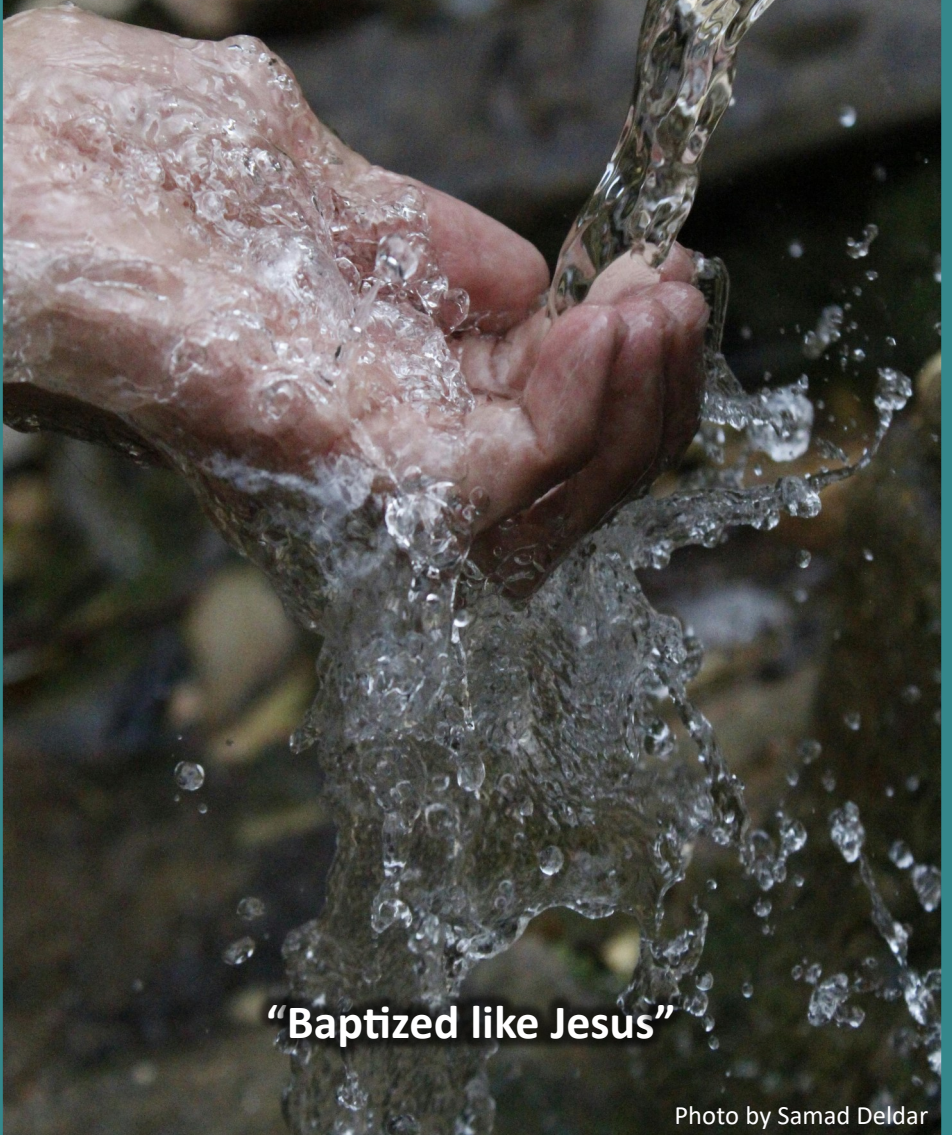


# *East Union Presbyterian Church*

January 21, 2024

9:30am In the East Union Community Center



**“Baptized like Jesus”**

Photo by Samad Deldar



# East Union Presbyterian Church

..... Sunday, January 21, 2024

## ..... *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.

### *2023 – The Year In Review*

East Union's Annual Corporate Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 28 at 10:45am in the EUCC, following the Worship Service. East Union ministry teams will distribute a booklet reporting their activities to the congregation. Also at this time, a **Congregational Meeting is called** for the purpose of voting for openings on the Board of Trustees, Congregational Nominating Committee, Audit Committee, and Cemetery Association.

### *Women's Ministry Planning Meeting*

The Women's Ministry Team will be meeting today following worship at 10:45 am in the Mission Room (next to Founders' Chapel) to finalize the details for the Women's Retreat. **They also welcome anyone who is interested in being involved with Women's Ministry to join them today!**

#### ● *Rummage Sale Donations* ●

We are now accepting Rummage Sale donations. All items will be stored in the Choir-Conference room this year. Please contact Mindy during office hours (9am-3pm) to drop off donations. The Sale will be March 1 & 2, 2024. (Sorry, no clothing, televisions, or computer screens can be accepted.)

