Summer on my Mind…

On my way to my teaching job in New Jersey on Monday, I will admit that I was a little shocked to see a temperature of 35 degrees on the thermometer in my car. I am officially over winter and ready for some warmer weather.

Maybe it is the prolonged cold, but I have begun to think ahead a little bit about summer at BCUMC. We have our Bible School coming up in June, our big golf outing in August, and we just finished booking our summer concert series. That schedule will go out next week.

We have an exciting summer coming up.

Friends, rest assured we are getting there. As we continue in the Lenten Season and Easter approaches, spring weather draws nearer, and summer is right around the corner!

God Bless.

Pastor John

This Sunday (March 30th)

This Sunday, we conclude our four-week Sermon Series: A Loving, Patient, and Forgiving Lent. This week, we wrap things up with a familiar parable; the story of the Prodigal Son. And although we have probably all heard the story before, we examine something new, and we simply marvel at the forgiving nature of our Lord, while also being challenged to bring others back home to the Kingdom when they go astray.

As always, there are two ways to participate in worship at Black Creek UMC.

Our service begins at 9:30.

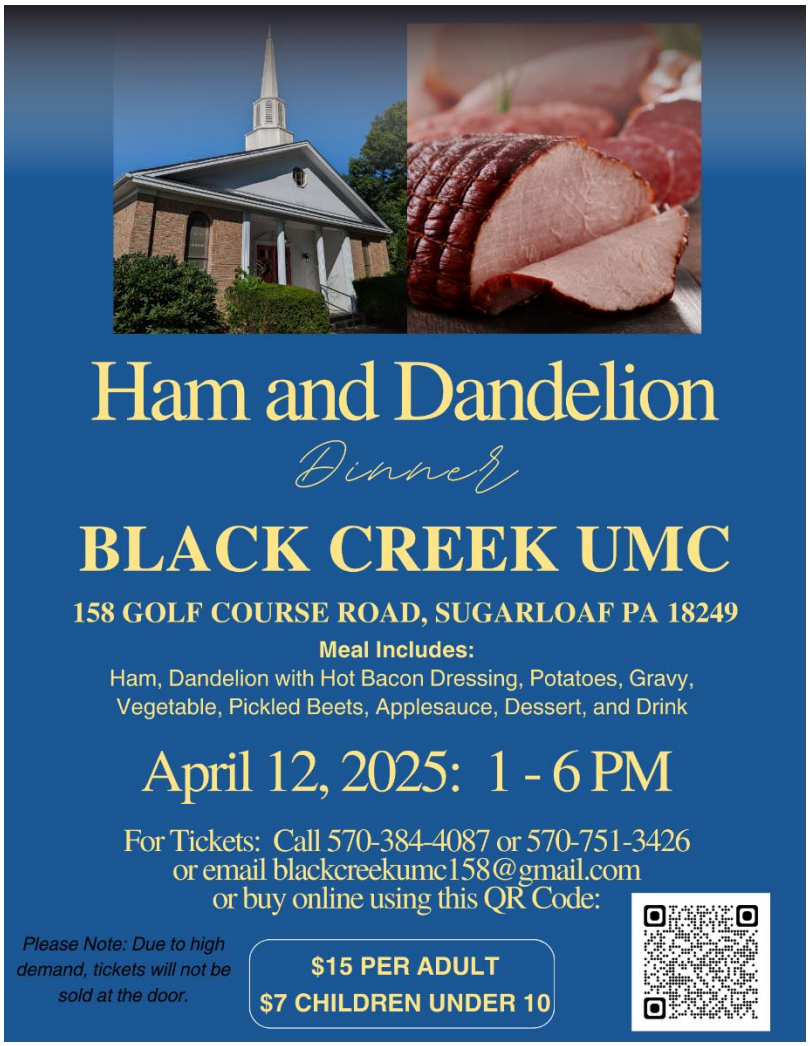
- In person – All are welcome, come as you are!
- On Facebook Live.

