

**Sunday, February 23, 2020**

**Today's Sermon**

**"Out of the Ordinary"**

**Pastor James at the Pulpit**



**EAST UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*A Church With Direction*

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

*Sunday, February 23, 2020*

**WELCOME TO EAST UNION CHURCH**

We are delighted to have you worship with us today. Please refer to page 11 for additional information about Christian education programs and worship services.

**TODAY'S COFFEE CHAT TOPIC: EAST UNION CHILDCARE PROJECT**

Our newest ministry moves forward! The first meeting of the Childcare Center Implementation Team met this past Tuesday. The Team has four working Sub-Committees: Program/Operations; Marketing; Construction/Facilities; and Finance. At this time, Pastor James will head the Implementation Team. Additional team members are always welcomed! If you would like to serve, please leave word with Pastor James. God has led us to this adventure, which fits with our vision of nurturing children and supporting families, and will also provide new revenue for strengthening our other missions and ministries. Come get the most current update and ask any question you may have at today's Coffee Chat.



## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

### 'Letting Go' and 'Holding On'

The season of Lent invites us to refocus our spiritual life...to re-attune to God, as we prayerfully examine our priorities, actions, thoughts and expectations.

Often we give something up for Lent as a way of reminding us daily of Jesus' sacrifice. We might also take on additional spiritual practices or acts of service so as to follow Jesus more closely.

What might we "let go" this season and to what should we "hold on?" Each week of Lent offers us the opportunity to *let go* of that which distracts from discerning God's presence and instead *hold on* to that which God promises.

#### Lent Sermon Topics

**Sunday, March 1** — Letting Go Of *Separation*, Holding On To *Relationship*

Texts: Deuteronomy 31:6; John 14:1-3 (4-6)

**Sunday, March 8** — Letting Go Of *Empty Words*, Holding On To *Wisdom*

Texts: Joel 2:28-29; Luke 12:11-12

**Sunday, March 15** — Letting Go Of *Perfectionism*, Holding On To *God's Care*

Texts: Micah, 7:7; Matthew 18:12-14

**Sunday, March 22** — Letting Go Of *Fear*, Holding On To *God's Peace*

Texts: Isaiah 12:2; Matthew 6:25-34

**Sunday, March 29** — Letting Go Of *Judgment*, Holding On To *God's Grace*

Texts: Genesis 50:15-21; John 3:16-18

**During Holy Week** — Letting Go Of *Death*, Holding On To *Life*

**Lenten Devotional Available...** Beginning next Sunday, March 1. and through the Lenten season, the *Compass Points* will feature a brief weekly devotion (tied to that Sunday's sermon topic), including a Bible reading, a suggested practice and a prayer for each day of that week, beginning on [These devotions were written by Jill Duffield, Editor of *The Presbyterian Outlook*.]

February 26, 2020

ASH  
W E D N E S D A Y

7:00pm in the Sanctuary  
Worship with Imposition of Ashes

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### RAISING KINGDOM KIDS

**Today &  
Next Sunday**

Are you a busy parent, juggling day-to-day life and the typical challenges of parenting? Are you trying to raise your children to know and love God too? If you'd like to share experiences and ideas with other parents, then be sure to check out our informal parenting discussion series which will meet the first and third Sundays of the month this winter-spring.

We'll use "Raising Kingdom Kids," a DVD-based curriculum to guide our discussion. It's designed to challenge and equip parents to fully understand their position under God, helping them fulfill their role in parenting the children God has given them. Our meetings will involve watching videos followed by group discussion. There will be a minimum of six sessions for this series (maybe more if time is needed) and you do not have to commit to attending all six; You can come and go as your schedule permits.

New folks are welcome! Brian and Kelly Fill will facilitate the meetings. We meet in the Multi-Purpose Lounge. Hope to see you there!

**Starts  
Next Sunday**

### **Sabbath Keeping for Busy Teens**

New Youth Sunday School Lenten Series led by Pastor Jo  
**Sundays from 9:45-10:30am starting March 1st**

Are you dealing with the stress of making it to practices and club meetings all while trying to study and hang out with friends? What about the internal pressures you don't share, like constantly connecting on social media and comparing yourself with others? Do you sometimes feel unsettled and down for no apparent reason? It's hard to relax! It's no surprise we're seeing rising rates of anxiety and depression in U.S. teens. We've surely seen it in our own community and church family.

This Lent, our Youth Sunday School class will explore how Sabbath-Keeping can be "an act of resistance to the culture of now." Together, we will rediscover the God who creates and redeems us, and longs to sustain us by offering a place to lay down our burdens and find rest. God made us human beings, not human doings!

Come, hang out with Pastor Jo, and find out how chillin' can be a gift from God!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERVING THE EECM—COMMUNITY HOUSE MEAL

Our church will be serving a hot, nutritious meal to the people staying at the East End Community House on Tuesday, March 3. Folks are needed to provide portions of the meal. Also, help is needed to deliver and serve the meal. Please contact Darlene Fryer with questions (724.265.1639).

