

## East Union Presbyterian Church

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### THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today: 9:30am - Worship; Congregational Meeting (EUCC)  
5—6:30pm - Youth Group (The Blackwell's home)  
Monday: 7:00pm - Mission Ministry Team Meeting (EUCC)  
7:00pm - Implementation Team  
Wednesday: 6:30pm - Trustees Meeting (EUCC)  
7:00pm - Session & Trustees Joint Meeting (EUCC)  
Next Sunday: 9:30am - Worship; Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Charles Howell  
Liturgist, Gayle Stottemyer  
TBA - Youth Group (EUCC)

### IN OUR PRAYERS (To include someone on the prayer list, please call the church office)

#### Care Facility:

Karen Klemmensen (Elmcroft of Saxonburg)  
Marge Wilkinson (Paramount Sr Living)

Albert & Emily Allison (Hartwood Care Home)  
Evelyn Kochan (Harmar Village)  
Lois Wilson (Edenton RC, Maryland)

**Home Care:** Bettye Dorn Marilyn Roth Josephine Wagner

**Birthdays:** Jonathan Gillam (10/18) Carol McCaskey (10/20) Sam Smallwood (10/24)  
Heather McCoy (10/25) John Burk (10/26)

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**Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry**

**Covid19 Precautions Taken...** Please know, the Community Center will be thoroughly sanitized before each worship service. Also beneficial, an ionizer has been added to the HVAC unit in the Community Center. We ask that worshipers wear masks. Please abide by the 6-foot distancing protocol. We ask that worshipers to bring their own chairs (additional chairs will always be available for those unable to do so). Bulletins are available; please take the bulletin when you leave. If you are not feeling your best, please stay home, and join us for our live stream on Facebook which is also uploaded on the church's website page. These measures have been set to keep us safe while we worship together.

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Envelopes are collected in a basket at the Welcome Table. Online Giving available at [www.EastUnionChurch.org](http://www.EastUnionChurch.org). Thank you for your financial support!

To reserve any part of the church building or grounds, call the church office.

To initiate the "Prayer Cloud," please call Carol McCaskey (724-312-5656/camc@consolidated.net) or Teresa Williams (412-613-4375/dlns@verizon.net.).

Pastor James can be reached for help in the time of need by calling him at home at 724-224-4211 or by email [james@eastunionchurch.org](mailto:james@eastunionchurch.org).

## East Union Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 18, 2020

9:30am in the EUCC



### Our Pastors:

**Rev. James Ramsey**  
Lead Pastor

**Rev. Jo Ramsey**  
Associate Pastor of Family Life

**Sermon:** "Flower Power"

**At The Pulpit:** Rev. James Ramsey

**Scripture:** Philippians 2:5-11(NRSV)



**Welcome to Worship...** We are delighted to worship with you today! We continue our worship schedule with one service held in the Community Center at 9:30am (through December). Let this be a holy time for us, a chance to lay aside our work and worries, free to rest and worship.

**Voting For Church Officers...** A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after today's worship service. The purpose is to vote for Elders and Deacons. The Nominating Committee presents the slate:

#### Elders: All 3-year Terms

Wanda Blackwell—2nd Term  
Doug Blinn — 1st Term  
Patricia Martinez—2nd Term  
Carol McCaskey—1st Term  
Sue Vresh—2nd Term

#### Deacons: All 3-year Terms

Meaghen Parsons — 1st term  
Robin Tarbi — 1st term

## October is **PASTOR** APPRECIATION MONTH

We wanted a unique way to show Pastor James and Pastor Jo how much we appreciate them for their extra good works during this trying Pandemic year. We, *that includes you*, are 'gift-ing' our Reverends a Sunday off!

We will welcome the Rev. Dr. Charles Howell to our pulpit next Sunday, October 25 while our pastors take a Sunday off to relax and renew!

We thank our pastors for their guidance, leading our church, and keeping the congregation connected. When the pandemic closed the country down, it was Pastor James and Jo who were left holding an additional, heavy load of unique and necessary responsibilities added to their 'List of Things To Do.' They certainly rose to the occasion!

