

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**  
**Today's Sermon**  
**"New Beginnings"**  
**Pastor James at the Pulpit**



**East Union Presbyterian Church**  
Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30am



## EAST UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Church With Direction*

### ..... *Compass Points*

*Sunday, December 29, 2019*

#### **WELCOME TO EAST UNION CHURCH**

We are delighted to have you worship with us today. Please refer to page 8 for additional information about Christian education programs and worship services.

#### **PAGEANT PHOTOS WANTED**

There were a lot of people taking pictures at the Christmas Pageant. It would be great to have those in one place. We are always collecting pictures from around our busy church. At any time, you are welcome to share your photo folders or email directly -- [membership@eastunionchurch.com](mailto:membership@eastunionchurch.com). Thanks for sharing. — Matt Forsman



#### **'DO-NOT-USE' PHOTOS**

Videos and photos are often taken throughout the year at various events and activities. Our church policy allows us to use any and all pictures at our discretion for outreach materials, etc. If you or your child's photo should not be used, please notify the church office. That name will be put on the 'Do-not-use' photo list.

#### **CLOSING BOOKS FOR 2019**

In order for the church's financial statements to match the bank's statements, today is the last day to make contributions for this year. (Online contributions will be posted on the day they are received at the bank). Thank you for your contributions that support God's important work at East Union.

#### **SUGGESTION: GIVE EAST UNION A CHRISTMAS GIFT**

Let us all remember our pledge to East Union Church this last Sunday of the year. Perhaps your household is able to give a little extra for Christmas? We currently are carrying a deficit. It would be a welcome gift to bring the deficit down! Thank you for investing your time, talents and resources in God's work at East Union Church. We look forward to a new year of growing and sharing in Jesus!

#### **CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Please take notice, the church office is closed today through next Sunday. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Clerk of Session, Carol McCaskey (724.312.5656) during this time. The church office will be staffed beginning Monday, January 6.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GETTING READY FOR THE EECM DINNER

We will be serving a hot, nutritious meal to the people staying at the East End Community House on Tuesday, January 7. What a great way to start the new year, helping brothers and sisters in need. Caring hearts are needed to make a portion of the meal. Also, folks are needed to deliver and serve the meal. Sign up today to support this worthy mission. For questions, contact Darlene Fryer (724.265.1639).

### HOSTING IHN WEEK

We are grateful to all those who helped us with the IHN (our program to house the homeless). Beginning Sunday, January 26, we join together to be the hands and feet of Jesus by welcoming the homeless families to a hearty dinner and comfortable place to sleep each night. About 30 people are needed to fill the task list.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION NEEDED FOR ANNUAL AUDIT

The East Union Audit Committee will need financial reports from the Faithful Followers Committee, Outreach & Enrichment Ministry Team, Cemetery Association, Deacons, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. Reports are due Monday, January 13<sup>h</sup> and can be delivered to the Administration Building.

### END OF YEAR REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE & MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Ministry Team Chairs, Board of Trustees, the Deacons, and the Cemetery Association are asked to submit a 'Year-in-Review' report. Reports are due in the Administration Building by Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and can be delivered to the Administration Building.

## Women's Ministry Team Update

**The Cold Weather Has Arrived! We will be making 'Mats for the Homeless' next Sunday, January 5, 2020 in Kennedy Hall from 9:45-Noon.** Consider helping even for a short time OR take some bags home to prep. We hope you will join us! For questions contact Samantha Vresh (412-848-8898).

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**Our Annual Women's Retreat "A Morning of Caring & Serving" will be held on Saturday, February 22, 8:30AM-12:30PM.** More details will follow. For registration contact Robin Tarbi (robin.tarbi@gmail.com or 412-979-7359).

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**Can you knit or crochet? We're starting a heart-warming winter project.** We're going to knit (and crochet) breast prosthetics for women who have undergone mastectomies. For instructions and further information, please contact Teresa Williams (412-613-4375) or Sue Vresh (724-596-0281).

