ellis Bedillion*
BooBoo Bunny	Molly Delaney*	Ryleigh Delaney*
Kenidee Forsman**	Reese Forsman**	Hudson Garrett
Emalyse Hansen	Maci Hitchens*	Olivia Hitchens*
Henry McCarty	Eleanor McCorkle*	Blake Slavin*
Ali Stotlemeyer*	Madilynn Winter*	

Teen Play Helpers:

Caisen Bedillion*	Korin Bedillion*	Avery Slavin*
Ivy Stotlemeyer*	Olivia Young	Lydia Setzenfand

**Attended 10 or more Sunday School classes, earning a \$5 Chick Fil-A Attendance Award*

Adventure Bibles presented to:

Ellis Bedillion	Violet Chanadet
Molly Delaney	Blake Slavin

Adult Sunday School

Seeing the Spirit at Work (Acts) ~ Pastor James Ramsey, Leader

God's Plan for Love & Partnership ~ David & Janet Volkman, Facilitators

Participants (Adults)

Jeff & Wanda Blackwell	Doug & Jan Blinn	Mark & Amy Brenner
John & Cathy Burk	Chuck & Robbie Gray	Joe & Cheryl Haynes
Patty Martinez	Katie & Ron Postreich	Bev Schubert
Steve & Shari Smallwood	Denise Winter	

Christian Education 2024-2025

Youth Group ~ Frank McCoy

Youth Group serves kids in 6th-12th grades, and provides fellowship, games, mission outreach, recreational activities, and conversations about life and faith. This year's activities include a Potluck KickOff, as well as Messy Olympics, Kennywood Fright Night, Thanksgiving Baskets, Santa and Bunny Breakfasts, Christmas Pageant, Christmas Lock-In, RiseUp for Hunger, Souper Bowl Collection, Snow Tubing at Peek N Peak, Jr-Sr Guys' Wing Night, and Bowling. Discussion topics, often held in age-based groupings, covered subjects like getting perspective and what inspires you. A committed group of parents helped with chaperoning, driving, facilitating, etc. The group also has dedicated a lot of time to planning and fundraising their **Summer Youth Mission Trip** to North Carolina in June. Twenty-four people are going. Fundraising efforts include hoagie and Zroni Roll sales, Burg-Chicken Giving Dinner, Babysitting, a huge BINGO event and service auction projects.

Participants (6-12th grade)

Blake Anderson	Caisen Bedillion	Korin Bedillion
Alexandria Claypoole	Jordyn Crawford	Matthew Crawford
Braden Doucet	Berlyn Hansen	David Hansen
Cadence Hawk	Lauren Hawk	Samantha Hawk
Carly McCorkle	Nora McCorkle	Walter McCorkle
Brayden McCoy	Jaden Mickail	Lily Paredes
Rily Parise	Clarajane Pfeffer	Camy Plummer
Macy Plummer	Adalyn Postrieck	Desolina Postr
Preston Postreich	Larry Rommes, IV	Mea Rommes
Josh Runas	Avery Slavin	Ivy Stotlemeyer
Austin Shaw	Tyler Shaw	Zane Spence
Nathaniel Tarbi	Ben Watt	Zoe Watt
Olivia Young	Guests	

Special Events

Blessing of the Backpacks ~ September 8, 2024

Trunk or Treat Fall Festival ~ October 12, 2024

Mystery In the Manger Christmas Pageant ~ December 15, 2024

2nd Grade Adventure Bible Presentation ~ December 15, 2024

Resurrection Eggs: An Easter Journey Spring Play ~ April 13, 2025

Bowling with the Easter Bunny ~ April 13, 2025

End-Of-Year Potluck Party ~ April 27, 2025

Upcoming 2025 Special Events

Blessing of the Graduates ~ Sunday, June 1

Step Right Up Vacation Bible School ~ June 16-20

Youth Group Mission Trip ~ June 21-27

Blessing of the Backpacks ~ Sunday, September 8

Worship Service

Sunday, May 4, 2025 • 9:30am in the EUCC

All lyrics projected on the screen

Prelude

Holy Is the Lord

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

* Congregational Song

Holy Is the Lord

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Confessional Song

Come as You Are

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:

1 John 1:1-3

John 20:19-31

Sermon:

"Without A Doubter"

Pastor Jo

* Congregational Song

How Great Is Our God

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

Communion

Announcements

Offering

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



* Congregational Song

My Lighthouse

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

My Lighthouse

Mission Trip 2025—Returning to Hazard, KY!

The East Union Mission Team is returning to Hazard, Kentucky, August 3-8.

Trip Details: Leave on Sunday morning, August 3rd to travel to Hazard. We will have 4 working days, Monday thru Thursday, and leave Friday morning, August 8th to return home. 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. You do not have to commit to the entire trip to attend.

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).

Special Honors are back for Mother's Day!

This Mother's Day, honor your Mother, Wife, Sister, or Friend with a special Mother's Day Honor. We are graciously requesting a \$10 donation for this special honor. Please e-mail your honor to Mindy at mindy@eastunionchurch.org by Tuesday, May 6th. All honors will be on our pre-service PowerPoint, social media, and our May 11th bulletin. Photos are encouraged!

Vacation Bible School 2025

STEP RIGHT UP

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

June 16-20 ~ Evenings from 6:00-8:30pm

Come one! Come all! Step Right Up!

