

# Ecclesiastes 3:1, NLT For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.



This week I am honored to be leading our worship service, thank you Pastor John and Black Creek UMC. 😊

The dogdays of summer are upon us! The heat is sweltering and the days are long, and it got me thinking back to when I was kid, and I started to miss those days, those days of just being bored, lounging around, forgetting to be worried about all the things I wasn't getting done, those days when I felt I had all the time in the world. It's kind of funny, because I miss the feeling of just being, without any expectations for myself. But as I thought on this scripture, one of my favorites, it reminds me that there is a season for every activity. There is a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to mourn and a time to dance... a time to work and a time to rest. So, as I meditate on this scripture, I encourage you to do the same. To take time not only to do the work that the Lord gives you but to also enjoy the fruitfulness of whichever season the Lord has placed you. For in every season there is a purpose.

*"For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."* – **John 1:16**

Peace and love in the abounding grace of Jesus Christ,

Sheena

## **This Sunday (July 20<sup>th</sup>)**

Have you ever felt like you were behind in your understanding of Jesus? Well, this week we are in the Book of Colossians, a letter written by Paul and Timothy to the early church of Colossae, who although were very faithful believers, were struggling with the false teachers of their day who were proclaiming that Jesus was not God. They were struggling to grasp all that Jesus is, the same as all of us do.

This week, we as believers, are reminded that it is important to continually come back to the basics of our faith, even if we feel as if we are starting from scratch.

Amen and I look forward to seeing you all Sunday!

There are **four** 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.
- Right at the top of our website, [blackcreekumc.org](http://blackcreekumc.org).
- Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel. Just go to YouTube and type in @backpewbelievers and our channel will come right up! Don't forget to subscribe for new updates.

## **A Big Thank You to All Who Helped and Donated at our Red Cross Blood Drive!**



- On Monday, the American Red Cross held a Blood Drive at Black Creek, and we had a TON of volunteers and donors from our church. Thanks to all who helped to make this life-giving work possible at our church!

# Summer Concert **This Saturday!**



Our Summer Concert series continues **this Saturday** with an acoustic performance by the Broken Road Duo. I hope you can join us for this awesome community event. As always, dinner is at 5:30 and music starts at 6:00!

## **Lending a Helping Hand:**



Our church continues to serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness at the Divine Providence Center in Hazleton on the Second Tuesday of every month. We could definitely use a hand with this awesome mission. I am currently looking for three volunteers; one to be the lead for preparing the dinners for each of the next three months (August 12<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup>, and October 14<sup>th</sup>). If you feel called to help with this awesome ministry, please let Pastor John know!

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00PM – Fair Foods Dinner Meeting

**Everything Below This Line Was in Last Week's Email.**

**If you are all caught up, you can stop reading now...**

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# Our Summer Concert Series!



Our Summer concert series picks up on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>! Our first concert was an awesome event, and I hope that you will join us for our remaining three events!

## Registration Our Big Golf Outing



# Sponsorship Information for Our Golf Outing

For a \$100 sponsorship donation, in addition to supporting the good work of BCUMC, all sponsors will receive:

- A yard sign posted at a tee box during the event.
- Recognition at our awards banquet the night of the event.
- Inclusion on our sponsorship list that will be given to all golfers.
- Recognition in our weekly bulletin at Black Creek United Methodist Church.
- A letter of receipt of your tax-deductible donation.

I hope that you will consider supporting the ministries of our church! Use the QR Code below to become a sponsor or just reach out to the church via phone or email!





# Ways to Help Those Affected by the Flooding in Texas

- 1. Pray. Pray for healing and presence and strength for those who have suffered loss. Pray for the first responders who are working in the recovery zone, and all who are working to deal with the effects of this tragedy.
- 2. Donate money directly to organizations that are helping with the recovery. I have found that the best way to help isn't always a grand gesture, like filling a truck, or gathering supplies at the church and shipping them to the disaster area. It is simply to donate to organizations that have the infrastructure to help in meaningful ways.
  - As United Methodists, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is our primary way, as a connectional church, to provide help where it is needed. Donations can be made here. [UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery - Global Ministries](#)
  - In addition, Tithe.ly, the organization that we use for online giving, and for web hosting, is partnering with a faith-based organization called Convoy of Hope. They are on the ground in the area, working with local churches and organizations to distribute relief supplies like food, water, cleaning kits, hygiene kits, and more to the thousands of people affected by this devastating storm. You can donate directly to that organization here. [Tithe.ly Giving](#)