## **First Sunday After Christmas**, 9:30am in the Sanctuary

The booklet 'Songs For Advent & Christmas' will be used today



### **We Assemble In God's Name**

Prelude

Greetings

\* Call to Worship

Come, people of God. Let us give thanks for this holy season of Christ's birth.

**We have come to worship the God of new beginnings and new opportunities.**

Come, people of God. Let us celebrate and rejoice for the wondrous gifts given to us.

**We give thanks for the future God has planned for us.**

Come, people of God. Let us delight in the gifts of Christmas.

**May we live up to God's gifts of love, hope, peace, and joy!**

\* Invocation

\* Hymn No. 13

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Great God, we confess with embarrassment that, if we had been around at the first Christmas, we might have missed it all! Some of us would have been too busy with our own affairs to notice anything happening outside. We would not have noticed even the setting sun, let alone an odd little star that had no business being where it was. Even now, Lord, we are guilty of following distractions, seldom paying real attention to signs and signals from you. We have missed messages of hope, comfort and love. Help us, in the new year, to be more attentive to your presence, more alert to holy messages, more aware of faithful opportunities. We ask in Christ's name...**

\* Moment of Silence for Individual Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

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

- \* Response of Praise (Dark Blue Hymn No. 579) *Glory Be to the Father  
Glory Be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As  
it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen, Amen.*
- \* Passing of the Peace

## **We Proclaim God's Word**

Children's Chat

Old Testament Reading    Ezekiel 36:26                      Pew Bible, p. 758  
New Testament Reading    Revelation 21:1-7                      Pew Bible, p. 244

Sermon                      **"New Beginnings"**

## **We Respond To God's Word**

- \* Hymn No.16                      *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

The Morning Prayer

Prayer of the People (ending with The Lord's Prayer—Traditional)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy  
kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as  
we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Announcements

The Offering

The Offertory

- \* Doxology Hymn No. 592 (dark blue hymnal)  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all  
creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
- \* Prayer of Dedication

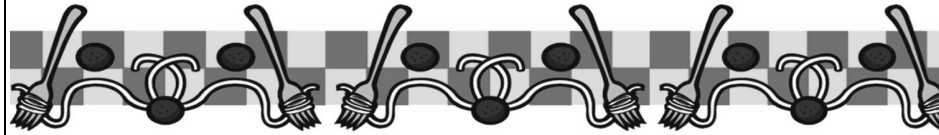
## **We Depart In God's Name**

- \* Hymn No.12                      Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Benediction Response-Hymn No. 586 (dark blue hymnal)                      *Amen*
- \* Postlude

### **Return To Regular Worship Schedule Next Sunday, January 5, 2020**

Contemporary Worship .....8:30am, in the EUCC  
Traditional Worship ..... 11:00am, in the Sanctuary  
Faithful Followers Service .....11:00am, in the EUCC  
Sunday School..... 9:45am

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Wednesday,  
January 8, 2020, 4-7pm**

Next Dinner is February 12, 2020  
(No Dinner in July & December)

5 Sauces including Alfredo, Salad Bar, Rolls and Dessert

**Donations Accepted**

### **Save Those Christmas Cookies For Us**

Your cookies will be much appreciated to serve at our Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, January 8. Because of your support, we continue this monthly fundraiser in 2020 where proceeds are about \$1k per dinner.