### *Christian Ed Updates*

Children's Sunday School (Discovery Classroom), Confirmation Class (Kennedy Hall) , Youth Group (The Spot) and Adult Sunday School (Multipurpose Lounge) meet today.

**We still have many spots left open for volunteers** to teach Sunday School for children. With Pastor Jo teaching Confirmation Classes, we are in need of volunteers to help keep this programming vibrant. You are supplied with lessons each week that follow the sermon series. You can sign up at the welcome table or by using our sign up genius, <https://bit.ly/SundaySchool-23-24>.

# *Announcements*

## *Per Capita 2024*

Every Presbyterian Church contributes to our denomination an annual 'per capita' fee for each registered member in their official Church Register book. The per capita amount set by the Pittsburgh Presbytery is **\$36.35 per member for this year**, which is shared between the local, regional and national church governing bodies. The per capita can be paid in increments and at any time throughout the year. Per Capita can be paid online or by specifying 'per capita' on your contribution envelope.

## *Online Giving*

With the beginning of a New Year, you may be wanting to change or update your online profile. We hope, if you are able, you might prayerfully consider increasing your recurring contribution for 2023. Keep in mind, even if you are not attending worship services on a regular basis, you are still able to contribute financially via online through Vanco or Venmo. You have the option of one time payments if you do not want to set up re-occurring payments. If you are in need of assistance, please call the church office, 724.265.1381. Mindy is happy to help! Lets work together to bridge the gap in our deficit!

### Contributions Statements E-Mailed

Everyone who financially supported East Union Church has received a year's end statement for 2023 this past week. All emailed statements were initiated through our database and do come from East Union Presbyterian Church. If you do not currently have an email on file, your contribution report was sent by mail. If you have an email you would like to have saved in our database to help cut back on mailing cost, please contact Mindy. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact the church office at 724-265-1381.

## *Popcorn And A Movie*

Our next popcorn and a movie will take place on February 2 at 7:00pm in the EUCC. Join us for a family-friendly movie and free popcorn. You are welcome to bring a chair, blankets and wear your PJ's!

# Announcements

## Habitat For Humanity Workday Mission Opportunity

The East Union Mission team in partnership with Allegheny Valley Habitat for Humanity will be taking a group of willing workers to one of Habitat for Humanity House Refurbishment projects in the New Kensington area.

**Workday:** Saturday, February 3, 2024

**Start Time:** 9:00am

**End Time:** 2:00pm

- Meet at Church parking lot at 8:30am
- Tools provided but you can bring some of your own if you like
- Please bring work gloves and safety glasses
- We could be working on demolition or installation of new items.
- Minimum age to participate is 15. Between 15-17 requires a parent or guardian present.

Please contact Doug Blinn for questions or to reserve your spot.

Email: [dhblinn@gmail.com](mailto:dhblinn@gmail.com)

Text or Call: 724-681-4220

## WALNUT WOODS Summer Camp

**Registration Now Open**  
**Early Registration Discounts**  
**Until Feb 2, 2024**

**June 10-  
August 16**  
East Union  
Church

- \*Enriching Daily classes
- \*Field Trips
- \*Exciting Outdoor Activities

\*Choose specific weeks or the entire summer  
\*K-6 (Must have completed Kindergarten)

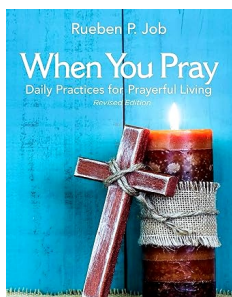
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:  
[www.walnutwoodschildcare.com](http://www.walnutwoodschildcare.com)

# Daily Devotions for the New Year

How can we nurture our faith and grow in our relationship with God? One way is spending time with God, just as we would with a loved one. Through a habit of regular prayer, reading, listening and study, we can cultivate a deeper faith and grow in discipleship.

Every Sunday we will feature a different devotional that may be used for personal prayer and study. People have varied tastes, likes and interests. The devotion that is perfect for your neighbor, may not be very inspiring for you. The app or booklet you choose to follow, may not be your neighbor's cup of tea. By featuring a variety of different options, one each Sunday, we hope you might find a useful tool for growing closer to God this year. **If you have a devotion you are using and have found helpful, please share it with us. We would love to feature it in an upcoming Compass Points!**

## Today's Featured Devotion – When You Pray: Daily Practices for Prayerful Living



When You Pray is a daily prayer guide offering a full year of readings and scripture and is an excellent tool to use in daily prayer time. Each weekly segment includes daily scripture readings, prayer, offering of self and blessing, a brief essay from the author, and collection of quotes from well-known voices in spiritual formation, along with additional material and prayers.

