

East Union Presbyterian Church

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today:

Blessing of the Graduates

9:30am - Outdoor Worship — Also Posted Live on Facebook (Pavilion/EUCC)

Tuesday: 8-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Multi-Use Room)

Wednesday: 10:00am - West Deer Food Bank Distribution (Admin Bldg)

6:00pm - **VBS Volunteer Orientation and Set-Up & Spaghetti Dinner!** (EUCC)

Next Sunday: Father's Day Recognition; VBS Dedication

9:30am - Outdoor Worship — Also Posted Live on Facebook (Pavilion/EUCC)

Online VBS Registration continues all week at www.eastunionchurch.org

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

Care Facility: Emily Allison (Harmar Village) Lois Wilson (Edenton RC, Maryland)
Karen Klemmensen (Magnolia Place, Saxonburg)

Home Care: Bettye Dorn Noah Latronica Josephine Wagner Sharon Maher

Birthdays: * Lois Wilson (06/13) Fiona Ramsey (06/15) David Vresh (06/15)
Pearl Campbell (06/16) Jo Ramsey (06/17) Brad Spence (06/17) Nancy Kennedy (06/18)
Sara Latronica (06/18) Wayne Gillam (06/19) Vonna May-Miller (06/19) Paige Mathieson (06/20)

* Indicates an Golden-Ager who is ninety or older!

Contact Deacon Of The Month For Deacons Care Ministry

Shari Smallwood ~ 724.265.6214

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Let Us Pray... Upon request only, your prayer concern will be included in the Compass Points. 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, they can be reached at home at 724-224-4211.

The following resources are 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 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

National Substance Abuse Hotline 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

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Sunday, June 13, 2021

9:30am in the Pavilion



Rev. James C. Ramsey
Lead Pastor

Rev. Jo Ramsey
Associate Pastor of Family Life

Sermon: "*New Beginnings: Pressing On, Straining Forward*"

At The Pulpit: Pastor James

Scriptures: Genesis 12:1-10 and Philippians 3:12-14

Music: Praise Band (Lyrics in Announcements)

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Welcome To Worship... We are delighted to worship with you today! We continue our summer worship with one service at 9:30am in the pavilion. We'll follow this schedule through September 12th. If the weather is rainy, or too hot (or too cold), we will move into the Community Center, and masks will be required.

Blessing of the Graduates... Our congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2021! The enclosed Graduate Insert highlights the activities, accomplishments and plans of our high school, technical school and college graduates. We're so proud of them, and blessed to see how God is at work in their lives! Please keep our graduates in your prayers as they navigate the next steps along the journey.

A Sweet Ending To A New Beginning... Everyone is invited to pick up a sweet treat at the conclusion of worship.

Volunteer Clearances Requested... Many of us need to renew our expired clearances. State law mandates that records of the following two be kept on file here at the church for all adults who have contact with children. Both are free. Thank you!

Pennsylvania Criminal History Check
<https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

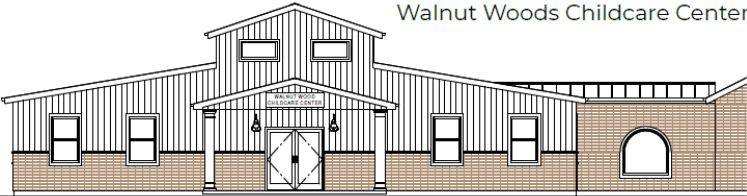
Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>

VBS Supplies Needed... Donations of empty paper towel and toilet paper cardboard rolls are needed for our crafts. We are also in need of empty, washed water bottles (around 17 oz, average-sized). Collection boxes have been placed in the EUCC lobby. **NEW requests:** We also appreciate donations of play/paver sand (bags), ten empty Pringles cans, a stuffed lizard (to borrow), and white glue. Please check in with the pastors if you'd like to help with these special requests. Thank you!

We Are Providing A Summer-time Meal To The Homeless... East Union will provide a meal on Tuesday, July 6 to the homeless shelter in East Liberty. Can you make a portion of the meal? The meal consists of sloppy joes, buns, macaroni or potato salad, baked beans, fresh fruit, brownies or cookies, and milk. If you are willing to provide items for the meal, please visit the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table. Please contact Darlene at 724- 265-1639 or 412-759-0125 for questions.