*Some examples:* Can you imagine the work involved to record, edit, and load sermons online with little previous experience? Another miracle... Together, they designed a way to reach our children using a self-created, virtual/online VBS program which included passing out snacks and craft projects! Administratively, Pastor James had to be very timely to secure a \$30k debt-free grant from the USA government using the '\$2 Trillion Stimulus Package.' which required lots of reading, paperwork, etc. And on top of all this, they continued to provide pastoral care to the congregation, including checking on the youth and our homebound members. Furthermore, our pastors delivered creative and stimulating online sermons helping us to hear the Lord's voice through the pandemic. They led us through Lent, Easter and Pentecost, adding music, Faith@Home videos, Pentecost Family Flame photos and online Communion. Whew, that's a lot!

Here's a shout out to Pastor James and Pastor Jo, **"What can we say but 'Thank You' for all you have done and continue to do! We love you! Enjoy your Sunday off. You deserve it!"**

**Getting Ready For The EECM Dinner...** We will prepare and deliver a hot, nutritious meal to the people staying at the East End Community House on **Tuesday, November 3**. Caring hearts are needed to make a portion of the meal. Sign up today to support this worthy mission. For questions, contact Darlene Fryer (724.265.1639).

**Pushing A Key On The Laptop...** We need a few people (teens are welcome, too) willing to push a few keys on the laptop during a Sunday Worship Service. That is all that is needed to display the lyrics and the pastor's sermon images on the projector screen. If you can push a button, we can show you the rest! Please contact Carol McCaskey (724.312.5656/camc@consolidated.net). Thank you for your consideration!

**Facebook Live!...** Each week we broadcast our worship services live on Facebook. You've seen Matt Forsman do this on Sundays? We need a couple more people to learn how to do this, too. If you have a little knowledge about Facebook, we ask that you contact Matt ([matthewdforsman@gmail.com](mailto:matthewdforsman@gmail.com)). He can show you what is needed. Thanks!

**Christmas Cheer Door Swag Fundraiser...** Order forms are available at the Welcome Center. Thank you for your participation. All proceeds benefit the East Union Women's Ministry Outreach Programs. Orders need to be received by November 8th.

**Youth Group Activities...** Today, October 18, we are meeting at the Blackwell's home (Address: 1314 Middle Road Ext. Gibsonia, PA). We'll be there from 5pm — 6:30pm. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Plan to wear long-sleeve shirts and pants since we will be playing 'Capture the Flag' in the cornfield. All teens in 6th –12th grade are invited. For more information or to be on the Youth Group Contact List, get in touch with Frank at [fmccoy070977@gmail.com](mailto:fmccoy070977@gmail.com).

**Thanks For Staining The Pavilion...** Our thanks to Keven, Sue, Samantha, and David Vresh who purchased the supplies and put two coats of stain on the pavilion. Your kind works are very generous and greatly appreciated!

**Sharing God's Word With Our Children...** Our church will present Bibles to children in the 2nd and 3rd grades on Sunday, November 1st. We look forward to handing these Adventure Bibles to our young friends during worship.

## Faithful Followers Worship Team Back in Action!

Our Faithful Followers Worship Service has not been held since the beginning of the Pandemic. Most of our Faithful Followers friends have been cooped up in their group homes all that time, with only very limited outings. Even their Day Program during the week has remained suspended.

Passavant Homes, where many of our Faithful Followers reside, has reached out to us and invited us to film an Exhibition Video, which will be shared with every home in the Passavant system. This will reach most of our Faithful Followers worshipers, as well as many more potential worshipers.

Doris Cochran, Jan Blinn and Pastor James have already begun planning. This team will meet November 6th to get things set up, explore different camera angles and generally imagine everything that will need to happen on filming day, which is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th.

The congregation is invited to join this production by helping with the project. We will need people to be in the audience and other people to help with various things, including to be extras in the audience that day. If you have helped with Faithful Followers in the past, we hope you will join us. If you would like to find out what Faithful Followers is all about, this would be a great introduction.

If the filming goes well and we finish with a viable product, we have the opportunity to do regular online worship services for the entire Passavant Homes community. We are grateful for this chance to serve the special needs community by providing a hopeful, accepting, loving outreach. May God bless our faithful endeavor!