While it is a more traditional resource which comes only in book form, it is an excellent guide to keep with your Bible. You can easily adapt the materials to your own needs and style. The resource “seeks to respond to the needs we all have for a pattern of prayer that is accessible, usable and adaptable to our diverse life experiences in our contemporary world. It seeks to follow the pattern of prayer that Jesus taught the disciples and in his own prayers recorded in the Gospels.

When You Pray was written by Reuben P. Job, a retired United Methodist bishop, noted spiritual formation teacher and former World Editor of The Upper Room publishing program.

# Worship Service

Sunday, January 21, 2023 • 9:30am in the EUCC

All lyrics projected on the screen

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## Prelude

## Build My Life

## Gathering and Welcome

## Call to Worship

\* Congregational Song

## Build My Life

## 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 after the Children's Chat; the totes include coloring books and a snack. We also offer a Toddler Room in the back of the EUCC for little ones (and parents) with toys, puzzles and books.*

## Scripture Readings

## Psalm 29

## Mark 1:4-11

## Sermon

## "Baptized Like Jesus"

Pastor James

## Announcements

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

## Offering

*Thank you for your generous financial contributions, that support East Union Church, our ministries and missions. The Offering Plate will be passed. (We now 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

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Dismissal of Online Audience

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer ending with the Lord's Prayer

- \* Congregational Song

*You Never Let Go*

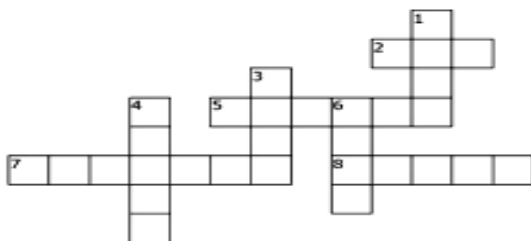
- \* Charge & Benediction

- \* Postlude

*You Never Let Go*

## Children's Corner!

### Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

2. A male offspring
5. The river where Jesus was baptized
7. To cover briefly completely in water or pour water over a person's head
8. The sound produced by vibration of the human vocal cords

#### DOWN

1. The name of the man who baptized Jesus
3. A deep feeling of affection for a person
4. Clear, colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid; H<sub>2</sub>O
6. A bird often used as a symbol of peace

VOICE  
SON

LOVE  
DOVE

WATER  
BAPTIZE

JORDAN  
JOHN



# Announcements



## Women's Retreat

**Saturday, February 24, 2023**

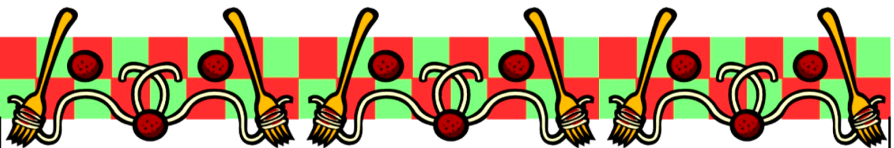
**9:00am— 12:00noon**

**East Union Community Center**

Theme: Planting Seeds of  
Kindness

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**Personal Invitations will be distributed before and after worship beginning January 28. They will also be distributed via email.**



**Take-Out Only**

**Wednesday,**

**February 14, 2024, 4-7pm**

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**Next Spaghetti Dinner ~ March 13, 2024, 4-7pm**  
(No Spaghetti Dinner in July and December)

Sauces Available: Meat, Meatball, Marinara and Mushroom  
Salad, Rolls and Dessert Included

**Donations Accepted/Venmo Accepted**

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1/2 mile from Deer Lakes High School

724.265.1381





# Joys, Concerns & Prayer Requests

## In Our Prayers

With sadness in our hearts, we announce the passing of our dear friend and member Darlene Fryer. Darlene died peacefully on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at the age of 82. May God be with Darlene's family and friends during this sad time and may our prayers uplift them through their grief.