We have many ways in which you can volunteer and get involved with VBS this year! All the details below:

- ⇒ **We are looking for volunteers to run simple carnival style games at our Friday party.** You will be supplied with everything you need, we just need volunteers to man the games. A Sign up will be on the Welcome Table, you can also speak to Katie Postrieck who is organizing the party!
- ⇒ **We are always looking for new 'Ring Leaders' for help with crews and stations.** Please sign up on our website. If there is a specific place you would like to help, feel free to reach out to Justine Slavin, who is organizing all our amazing volunteers this year at 724-448-5524, call or text!
- ⇒ **You can also help by purchasing items off of our Amazon Wishlist.** The link can be found on the homepage of our website or the weekly Friday emails. **Some items include: Clown Noses, backdrops, circus décor, and decorating supplies.**
- ⇒ If you are running a station and would like to add any items to our Amazon Wishlist or borrow list, please send those to Mindy at 412-709-2066.
- ⇒ **Volunteer T-shirts are also for sale.** They are a \$10 donation each. Please fill out the form below and put it in the designated basket on the Welcome Table **OR** text your order to Mindy at 412-709-2066. Due by May 23!

Save the Date for our Volunteer Trainings (Only need to attend 1)

May 18th at 10:45am and May 20th at 6:30pm.

Volunteer T-Shirt Sale - \$10 each



Name: _____

Adult XS: _____

Adult S: _____

Adult M: _____

Adult L: _____

Adult XL: _____

Adult XXL: _____

Yellow t-shirt with Red lettering

of shirts: _____ Total \$: _____

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: Emily Allison (Harmar Village)
Karen Klemmensen (Quality Life Services of Grove City)
Joann Peterson (Atria's Senior Living, McCandless)
Bob Fyala (Concordia, Cabot)

Home Care: Joan Kozub Glenn Reed Jan Fyala

..... *East Union Birthdays*

Gage Brandstadter (05/05)

Hunter Seborowski (05/10)

Wren Andrie (05/11)

Robin Tocki (05/07)

Cameron Andrie (05/11)

Allie Gray (05/11)

Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry
Shari Smallwood—(724) 448-0745

Prayer Requests...Please contact Carol McCaskey (724-312-5656 / camc@consolidated.net) or Teresa Williams (412-613- 4375/ dlins@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, May 4 – May 11, 2025

Today: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **Communion**
10:45am - Deacon's Meeting (Choir-Conference Room)
10:45am - Trustee's Meeting (Admin Building)

Monday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
7:30pm—Men's Basketball - Open To All (EUCC)
6:00-8:00pm - Cub Scouts (Kennedy Hall)

Tuesday: **Compass Points Deadline**
4:30pm—Deliver EECM meal items to EUCC
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
Midnight—Submissions due for Mother's Day Honors

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00pm - DLNS Art Class (Nursery School)
6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)

Thursday: 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
6:00-8:00pm - Boy Scouts (Kennedy Hall)

Next Sunday: 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **Mothers' Day; Women's Sunday**

Clearances Notice

It is the time of year where we do a little "spring cleaning" and check through our clearances to be sure we have valid clearances on file for all adults 21+ who have contact with children without their parents present. Last week, those who have expired clearances or ones that will expire this year will receive an email with a direct link to access the clearance websites. Since there are two different clearances that we need on file, ***we sent out TWO different emails with the exact link to the clearances we need on file for you.*** We are required by PA State law to have PA Criminal and Child Abuse Clearances. Once your renewed clearances are obtained, they can be emailed to Mindy or Pastor Jo to keep on file in the church office. They are good for 5 years. Mindy and Pastor Jo are also available if you have any questions.

Youth Mission Trip Paperwork

All adults and teens 18+ must fill out their paperwork through the Praying Pelicans website ASAP. You should have received your log in information from Frank a couple of months back. Please reach out to Frank if you are having difficulties. There is an additional clearance (to our usual clearances) that needs to be completed. Mindy will be sending that information to those who need to complete it.



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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 or Frank McCoy 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

Save the Date! VBS is scheduled for June 16-20, 2025!

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.

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Church 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
Frank McCoy	Youth Director
Mindy Young	Admin/Financial Secretary &
.....	Walnut Woods Director
John H. Burk, Jr.	Treasurer
Colleen Zaremski	Deer Lakes Nursery School
Mike & Stephanie McCormick	Housekeeping/Maintenance

Ministry Teams & Committees 2025

Administration & Staff	Gail Stotlemeyer
Christian Education	Pastor Jo
Christian Growth & Membership	Pastor James
Worship	Marcia Cook, Lori Crawford, Wanda Blackwell
Mission	Doug Blinn
Women's Ministry	Teresa Williams, Sue Vresh
Nominating Committee	Carol McCaskey
Cemetery Committee	Joe Williams
Revenue Advisory Team	Dana Wangler

Session

John Burk Jr.	Carol McCaskey, Clerk	Jared Hawk
Keith Russell	Doug Blinn	Todd Shaw
Dawn Spence	Gail Stotlemeyer	Lori Crawford
Teresa Williams	Marcia Cook	Patricia Martinez
Vicki Callender	Jessica Mickail	Wanda Blackwell

Board of Deacons

Bonnie Braun	Heather Rusek	Hannah Runas
Bree Hansen	Janet Wangler	Rita Michel
Jan Blinn	Rachel Hetrick	Kristin Parise
	Shari Smallwood,	Janet Volkman
	Moderator	

Board of Trustees

Tom Crawford	Carol Bock	Joe Andrie
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