FREE 2021 Summer Grab N' Go Meals... These free meals are available again this summer through the Deer Lakes School District! This program is open to all individuals 18 years old and younger; individuals do not have to be Deer Lakes School District students. The program starts on June 15th & 17th and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday through August unless noted otherwise. The hours of pick up are 10am to 12pm at Deer Lakes High School. Please spread the word. We look forward to seeing everyone during the summertime!

Proposed Front Elevation
Walnut Woods Childcare Center



Seeding Walnut Woods... We at East Union continue to dream, pray and plan for a full-service Childcare Center. Recently East Union members received a letter explaining this ambitious project — *starting with a Before & After School program held in the EUCC beginning this September!* There will be costs for start-up (hire staff, equipment purchase, fees to secure certification with the state.) Our goal is to raise \$15,000, and we've already raised over \$8000! Donations are needed and necessary. Contributions can be given as a one-time donation or in several donations (e.g. once a week). Contributions can be set up online or given using Sunday's offering envelopes—specify Childcare Project on the envelope.

Thank you for praying and giving to make this dream a reality!

Last Week To Register!!!

DESTINATION

VBS 2021
On Campus
&
In Person

June
21-24, 2021

UNEARTH THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS
JEREMIAH 29:13

Mornings
9—11:45am

Register Online @ www.EastUnionChurch.org ~ Or ~ Call East Union Church

Join us and get your hands dirty as we “Search for Jesus With All Our Hearts!”

Designed for children 4 y/o (by 9/1) through 6th Grade
Volunteers Needed Too!

Child & Volunteer Registration Now Online
@ www.EastUnionChurch.org

The music is super fun! Check out the catchy theme song!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBcT_FRdsvg
Every family will receive a free cd of Destination Dig VBS music!

VBS Volunteer Orientation and Set-Up
This Wednesday, June 16, 6pm

Join the fun! We'll start with a Spaghetti Dinner, meet our VBS Staff~Volunteers, get oriented, and then dig in and decorate our VBS spaces!

Please contact Holly Hawk, Carol McCaskey or Pastor Jo to find out more!

Matt Borczyk, son of Kim and Ron Borczyk, graduated from Robert Morris University majoring with a dual major in Accounting and Finance. Matt is currently studying to take the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam! He begins employment this September with a firm called BDO as a tax associate in their Pittsburgh office.

Sarah Blinn, daughter of Doug and Jan Blinn, graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences. She has an internship this summer with Centre Wildlife Care near State College. Sarah will care for injured, orphaned, sick, and displaced wildlife for the purpose of releasing them back into the wild. In the fall, she will be applying to veterinary schools.

Emma Fentress, granddaughter of Dan & Mary Lynn Fentress and daughter of Holly and Jonathan Fentress, graduated from the University of Wisconsin -- Eau Claire in Health Administration. When Emma finished her college internship at Alden Estates in Huntley, Illinois, they hired her as the Assistant Administrator Director.

Jack Fentress, grandson of Dan & Mary Lynn Fentress and son of Holly and Jonathan Fentress, graduated from Chattanooga State Community College (Tennessee) with an associate degree in Marketing and is now completing his education at Brainco School.

Jacob Lavrich, son of Amy Handrahan, graduated from Allegheny College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Jacob served as the Treasurer of the Theta Chi fraternity which was recognized as the fraternity of the year.

Kaitlyn Maher, daughter of Mike and Sharon Maher, is a 2020 Slippery Rock University Department of Education Graduate. She graduated with dual majors in Early Childhood and Special Education and a minor in History and has completed graduate classes to extend her Special Education certification. Kaitlyn completed her State Boards and is a Certified Teacher for grades PreK-12. Kaitlyn seeks a permanent teaching position for the 2021/2022 school year.

Joella Miller, daughter of Todd Miller and Vonna May Miller, graduated with Honors from Coastal Carolina University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Exercise and Sports Science. She had been offered a position as an Exercise Physiologist in the cardiac rehab facility at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Florence Medical Center and accepted into Liberty University's Masters in Human Performance program. She continues to work at Orangetheory and plans to return to New Wilmington Missionary Conference this summer, after which time she'll finalize her fall plans.

Hannah Runas graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Special Education Transition Programming and Art. She plans to earn a Masters degree and open or run a camp for individuals with disabilities. Hannah is currently interning as a Camp Counselor at the Woodlands Foundation located in Wexford, PA.

William Runas graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Safety Management. He is currently interning with Forms & Surfaces sheet metal fabricators, where he observes and aides in safety and EHS at the facility.

