

East Union Presbyterian Church

March 2, 2025

9:30am In The Sanctuary



“We Are Overcomers—Take 4”
Pastor James at the Pulpit

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East Union Presbyterian Church

..... Sunday, March 2, 2025

..... *Compass Points*

Welcome To East Union Church

We are delighted you are here! Please refer to page 11 for information about Worsip Services, Christian Education and Outreach programs.

Communion Celebrated

Our 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. There will be 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.

Preparing For The ECCM Dinner

There is still time to contribute to the meal for the shelter. We are still in need of casserole, salad with dressing, desserts, fruit and green beans. If you are willing to contribute, please sign up using the form located on the Welcome Table! The folks at the Community House and our Mission Team so appreciate your efforts and support! We will deliver the meal on Tuesday, March 4. If you have questions, please contact Doug Blinn at 724-681-4220.

Preparations for our Spring Play Begin Today!

We hope our young friends who are interested in participating in our Palm Sunday Play will stick around to meet with Matt Forsman and Pastor Jo after worship today. Practices will be held in the Discovery Classroom during Sunday School from 10:45am-Noon, through April 6th. The Play will be presented on April 13th in the Sanctuary!

Announcements



EAST UNION CHURCH **RUMMAGE SALE**

MARCH 7-8, 2025

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

EARLY BIRD (\$5 ADMISSION) 12PM-2PM

FREE ADMISSION 4-7PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

FREE ADMISSION 8-11AM



Rummage Sale Donations: The last day to donate your items for the sale is March 5th by Noon. There will be **no exceptions**, as the Ladies have their work cut out sorting and pricing! For large/heavy items, please contact Mary Lynn Fentress 412.767.5750 or Carol McCaskey 724.312.5656.

There will not be a Bake Sale this year due to egg prices.

Set Up Schedule:

Monday, Mar 3 Sort and Price:	9:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday, Mar 4 Sort and Price:	9:00am-1:00pm & 6:00-9:00pm
Wednesday, Mar 5:	Ash Wednesday, No sorting/pricing <u>ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN BY NOON</u>
Thursday, Mar 6 Sort and Price:	9:00am-1:00pm & 6:00-9:00pm
Friday, March 7 Sale Begins:	Noon-2pm Early Bird (\$5) 4:00-7:00 pm
Saturday, March 8 Sale Continues:	8:00-11:00am 9:30am Bag Sale Starts (\$5) 10:30am Pack Everything Up

Easter Flower Sale

Easter Flowers order forms are now available on the Welcome Table. **We have a larger variety to choose from this year: tulips, hyacinth, daffodils, mums, all \$9/ea., lilies \$10.50/ea., and hydrangeas \$16.25/ea.** Orders are due by March 30th and will be available for pick up after our April 20th Easter Worship Service.



Announcements

New Christian Programming Begins Today!

"Understanding God's Plan for Love and Partnership"

This six-week seminar is designed to strengthen and help couples grow closer together through Christian teachings.

David and Janet Volkman are hosting this six week seminar each Sunday beginning today, Sunday, March 2 until April 6. This will take place in Kennedy Hall from 11:00am-12:00pm. All are welcome to join a little early to grab a snack, drink and enjoy fellowship time before the class begins!

Easter Bunny Breakfast

When: Saturday April 5, 2025

Time: 9:00-11:00am

Where: EUCC!

Details: Meet the Easter Bunny, participate in fun activities such as crafts and face painting and of course, enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast! We can't wait to see you there!



Bowling with the Easter Bunny!

Save The Date! We will have our annual Bowling with the Easter Bunny on Palm Sunday (April 13th), after worship at 11:30am at Deer Lakes Bowl! If you plan to bowl, your \$15 donation per person mostly covers the cost of two games and shoe rental. Please do not let cost be a barrier. All are welcome to join in the festivities! Sign-up coming soon!



We are just a couple weeks away from our Youth Group Bingo Fundraiser! We hope you will join the fun and bring a friend too! We will have a great time raising money for our NC Hurricane Relief Youth Mission Trip!

Friday, March 14, 2025

Doors Open at 6:00pm—Games start at 7:00pm

Food and Drinks will be for sale.

50/50 raffle & Raffle Baskets too!

