

East Union Presbyterian Church

March 23, 2025

9:30am In The EUCC



“Bread for Each Day”
Pastor James at the Pulpit

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..... Sunday, March 23, 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.

Adopt-A-Highway 2025

Adopt-A-Highway will take place on 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

Easter Flower Sale

Only TWO more weeks to get your Easter Flower Orders in! We are hoping to fill the Sanctuary with live, beautiful flowers on Easter Morning!



Order forms are 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.

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> 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 our new directory in May.

Thank you for being part of our East Union Church family and for participating in this effort!

Mission Trip 2025

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:

The Mission Team will leave on Sunday morning, August 3rd to travel to Hazard. We will then have 4 work days, Monday thru Thursday, and plan to leave Friday morning, August 8th 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).

We are offering something new this year for folks that want to try out this type of mission without committing the entire time. If you have a few days to spare you could come to Hazard for a portion of the trip, say arrive on Sunday and leave on Tuesday or Wednesday. See Doug for more details.

We hope you consider participating!



Vacation Bible School 2025

REGISTRATION OPENS TODAY!!

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!

We are always welcoming new and returning volunteers, please sign up on our website. **Find out more at the Volunteer Meeting on March 30th.**

East Union Church
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STEP RIGHT UP
★ **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** ★
THE GREATEST BIBLE SCHOOL ON EARTH
★ ★ ★
MONDAY, JUNE 16-FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025
EVENINGS, 6:00-8:30PM
FAMILY CARNIVAL NIGHT FRIDAY
Must be 4 yrs old by 9/1 and potty trained thru Rising 6th graders.
Must register by May 23rd to receive a t-shirt.
\$10 DONATION SUGGESTED

Announcements



Our Bread of Life Lenten theme highlights how Jesus fed people—not just their bodies but their souls—with good news, redemption, and stories of God’s kingdom. From wedding feasts to eating with tax collectors to feeding thousands, people left Jesus’ presence with full hearts and bellies. Bread of Life will help us set the table and equip all ages in our congregation and community to be nourished, both in body and spirit. Each Sunday we will have an interactive element following worship we are calling "Bread for the Journey." We will sample different kinds of bread and toppings throughout Lent. This will be a tangible way to remind ourselves that Jesus is the “Bread of Life.”

We also will learn a new Lenten song to sing along the way!

Sunday Worship, 9:30am, EUCC

LENT 3 – March 23 “Bread for Each Day”

The Catons will officially join our East Union Church Family

LENT 4 – March 30 “Bread for Sharing”

Caisen and Korin Bedillion will receive the Sacrament of Baptism

LENT 5 – April 6 “Bread for Community” Communion

Holy Week

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

“Looking Back, Springing Forward” (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

Last Supper Drama

We are looking for participants to play the roles of the disciples.

Please reach out to Pastor James if the role interests you!

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

“Bread for Feasting” Live Flowers & Butterfly Release!

Worship Service

Sunday, March 23, 2025 • 9:30am in the EUCC

All lyrics projected on the screen



Prelude

Blessed Be Your Name

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship

* Congregational Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Confessional Song

Lord, I Need You

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:

1 Kings 17:8-16

Matthew 6:9-13

Sermon:

"Bread for Each Day"

Pastor James

Reception of New Members

John and Madison Caton

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



* Congregational Song

Bread Of Life

Dismissal of Online Congregation

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

* Congregational Song

Oceans

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Oceans

Welcome the Caton Family!

John and Madison Caton

John and Madison may be familiar faces as they have been worshipping with us here for the past year. You may remember they were to join back in October but had an earlier than expected arrival of their sweet baby boy Dominic! Madison also participated in our Trunk or Treat with a fabulous Spider-Man themed trunk. The couple shares three fur babies; dogs, named Buck, Cappuccino, and Tink. John is a Steam-fitter for Local 449 and Madison is a Client Relationship Consultant for Management Science Associates. In Madison's spare time, she enjoys finding things for John to build and John likes building them! The couple's favorite vacation was to Disney World. They may not agree on ice cream flavors, Madison being a cannoli flavor fan and John being chocolate, but they do agree East Union is a great place to worship! Plans for Dominic's baptism are in the works and we are excited to have another little one baptized into our family of faith. Welcome John, Madison and Dominic!



Announcements

Youth Group Meets Fundraising Goal!

This past weekend we hosted our first ever Bingo fundraiser for our Youth Mission Trip to Spruce Pine, North Carolina to assist with hurricane relief. We had hoped that this event would be our final push to meet our goal of \$13,000.00. We are excited to announce that we were able to raise over \$5,500.00 during Bingo which helped us to reach our goal! This was a number that was shocking to us and a number we never thought we could reach! We can't thank the community and congregation enough for the support during our months long fundraising journey. Without all of your generosity, we would not have been able to meet our goal, so a huge THANK YOU from our Youth Group! East Union proves time and time again what we can accomplish when we all come together. **We are East Union Proud!**



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.

"Understanding God's Plan for Love and Partnership"
Seminar continues today! Join David and Janet Volkman in Kennedy Hall at 11:00am. All are welcome!

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 Glenn Reed
Amelia Brooke Jan Fyala

••••• *East Union Birthdays* •••••

Rich Rusek (03/23)	Nellie McGary (03/26)
Annika Miller (03/27)	Jordyn Crawford (03/28)
Janet Fyala (03/29)	Holly Angeloff (03/30)
Lance Slavin (03/30)	

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/ dlns@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 23 – March 30, 2025

- Today:** 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **Third Sunday of Lent**
New Members Received / VBS Registration Opens
10:45am - Spring Play Practice for Children (Discovery Classroom)
11:00am - Love and Partnership Seminar (Kennedy Hall)
6:30-8:00pm—Youth Group (Kennedy Hall)
- Monday:** 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - 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)
6:00-8:00pm - 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)
- Next Sunday:** 9:30am - Worship (EUCC) **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
Bedillion's Baptism
10:45am - Spring Play Practice for Children (Discovery Classroom)
11:00am - Love and Partnership Seminar (Kennedy Hall)
10:45am—VBS Volunteer/Station Meeting (Founders' Chapel)
6:30-8:00pm—Youth Group (Kennedy Hall)

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! *We are accepting donations for the Easter Bunny Breakfast. Please use this link, <https://bit.ly/BunnyBreakfastDonation>; All Sign up Genius' Can be found on our websites home page below the bulletins section.*



Bowling with the Easter Bunny!

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!
RSVP Here: <https://bit.ly/BunnyBowling2025>



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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Ministry Teams & Committees 2025

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Outreach & Evangelism.....	Event Team Leaders

Session

John Burk	Carol McCaskey, Clerk	Jared Hawk
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