Upcoming Meetings:

April 9th, 6:00 PM – Church Council Meeting

Everything Below this line was in last week's email. You can stop reading now if you are all caught up on our church calendar!

Ham and Dandelion Dinner!



Our Ham and Dandelion Dinner is coming up on April 12th. Tickets are still available. They can be purchased here:

https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9794278

Also, if you haven't volunteered yet and have time to help, please let June know ASAP.

Our Book Study Continues…

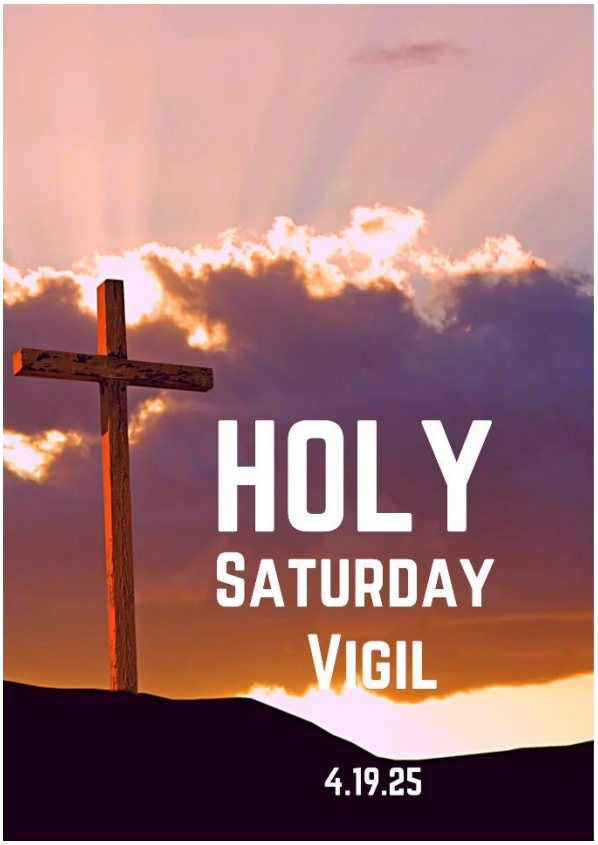
We are three sessions into our Bible / Book Study and we have had some wonderful conversations and fellowship. You are invited to jump in any time, even if you have missed the first few meetings.

Copies of our Book, Susan Robb's *Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross,* are available in the back of the church and Study Sessions are 6:00 on Monday Evenings.

Our Holy Week Schedule:

Our holiest week as Christians is coming up in less than a month. Here is our busy Holy Week schedule. All services will be at Black Creek UMC.

Holy Saturday Vigil:



A sign-up sheet for our Holy Saturday vigil is available in the church narthex. This is a chance to prepare your heart for Easter in the liminal time between Good Friday and Easter. You are invited to sign up for a one-hour slot to wait with Christ for Easter morning! Please see Pastor John if you have any questions about this special event.

Lenten Midweek Devotions

Every Wednesday during Lent, I will be posting quick, three to five-minute Lenten devotions on our Facebook page. I hope that you can find just a couple of minutes to check them out. They are in bite sized pieces, perfect for sharing with friends and neighbors.

Helping Our Neighbors in Need

Our church is continuing to assist our neighbors in Hazelton who are experiencing homelessness by serving dinners on the second Tuesday of the month at the Divine Providence center. There is a sign-up sheet at the church for anyone who would like to help by making food for this awesome ministry.

Confirmation Class

BCUMC will be holding a confirmation class for all youth grades seven and up beginning in May. Classes will be Monday nights at 6PM. Please let Pastor John know if you know anyone who might be interested in this class!

Membership Class

Pastor John would still love to run a membership class. If you are interested, please let him know so that we can schedule the class and welcome all of our new members this Easter season!

Vally Food Pantry Easter Food Distribution

BCUMC will be providing canned corn for the Easter food distribution of the Valley food pantry. Please feel free to donate canned corn in the bin in the back of the church. The Valley food pantry generally feeds about 50 families.