Announcements

Walnut Woods Summer Camp

Registration is now open! Visit our website to register today! 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 trips at www.walnutwoodschildcare.com!

Vacation Bible School 2025!

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

Come one! Come all! Step Right Up!

Carnivals are more than a place to play, eat and have fun! They also invite us to come and see extraordinary wonders! This year's VBS will feature a mix of circus and carnival delights as we explore the greatest story on earth -- The Good News of God's love!

Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks. Registration is set to begin March 23. New 'carnies' are always welcome! Find out more at the Volunteer meeting on March 30th.



Lent 2025

This year's Lenten theme is called the *Bread of Life*. Our Devotional takes a fresh approach to the Lenten journey.

Similar to an Advent Calendar, our new Lenten Spiral offers a simple activity for your family to complete together each day of Lent. We understand that life can get busy, so these activities are short and sincere, keeping the focus on quality family time. We hope you will share your experience on Facebook with our Mid-Week Spiral Engagement. Copies of our Lenten Spiral can be found on the Welcome Table and at our Drive-Thru Ashes on Wednesday in front of the EUCC from 5:30-7:00pm.



Worship Service

Sunday, March 2, 2025 • 9:30am in the Sanctuary

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

Overcomer by Mandisa

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

* Congregational Song

God Of Wonders

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Confessional Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

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:

Exodus 3:1-6

Matthew 28:20b

Sermon:

"We Are Overcomers—Take 4"

Pastor James and Mary Runas

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

* Congregational Song

Your Grace Is Enough

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

You Never Let Go

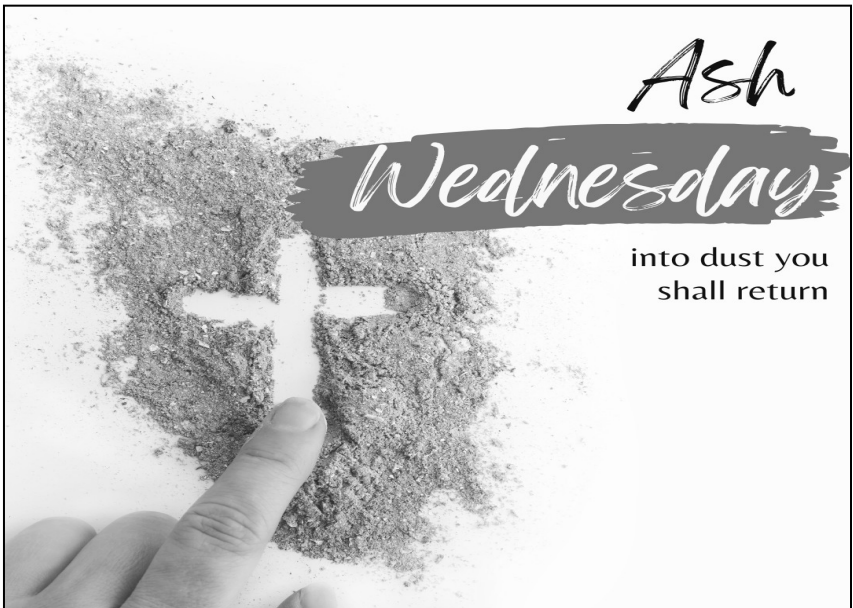
Charge and Benediction

Postlude

You Never Let Go

Ash Wednesday, Drive-Thru From 5:30-7pm

This Wednesday, March 5, drive thru and get your ashes from Pastors James and Jo, who will be stationed outside of the EUCC. Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season—a journey of reflection and repentance that leads to Easter! Everyone who stops by will receive ashes, a blessing from our pastors and a simple devotional.



Women's Retreat

'Bee Blessed'

THE WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

9:00AM-12:00PM

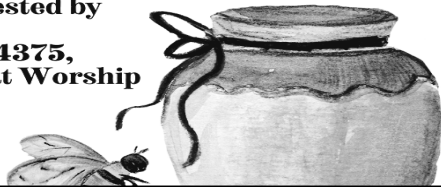
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

A MORNING OF CARING AND SERVING



The favor of a reply is requested by
March 16, 2025
to Teresa: Text 412-613-4375,
dlms@verizon.net or sign up at Worship

~Bring a Friend~



Updated Hope Center Donation Requests

Each year the Women's Ministry Team puts out a list of items that can be donated for the Hope Center Baskets that are made during the Women's Retreat. Below is the list of requested donations. A donation bin is located in the EUCC entryway.