## **Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser**

*Would you like a side of 'CARING' with your Quesadilla Burger?*



*Can we interest you in tonight's special:  
Funding for East Union's Youth Mission Team (YMT) Trip?*

**Dine & Donate: YMT 2020 Fundraiser**

**Eat At Applebee's On Thursday, January 23, 2020**

Route 8, Gibsonia (Target Plaza)

All-day Applebee's will donate a portion of the profits to our YMT

Look for YMT/Applebee's flyers out by the new year

# OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019 — JANUARY 5, 2020

Today: **Last 9:30am Service**  
 9:30am - **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)  
 11:00am - Faithful Followers (EUCC)  
 6:30-8pm - Youth Group (The Spot)

Monday:  
 9:30am - Strength & Stretching—Open To All (EUCC)  
 6-9:00pm - Cub Scout Meeting (Kennedy Hall)  
 7-9:00pm - \*Adult Basketball—Open To All (EUCC)

Tuesday: 8-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Multi-Purpose Lounge)

Wednesday: **Happy New Year!**

Thursday: 9:30am - Strength & Stretching—Open To All (EUCC)

Next Sunday:  
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Noble Ramsey  
 8:30am - Contemporary Worship;  
 Liturgist, Gail Stotlemeyer(EUCC)  
 9:45am - **Making Mats for the Homeless** (Kennedy Hall)  
 9:45-10:30am - Sunday School (Discovery Room/Orange Room...)  
 11:00am - Traditional Worship; Liturgist, John Burk (Sanctuary)  
 11:00am - Faithful Followers (EUCC)

**\* All Are Invited**

### PRAYER REQUESTS (contact the church office to be placed on this prayer list)

#### Hospital / Care Facility:

Albert & Emily Allison (Hartwood Care)	Dolores Bogaty (Sunrise-McCandless)
Sandy Hastings (Health South Harmarville)	George Kistler (Rebecca Residence)
Karen Klemmensen (Elmcroft, Saxonburg)	Evelyn Kochan (Harmar Village)
Evelyn Nagy (Vincentian Homes)	David Nichols (Rebecca Residence)
Betty McClelland (The Willows)	Mary Sweadner (Platinum Ridge)
Marge Wilkinson (Sunrise of McCandless)	Lois Wilson (Edenton RC, Maryland)

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

**Birthdays This Week:** Ted Barsolo (12/29) Marilyn Kirin (12/31)  
 Kevin Vresh (01/02) Gloria Orban (01/03)

**EAST UNION PRAYER CLOUD** — 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).

### CONTACT DEACON OF THE MONTH FOR DEACONS CARE MINISTRY

Stacie Duffy ~ 724.272.7686

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE** — Your pastors are here for you! We care! Please contact the church office or email the pastors to schedule a visit. In case of an emergency, they can be reached at home at 724-224-4211.



## EAST UNION GENERAL INFORMATION

### 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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SUNDAY SCHOOL (SS) CLASSES FOR ALL AGES, SUNDAYS, 9:45—10:30AM

CHRISTMAS BREAK FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & YOUTH GROUP

Sunday School weekly classes resume next Sunday, January 5, 2020

YOUTH CLASS — Youth (7-12th grade) meet in the Spot for self-guided discussion, conversation & treats.

SEEKER'S CLASS — Adults are invited. Visitors welcome. We meet in the Administration Building. Class facilitated by Rev. James Ramsey.

THE ART OF PARENTING — Our Christian Parenting class meets 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in the Multi-Purpose Lounge, and is facilitated by Brian and Kelly Fill.

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**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**, All ladies are welcome to year-round events, Bible Studies, and our Book Club. Please call or text Teresa Williams (412.613.4375) to have your email added to the WM's mailing list.

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<b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE:</b> Contemporary Worship	8:30am, in the EUCC
Traditional Worship	11:00am, in the Sanctuary
Faithful Followers Service	11:00am, in the EUCC

A printed version of this morning's sermon will be posted to our website by Tuesday. If you have trouble hearing and would like a printed copy of the sermon to follow along in worship, please contact Pastor James.

**WORSHIP SERVICES IN DECEMBER** — One Service Beginning at 9:30am



### SUNDAY SERMONS—LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOKLIVE

Now, anyone, member or nonmember, can, anytime, receive and share the Good News as preached by our ministers. The sermons can be viewed in 'real-time' during the early worship service or viewed anytime in the archives.