

# *East Union Presbyterian Church*

April 6, 2025

9:30am In The EUCC



**“Bread for Community”**  
**Pastor James at the Pulpit**

Photo by Sami Abdullah



# East Union Presbyterian Church

..... Sunday, April 6, 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.

### *Bowling with the Easter Bunny!—Next Sunday!*

We will have our annual Bowling with the Easter Bunny next Sunday, April 13 at 11:30 at Deer Lakes Bowl. **Please RSVP on our website (you can find the link at the bottom of our homepage) or at the Welcome Table.** We are asking for a \$15 per person donation, this covers two games and shoe rental. Please do not let cost be a barrier. All are welcome to join the fun!

### *Adopt-A-Highway 2025*

**Adopt-A-Highway will take place this Saturday, April 12 from 9-11am.** 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

### *Deacons Meeting*

The Deacons will meet today following worship. They will meet in the choir-conference room at 10:45am.

# Announcements

## Spring Craft Fair 2025

We still have a few spots open for crafters for our Craft Fair. If you know anyone who would be interested please have them contact Mary Lynn Fentress at 412-767-5750.

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!*

## Walnut Woods Summer Camp

**Registration is now open!** Visit our website to register today!

**We are nearing capacity in many of our weeks. If you have been procrastinating on signing up, today is the day to lock in your weeks!**

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.

# 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.
- ⇒ In the coming weeks, you will see items we would love to borrow, so if you have those, please let Mindy, Autumn, Justine or Pastor Jo know.
- ⇒ 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.

**Save the Date for our Volunteer Trainings**

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

*(You are only required to attend one of those dates)*

## 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.**

# Announcements



**Sunday Worship, 9:30am, EUCC**

**LENT 5 – April 6 “Bread for Community” Communion**

**Holy Week**

**PALM SUNDAY – April 13 – 9:30am, Sanctuary**

*“Resurrection Eggs: An Easter Journey!” (Our Children's Spring Play)  
We will also have our annual Bowling with the Easter Bunny at Deer Lakes  
Bowl following worship at 11:30am.*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 17, 7pm, Founders' Chapel**

*“Living Last Supper” Drama*

*We are looking for 2 more participants to play the roles of the disciples.  
Please reach out to Pastor James if the role interests you!*

***There is a sign up sheet on the Welcome Table!***

**EASTER SUNDAY – April 20, 9:30am, Sanctuary**

*“Bread for Feasting” Live Flowers & Butterfly Release!*

**Thank you to all our families who contributed to our 'Bread for the Journey' table throughout our Lenten Season. Here is a recap of all the amazing breads we were able to sample this Lenten season.**

**Week 1:** Pita/Naan Bread with Hummus from Dave and Marcia Cook.

**Week 2:** Wheat and Pumpernickel Breads from Oakmont Bakery with Apple Butter, Strawberry Preserves and Honey from The Crawford Family.

**Week 3:** Tuscany Bread with a Garlic Herb Butter Board and a Honey and Cinnamon Butter Board from The Young Family.

**Week 4:** Sourdough Bread with a Herb Butter Candle for dipping along with a Garlic and Herb Dipping Oil from The Young Family

**Week 5:** Portuguese Sweet Bread from Vicki & Dan Callender

# Worship Service

Sunday, April 6, 2025 • 9:30am in the EUCC

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Congregational Song

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Confessional Song

*From the Inside Out*

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. Families with younger children are welcome to use the Toddler Room, which features a carpet and a variety of toys.*

Scripture Readings:

**Isaiah 58:1-9**

**Luke 1:-:1-10**

Sermon:

**"Bread for Community"**

**Pastor James**

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

\* Congregational Song

*Bread Of Life*

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 website. Call the church office...Mindy can help!)*



\* Congregational Song

*Build My Life*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Build My Life*

## *Youth Group | Sunday School Party*

As we begin to wrap up our 2024-2025 year for Youth Group and Sunday School, we are excited to announce the End Of Year Parties for both will be combined on April 27 at 10:45am! The idea is to have a potluck after church and play games. Families are welcome! We will utilize a sign up genius for this event, so everyone knows what each person is bringing to avoid duplicates. We also would love for a couple of parents to volunteer to lead a few small games--Kind of how we did with our messy games for Youth Group in the fall, but not so messy since we will be in the EUCC! If you have any questions, please reach out to Frank McCoy, Pastor Jo or Mindy Young. We would also like to thank all who have donated snacks, drinks, helped with lessons, activities, chaperoning, driving and our plays. Without all of your support, our Christian Education would not be so active and successful! The link is at the bottom on our website's homepage and here: <https://bit.ly/2025EOYparties>



# 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.**

In July 2022 and again in February of this year, Eastern Kentucky was hit by massive storms that caused flooding in many towns. Hazard, a small 7 sq. 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. This will be East Union's third trip to Hazard as they continue to need our help!

### **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?**

Contact Doug Blinn for additional info/questions.  
(dhblinn@gmail.com or text/call 724-681-4220).

## ***"Understanding God's Plan for Love and Partnership"***

Seminar will conclude today! A huge thank you to David and Janet Volkman for the time they put into this wonderful seminar that many of our members attended. You can still join them today at 11:00 am in Kennedy Hall for their final session!

## ***Youth Group Workday***

We will have two groups of youth who will be completing their auction winner work today after church!

The groups will be spreading yards of mulch in flower beds, wood pile work and other odds and ends jobs. Thank you to Mary Lynn Fentress and Beth Egan who were our winning bidders!



# 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* •••••

Mike McCormick (04/06)

Dana Wangler (04/06)

Kenidee Forsman (04/07)

Rachel Hetrick (04/08)

Rachel Borczyk (04/12)

Lauren Hawk (04/13)

Rachel Klemmensen (04/13)

**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 6 – April 13, 2025**

Today:	9:30am - Worship (EUCC) <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent, Communion</b> 10:45am - Spring Play Practice for Children (Discovery Classroom) 10:45am - Deacons Meeting (Choir/Conference Room) 11:00am - Love and Partnership Seminar (Kennedy Hall) Afternoon - Youth Group Auction Winner Yard Work Teams
Monday:	9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC) 6:00-8:00pm - Cub Scouts (Kennedy Hall)
Tuesday:	<b>Compass Points Deadline</b> 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) 6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
Thursday:	9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC) 5:00-8:00pm - KFive Tutoring (Sunday School Hallway) 6:00-8:00pm—Boy Scouts (Kennedy Hall)
Saturday:	8:30-9:30am—Children Play Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 9:00am - Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up (Meet in church parking lot)
Next Sunday:	9:30am - Worship (Sanctuary) <b>Palm Sunday, Children's Play</b> 11:30am - Bowling with the Easter Bunny (Deer Lakes Bowl)

## *New Online Directory*

We are creating a new Online Directory for our East Union Church Family & Friends! This is a great opportunity to get-to-know and keep-in-touch with our faith community! It's easy to participate!

- **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 April 27th so we are able to launch in May!



# 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.



## 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](mailto: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	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, Moderator	Janet Volkman

## Board of Trustees

Tom Crawford	Carol Bock	Joe Andrie
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