**In Mission:** Allie Gray (Guatemala)

**Care Facility:** Emily Allison (Harmar Village)  
Lois Wilson (Edenton RC, Maryland)  
Karen Klemmensen (Quality Life Services of Grove City)  
Joann Peterson (Atria's Senior Living, McCandless)

**Home Care:** Joan Kozub    Ted Barsolo    Henry McCarty

## ..... *East Union Birthdays* .....

Brandon Bedillion (01/21)    Emily Allison (01/22)  
Tina Adelsberger (01/23)    Doug Blinn (01/23)  
Lori Crawford (01/24) Regina Young (01/26)  
Valerie Misour (01/27)

**Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry**  
**Bonnie Braun - 412.979.8872**

**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/ dlms@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:

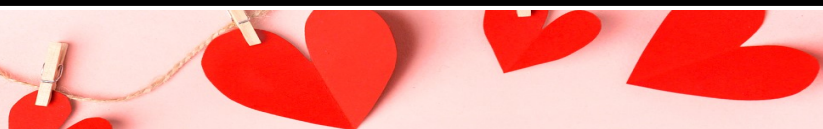
Samaritan Counseling Center.....(412) 741-7430  
Hope Center (Abuse and/or Domestic Violence)(888) 299-4673  
ReSolve Crisis Services.....1-888-7YOU-CAN (796-8226)  
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.....**988** or 1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
National Substance Abuse Hotline.....1-800-662-HELP (4357)

# *The Week At A Glance*

## **Sunday, January 21 – January 28, 2024**

- Today:**
- 9:30am - Worship (EUCC)
  - 10:45am - Adult Sunday School (Multipurpose Lounge)
  - 10:45am - Sunday School for Children (Discovery Classroom)
  - 10:45am - Confirmation Class (Kennedy Hall)
  - 10:45am - Youth Group (The Spot)
  - 10:45am - Women's Ministry Meeting (The Mission Room)
- Monday:**
- 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
  - 7:30-9:00pm - Adult Basketball - Open To All (EUCC)
  - 6:30pm - Cub Scouts Meeting (Kennedy Hall)
- Tuesday:**
- Compass Points Deadline**
- 6:00-8:00pm - Fun and Freedom (EUCC)
  - 6:30pm - Girl Scouts Meeting (Discovery Classroom)
  - 8:00-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Lounge)
- Wednesday:**
- 8:00-9:00pm - DL Basketball (EUCC)
  - 6:00-8:30pm - Tae Kwon Do (Kennedy Hall)
- Thursday:**
- 9:00am - Strength & Stretching - Open To All (EUCC)
  - 4:30-5:30pm - DL Soccer (EUCC)
  - 6:00-8:00pm - K-Five Tutoring (Discovery Classroom)
  - 6:15-7:15pm - Tai Chi (EUCC)
  - 7:00-9:00pm - Boy Scout Meeting (Kennedy Hall)
  - 7:30-9:00pm - DL Basketball (EUCC)
- Next Sunday:**
- 9:30am - Worship (EUCC)
  - 10:45am - Sunday School for Children (Discovery Classroom)
  - 10:45am - Confirmation Class (Kennedy Hall)
  - 10:45am - **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** (EUCC)

***To reserve any part of the church building or grounds,  
contact the church office 724.265.1381***



## *Valentine's Day* **HONORS**

- All Honors must be received by February 7, 2024.
- Valentine's Day Honors will be in the bulletin, on our pre service PowerPoint, and on Facebook!
- We are asking for a \$10 donation for this special honor.
- Email Mindy at [mindy@eastunionchurch.org](mailto:mindy@eastunionchurch.org) with your honor.
- **Photos are encouraged!!**



*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.

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## *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. )

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## *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.

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## *Sunday School*

Sunday School for Children and Adults is offered most Sundays. Classes meet after worship from 10:45—11:30am.

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## *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 have your email added to the WM's email list.

**Save the Date: Women's Retreat Saturday, Feb 24, 2023 in the EUCC!**

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## *Facebook & Instagram*

Like and Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on all the happenings here at East Union Church!

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Rev. Jo Ramsey .....	Associate Pastor of Family Life
Frank McCoy .....	Youth Director
Mindy Young .....	Admin Asst-Financial Secretary
John H. Burk, Jr. ....	Treasurer
Colleen Zaremski .....	Deer Lakes Nursery School
Pearl Campbell .....	Housekeeping Custodian
Mike McCormick .....	Maintenance Custodian

## Ministry Teams & Committees 2024

Administration & Staff .....	Gail Stotlemeyer
Christian Education .....	Pastor Jo
Christian Growth & Membership .....	Pastor James
Mission .....	Doug Blinn
Women's Ministry .....	Teresa Williams, Sue Vresh
Worship .....	Carol McCaskey
Nominating Committee .....	Carol McCaskey
Cemetery Committee .....	Joe Williams
Revenue Advisory Team .....	Dana Wangler
Outreach & Evangelism .....	Event Team Leaders

## Session

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

## Board of Deacons

Bonnie Braun	Bree Hansen	Jeanne Walter
Heather Rusek	Jan Blinn	Shari Smallwood,
Janet Wangler	Denise Winter	Moderator
Rachel Hetrick		

## Board of Trustees

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