### GETTING READY FOR SPRING CLEANING

Our Trustees are having a dumpster delivered to the church campus this Tuesday morning, February 25. They're hoping all the people who store stuff on the church grounds will go through their items and **sort out the junk by this Monday, February 24**. Please place your garbage on the Founders' Chapel stage. **Thanks!!!**

### STAY WELL ~ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Worship Committee recommends that we refrain from shaking hands for the remainder of the winter season. You might fist bump or rub elbows as an alternative. Thanks!



Noah Latronica  
With His Parents,  
Sara & Nick

## Keep Noah In Your Prayers

From Sara & Nick Latronica

Copied From 'Noah's Story' on Facebook

"We received some devastating news today that having to say out loud breaks my heart over and over.

Noah has a new tumor in his brain and possibly two additional tumors in his cervical spine. The locations are different this time which may be good from a radiation perspective, but also make things a little bit more difficult for surgery. We have limited information at this time about what's going to happen moving forward. It's excruciating to not know what our options may be, but soon we will have some answers.

What we do know is Noah is a fighter and he's already beaten cancer twice. Also, that Nick and I will only accept the most optimistic of treatment plans, which we're hoping come from CHOP when they receive the MRI images from this morning. I cannot believe we're about to go down this road again and the thought of putting Noah through so much pain literally hurts my heart, but I have faith that he will come out on top again. 🙏 "

## **Traditional Worship**, 11am in the Sanctuary

The light blue hymnal will be used today

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

Prelude      *Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart*    David Childs

Greetings

\* Call to Worship

Beyond our ordinary lives, above the cold and brown winter floor,  
there is a glory rising - born of heaven and reaching out to us;

**A light that shines through the clouds, an invitation seeking all  
of who we are, a light that transfigures the world;**

A love that transforms darkness into hope, that brings life from a  
cross...where old life ends and new life is born.

**In glory Jesus meets us here, raising us from the depths of the  
valley to the height of the mountain, carrying the weight of  
our humanity to the heights of heaven's glory.**

Let us worship from the mountain this day

**And hear again God's voice, saying "This is my Beloved Son,  
with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him!"**

\* Invocation

\* Hymn No. 212

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**O God, how many times do we miss you? Or pass up opportunities to  
experience your glory? We long to see your face, to be assured that  
you are with us, and yet, we fail to recognize you. God, we confess our  
distraction, our self-absorption, our cynicism. We trust you have not  
left us, you are not far off; we just need to orient ourselves, allow  
ourselves to be led out of the ordinary, regular, routine machinations  
of our life. Open our eyes that we may see you, that we might know  
you are present...right beside us. Thank you for Jesus'**

**Transfiguration – a reminder, signifier, predictor of our own. Help us  
to be adventurous in our seeking, to stop and look around, to be still  
and listen. For only when we take the time to watch and hear and  
reflect, will we be able to understand that we have encountered you...**

\* Moment of Silence for Individual Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

**\* All who 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	Exodus 24:12-18	Pew Bible, p. 68
New Testament Reading	Matthew 17:1-9	Pew Bible, p. 17

Sermon                      **"Out of the Ordinary"**

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

- \* Hymn No. 323                      *Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty*

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. 603                      *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Benediction Response-Hymn No. 586 (dark blue hymnal)                      *Amen*
- \* Postlude                      *A Psalm of Praise*                      Benjamin Harlan

## JOYS, CONCERNS & PRAYER REQUESTS

### OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

The East Union Church family extend their prayers and condolences to Robin Trocki and family on the death of Anna Trocki. Robin Trocki's mother died last Friday, February 14. Cards can be mailed to the family at: 774 Little Deer Creek Valley Road, Russellton, PA 15076.

### NEW MAILING ADDRESS

East Union member, David Nichols, has recently moved to Concordia of Fox Chapel. If you would like to send him a card, please mail to: David Nichols—Room D5, Concordia, 931 Route 910, Cheswick, PA 15024.

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

**In Mission:** Allison Blackwell — Peace & Reconciliation Trip to Northern Ireland,  
Leaves this Thursday, February 28, 2020

#### In a Care Facility:

Albert & Emily Allison (Hartwood Care)	Cathy Burk (Rebecca Residence)
Dan Klemmensen (Rebecca Residence)	Karen Klemmensen (Elmcroft, Saxonburg)
Evelyn Kochan (Harmar Village)	Evelyn Nagy (Vincentian Homes)
David Nichols (Concordia—Rt 910)	Betty McClelland (The Willows)
Marge Wilkinson (Sunrise of McCandless)	Lois Wilson (Edenton RC, Maryland)

**Home Care:** Bettye Dorn Dan Fentress Noah Latronica

**Birthdays This Week:** Debra Williams (02/23) Stacie Duffy (02/25)  
Halle Mathieson (03/01) Jessica Michel (03/01)

**EAST UNION PRAYER CLOUD** — Our Prayer Cloud accepts prayer requests for your concerns at any time. 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)