WOMEN

Women's Shampoo
Women's Body Wash
Women's Hair Conditioner
Body Lotion
Travel Tissue Packs
2-3oz Hand Sanitizer
24 Pack Crayons
Toothpaste

KIDS

Kid's Shampoo
Kid's Body Wash
Card Games
Small Games
Small Stuffed Animals
Kids Coloring Books
Spiral Notebooks
Chapstick

Monetary donations are also welcome. Please include with your offering and designate "Women's Ministry – Hope Center"

Any amounts are welcome or sponsor a basket or backpack

Women's Basket (\$15) ~ Kid's Backpack (\$12)

In addition to the basket items, the ladies are also requesting small mouth canning jar lids and/or rings for the craft and new or used (but clean) plastic grocery bags for the mats for the homeless.

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 Jen Garrett
Amelia Brooke Jan Fyala

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East Union Birthdays
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Sandy Hastings (03/04)

Laura Swallow (03/04)

Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry
Hannah Runas - 724-882-1806

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/ dlins@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

ReResolve 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 2 – March 9, 2025

- Today:** 9:30am - Worship (Sanctuary) **Communion**
10:45am - Spring Play Practice for Children (Discovery Classroom)
10:45am - Deacons Meeting (Choir Room)
10:45am - Women's Retreat Planning (Mission Room)
11:00am - Love and Partnership Seminar Begins (Kennedy Hall)
6:30-8:00pm - Youth Group - Your P.O.V. Lesson (Kennedy Hall)
- Monday:** **EUCC NOW CLOSED UNTIL MARCH 11 FOR RUMMAGE SALE**
9:00am-1:00pm - Sort and Price for Rummage Sale (EUCC)
9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (Kennedy Hall)
6:00-8:00pm - Cub Scouts (Kennedy Hall)
- Tuesday:** **Compass Points Deadline**
9:00am-1:00pm - Sort and Price for Rummage Sale (EUCC)
10:00am - RAT Meeting with Tim O'Brien (Admin Building)
4:30pm - EECM Meal Delivery (Meet at EUCC)
8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
- Wednesday:** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
5:30-7:00PM - Drive-Thru Ashes (In Front of EUCC)
6:00-7:00pm - DLNS Art Class (Nursery School)
6:00-8:00pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
- Thursday:** 9:00am-1:00pm - Sort and Price for Rummage Sale (EUCC)
9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (Kennedy Hall)
5:00-8:00pm - KFive Tutoring (Sunday School Hallway)
6:00-8:00pm—Boy Scouts (Kennedy Hall)
- Friday:** **World Day of Prayer**
12:00-2:00pm—Rummage Sale Begins (Early Bird \$5-EUCC)
4:00-7:00pm—Rummage Sale Continues (EUCC)
- Saturday:** 8:00-11:00am—Rummage Sale (EUCC)
9:30am - Bag Sale Starts \$5 per bag (EUCC)
10:30am - Begin Packing Up Rummage Sale (EUCC)
- Next Sunday:** 9:30am - Worship (**EUCC**) **Lent Begins - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**
10:45am - Sunday School for Children (Discovery Classroom)
10:45am - Session Meeting (Founders' Chapel)
11:00am - Love and Partnership Seminar (Kennedy Hall)
2:00-4:00pm - Youth Group - Snow Tubing (Peek'n Peak)

Today's Meetings at 10:45am

The Deacons will meet in the Choir-Conference Room

Women's Retreat Planning Team will meet in the Mission Room



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. **Women's Retreat - March 22,2025**

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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Rev. Jo Ramsey	Associate Pastor of Family Life
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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
Outreach & Evangelism.....	Event Team Leaders

Session

John Burk	Carol McCaskey, Clerk	Jared Hawk
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Dawn Spence	Gail Stotlemeyer	Lori Crawford
Teresa Williams	Marcia Cook	Patty Martinez
Vicki Callender	Jessica Mickail	Wanda Blackwell

Board of Deacons

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