

East Union Presbyterian Church

April 27, 2025

9:30am In The EUCC



"Jesus Drops In"
Pastor James at the Pulpit

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..... Sunday, April 27, 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.

End of Year Party—Today!

Today, we will meet following worship for our End of the Year party for our Sunday School Children and Youth Group in the EUCC. Once we are cleaned up from worship, we will need some help getting out some tables and chairs. We will share our meal together and then play a few games!



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. In the coming week, those of you 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 will be sending 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.



Announcements

Spring Craft Fair 2025

We are less than a week away from our Spring Craft Fair!

- ◆ We are setting up this Thursday at 8pm. If you are able to lend a hand we would greatly appreciate it.
- ◆ **Calling all bakers!** We are in need of cookie and brownie donations. They can be dropped off at the EUCC by Thursday. No nuts please.
- ◆ Join us Saturday from 9-2 and shop with our fantastic crafters (there are over 30!), peruse our beautiful raffle baskets and enjoy delicious

EAST UNION CHURCH

Spring CRAFT FAIR

MAY
SATURDAY | 3 | 9:00 AM-
2:00PM
2025

**FREE ADMISSION
DELICIOUS FOOD
RAFFLE**

EAST UNION COMMUNITY CENTER
292 EAST UNION RD
WEST DEER TWP, PA 15024

See you there!

Announcements

Mission Trip 2025 – Returning to Hazard, KY!

The East Union Mission Team is excited to announce the 2025 Mission Trip 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).

Missionaries Opportunity

The International Partnership of the Pittsburgh Presbytery is beginning to select people for the next pilgrimage to Malawi, East Africa. The Pittsburgh Presbytery has an established relationship with churches in the Synod of Blantyre (Church of Central Africa: Presbyterian), and the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. **They are planning to send missionaries in October 2025.** *Anyone is interested in being part of this team please reach out to Pastor James or Doug Blinn for more information.*

EECM Meal

We are just a little over a week 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.
- 3 slots open for baked beans (28oz per volunteer).
- 2 dozen cookies or brownies, no nuts please.
- 5-6 Volunteers to deliver/serve the meal

We will deliver the meal on Tuesday, May 6. If you have questions, please contact Doug Blinn at 724-681-4220.



Announcements

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

New Online Directory

There is still time to submit your information for the new online directory!

- **Please visit <https://bit.ly/EUOnlineDirectory>** (link can also be found on our website homepage below the Sunday Bulletins) to complete the following form for your entire family, including children through age 20.
- Young adults, 21 and older, are asked to submit their own form.
- Please upload a picture or pictures of you and your family if you'd like.
- This directory and your contact information/photo will be available only to MEMBERS and ACTIVE FRIENDS of East Union Church who will be given the PASSCODE to receive access.
- **Please submit your form by Midnight tonight!—April 27th so we are able to launch in May!**

Worship Service

Sunday, April 27, 2025 • 9:30am in the EUCC

All lyrics projected on the screen

Prelude

Holy Spirit

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

* Congregational Song

Holy Spirit

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Confessional Song

From The Inside Out

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:

Psalm 116:1-2, 5-9

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon:

"Jesus Drops In"

Pastor James

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

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 *Open The Eyes of My Heart*

Dismissal of Online Congregation

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord’s Prayer

* Congregational Song *Mighty to Save*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Mighty to Save*

Photos From our Easter Butterfly Release. Many more on Facebook and Instagram! Thank you to the Peeps who sent their photos in!



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 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: Colored Bandanas for crews, backdrops, circus décor, and decorating supplies.**
- ⇒ If you are running a station and would like to add any items to our Amazon Wishlist, please send those links 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. All Orders 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.

VBS 2025

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 \$: _____

Must Order by May 23. Please specify payment on your offering envelope.

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*

Jack Hollibaugh (04/27)

Kendra Bastin (04/28)

Macy Parise (05/02)

Preston Postreich (04/27)

Matthew Crawford (05/02)

Ali Stotlemeyer (05/02)

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

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, April 27 – May 4, 2025

Today:	9:30am - Worship (EUCC) 10:45am - YG and SS End Of Year Party (EUCC) Midnight— Online Directory Submissions Due
Monday:	<i>Pastor James on Study Leave</i> 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 5:00-8:00pm—Fun and Freedom Youth Sports (EUCC) 8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
Wednesday:	6:00-7:00pm - DLNS Art Class (Nursery School) 6:00pm—Cub Scouts Crossover (EUCC) 6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
Thursday:	9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC) 6:00-8:00pm - Fun and Freedom Munchie Banquet (EUCC) 6:00-8:00pm - Boy Scouts (Kennedy Hall) 8:00pm - Set up for Craft Fair (EUCC)
Friday:	EUCC CLOSED
Saturday:	<i>Pastor James Returns from Study Leave</i> 9:00am-2:00pm - Spring Craft Fair (EUCC)
Next Sunday:	9:30am - Worship (EUCC) Communion 10:45am - Deacon's Meeting (Choir-Conference Room) 10:45am - Trustee's Meeting (Admin Building)

Pastor James on Study Leave

Pastor James will be on study leave beginning this afternoon, April 27-May 2. Pastor Jo will be available in his absence and able to contact him if any emergencies arise.

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!



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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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Email address: EastUnion@EastUnionChurch.org

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
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Jan Blinn	Rachel Hetrick	Kristin Parise
	Shari Smallwood,	Janet Volkman
	Moderator	

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