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

Heather Rusek ~ 724.224.9090

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**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! 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Spring Fling*  
**RUMMAGE  
SALE**  
**Bake Sale**  
Fri. March 6, 4-7pm  
Sat. March 7, 8-11am

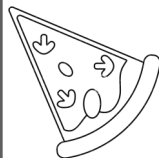


**Brownies, Cookies & Desserts  
Requested For Our  
Bake Sale!!!**



**Bring Your Family To The  
Rummage Sale Pizza Party  
Next Sunday, March 1st at 4:00pm in the EUCC**

We will move items from the garage into the EUCC following next Sunday's Contemporary Worship Service. Later that day, during the Pizza Party, we will spend time indoors, setting up and sorting.



At the Pizza Party, we need help to set up tables. Next, we will move the rummage sale items to the tables. We have a toy section, book section, dish section, jewelry section, etc. Our hopes are to have all the rummage items sorted and moved to the designated area. Children's help is appreciated. This will be fun for all ages! The Outreach & Enrichment Ministry Team will work throughout the week finishing the sorting and pricing the items (and setting up for the bake sale).



# OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 — MARCH 1, 2020

- Today:**
- 8:30am - Contemporary Worship (EUCC)
  - 9:45-10:30am - Sunday School (Discovery Room/Orange Rm)
  - 9:45am - **\*Coffee House Chat** (The Spot)
  - 9:45am - **\*Raising Kingdom Kids** (Multi-Purpose Lounge)
  - 10:00am - **\*Sunday Singers Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
  - 10:35am - Kaleidoscope Kids (Choir Room)
  - 11:00am - Faithful Followers (EUCC)
  - 11:00am - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
  - 6:30pm - **Youth Group** (The Spot)
- Monday:**
- 9:30am - Strength & Stretching—Open To All (EUCC)
  - 6-7:30pm - Private Rental (EUCC)
  - 7:30-9:30pm - Basketball—Open To All (EUCC)
- Tuesday:**
- Articles Due for next Sunday's Compass Points**
- 6:30-8pm - Fun & Freedom Basketball ([www.funandfreedom.org](http://www.funandfreedom.org))
  - 8-9:15pm - Deer Lakes Sobriety Meeting (Multi-Use Room)
- Wednesday:**
- Ash Wednesday**
- 6-9:00pm - Private Rental (EUCC)
  - 7:00pm - **Ash Wednesday Service: Imposition of Ashes** (Sanctuary)
- Thursday:**
- \*Stack'd Fundraiser For Youth Mission Team** (Gibsonia)
- 9:30am - Strength & Stretching—Open To All (EUCC)
  - 6:15pm - **\*Tai Chi—Open To All** (EUCC)
  - 7:30-9pm - Private Rental (EUCC)
- Friday:**
- 6-7:30pm - Private Rental (EUCC)
- Saturday:**
- 12-5:00pm - Private Rental (EUCC)
- Next Sunday:**
- First Sunday in Lent; Communion Observed**
- 8:30am - Contemporary Worship (EUCC)
  - 9:45-10:30am - Sunday School (Discovery Room/Orange Rm/Admin Bldg)
  - 9:45am - **Raising Kingdom Kids** (Multi-Purpose Lounge)
  - 9:45am - **Sabbath Keeping For Busy Teens** (The Spot)
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  - 4:00pm - **\*Rummage Sale: Set Up & Pizza Party** (EUCC)
  - 6:30pm - **Youth Group** (The Spot)

**\* All Are Invited**

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

## 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**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020**

**CLASSES RESUME ON APRIL 19, 2020**

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**THE SEEKERS** — This Bible Study, led by Pastor James, is studying the book of Revelation. They meet in the Administration Bldg. No experience necessary!

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**YOUTH GROUP, MOST SUNDAYS, 6:30-8PM**, Youth, 6th–12th grade, are invited to Youth Group. Check the Youth Group page for the current schedule.

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

Save the date! VBS will be held Monday, June 22 -Thursday, June 25, Evenings

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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.

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### 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.

## YOUTH MISSION TEAM 2020—FUNDRAISER

Our thanks to everyone who supported our fundraiser at Applebee's  
on January 23, 2020. Thanks to you, we raised \$264.35!

We hope you'll join us again this Thursday at Stack'd on Route 8



You Eat... We Give  
**This Thursday, February 27th**

The Youth Mission Team will have 20% of the food bill donated back  
All day long when you show or mention this flyer



All Week Long...

Sunday February 23 thru Saturday February 29

Order a **Chocolate "Surprise" Milkshake** and  
100% profit comes back to Youth Mission Team

SURPRISE!... the shake may or may not be chocolate!

Please join us at Stack'd Hampton  
5055 William Flynn Highway Rt. 8

You can:  
bring the flyer,  
show it on your phone or  
just mention to your server that you are here for the  
East Union's Youth Mission Team fundraiser

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