Sam Smallwood, Shari and Steve Smallwood, majored in both Economics and Statistics and minored in Mathematics at the University of Pittsburgh. Sam will pursue a Masters of Education for Secondary Math at Slippery Rock University.

Savina Mae Williams, daughter of Lauren & Sean Williams and granddaughter of Joe & Teresa Williams, graduated from the University of Kentucky majoring in International Studies. Savina earned her degree in three years and graduated Summa Cum Laude. Her future plans are to pursue her Master's Degree at the University of Kentucky this Fall.

Congratulations to the

Graduating Class of 2021



*May Today's Success
Be The Beginning of
Tomorrow's Achievements*



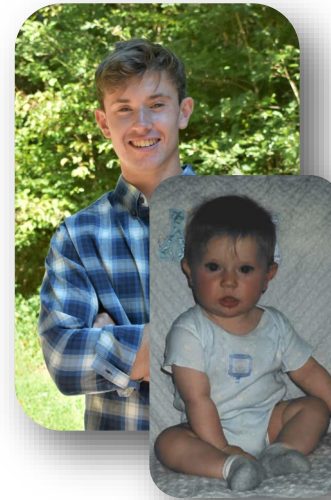
Brandon Bedillion, son of Bill Bedillion and Erin Bedillion, is graduating from Deer Lakes High School (DLHS). Brandon will attend Pittsburgh Technical College beginning in July majoring in Advertising Design. While attending DLHS, Brandon played football; he lettered twice for varsity football. Brandon also competed in the district and state competitions for Skills USA and was awarded a Skills USA scholarship.



Jenny Butler, daughter of Lori and Rob Butler, is graduating from Deer Lakes High School (DLHS). Her clubs and interests include Best Buddies, Student Council, and Friends of Rachel. Jenny played basketball, lettering three years, and was team captain for two years. Jenny was on the track team for two years and also, ran on the DLHS Cross Country team. She is an active member of the East Union Youth Group and Mission Team. Jenny will attend Slippery Rock University in the Fall majoring in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Special Education.



Nate Duffy, son of Shawn and Stacie Duffy, is graduating from Deer Lakes High School as Valedictorian! His classmates voted Nate as, 'Most Likely To Succeed.' Nate is a four-year member of DLHS Varsity Golf. He also volunteered as a tutor for two reading programs and tutored for six years. Nate was Commentary District Championship for DLHS Speech & Debate Class titling Fifth in the State. Nate was President of the Math League, President of the Speech and Debate Team, and was a contestant and member of the Hometown High Q Team. Nate has shared his talents at East Union Church by portraying various lead characters in our plays and pageants. Nate will attend Grove City College majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



Devin Murray, son of Janine and Robert Murray, is graduating from Deer Lakes High School. He is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and graduated in the top 10% academically. He participated in many activities including LancerVision, Best Buddies, Ambassadors, Explorers Law Enforcement Club, and the soccer club, Arsenal FC of Pittsburgh. Devin has been active in East Union's Youth Group and Mission Team. Devin excels in soccer, earning titles that include 4x All Section Player, 3x All WPIAL Player, 1x All State Player, 2018 & 2020 State Finalist, 2019 WPIAL Finalist, and 2020 WPIAL Champion. He plans to attend Mercyhurst University with a major in Criminal justice and plans to become a Pennsylvania State Trooper.



Colton Spence, son of Brad and Dawn Spence, is graduating from Deer Lakes High School. He was inducted to both the Spanish and National Honor Society. Colton liked to play soccer! His accolades include being listed twice to the PIAA State Final List and several years on Boys Soccer All-Section and All-WPIAL (Class AA) list. He and his teammates hold the title 2020 WPIAL Soccer Champions for DLHS. Colton ran for the track team winning 2nd Place in 2018 WPIAL 4 x 800 relay. Colton is an active member of the East Union Youth Group and Mission Team. This fall, Colton will attend Robert Morris University majoring in Cyber Security.



David Vresh, son of Kevin and Sue Vresh, is graduating from Deer Lakes High School with High Honors. David started playing drums at age seven. He was the DL Marching Band center snare and drumline section leader. He played drumset and percussion in the Concert and Jazz bands, DL strings concerts and musicals. David has also been the drummer for the East Union Presbyterian Church praise band for 7 years and is an active member of the East Union Youth Group and Mission Team. He is a member of the Spanish National Honor Society and participated in the BOTs IQ robotics club. David lettered in DLHS Volleyball team. He will attend Penn State New Kensington in the Fall to obtain a degree in Electro-Mechanical Engineering.