

Thoughts About a Lily and a Goose...



On a recent visit with a longtime member of our church, my family and I were blessed to be gifted with a lily that is the baby of a plant that was originally owned and cared for by her mother. It is now living in my house, and as you can tell from the picture above, there is a goose on the wall right above it. That goose “flew” for decades on the wall of my grandfather, Philip Mylecraine’s house.

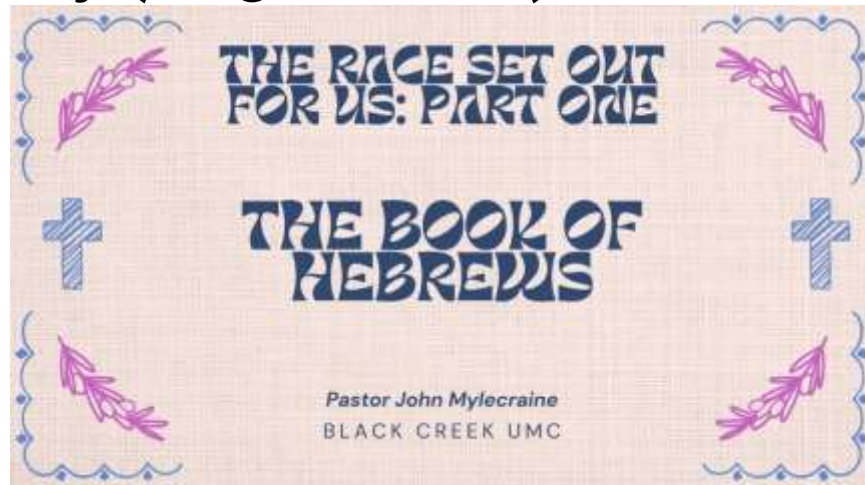
Somehow, seeing those two items together, they brought these verses to my mind, “Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.” Those words were written by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 2.

Friends, let’s never forget what a blessing it is to be one united faith family. It doesn’t matter where we have come from, we are now “fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household.”

See Ya’ Sunday.

Pastor John

This Sunday (August 10th)



The Race Marked Out for Us, The Book of Hebrews: Part One
Hebrews 11:1-16

This week, we begin a monthlong Sermon series based on the Book of Hebrews. In our scripture today, we explore the definition of faith, and we are reminded that sometimes, “the race marked out for us” can seem overwhelming, and honestly maybe it is too much for us to bear on our own. However, when we truly live by faith, anything is possible!

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.
- 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.

Our Final Summer Concert is Around the Corner!



I have to admit, I am super excited for our final Summer Concert. We are welcoming an awesome Irish band, Poor Man's Gambit, to Black Creek for the very first time. If you get a chance over the next couple of weeks, check out a little of their music, it can be found here! [Poor Man's Gambit](#). I think you will be as excited as I am once you do!

The concert is on August 30th... light dinner at 5:30, amazing music at 6:00!

Thoughts on the St. Ann's Band Visiting Black Creek



Thanks to everybody who came out to hear the Freeland St. Ann's Band at Black Creek a couple of weeks back. Although the weather has yet to cooperate for an outdoor concert, our church was rocking!

Fair Foods Dinner:



Our Second Annual Fair Foods Dinner is one month from today! It is an all hands on deck type of event. If you are able to help with this major undertaking, please let Bud or Donna know. This should be a great time!!

Thank Yous from My Recent Vacation:



Yes, that is your pastor floating blissfully in the Hiwassee River. My family and I just returned from a wonderful family vacation and we are refreshed, restored and ready to roll!

Thanks to Wayne for ably manning the pulpit, Bud and Joann for handling the tech duties, Bud for mowing my lawn, and Pastor Todd Lattig of East Bangor UMC for covering any pastoral emergencies. We truly are a team here at BCUMC!

More Thank Yous!



If you were not aware, a little while back, our sign down the road at Sally's was on the losing end of a battle with a car. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but it did make a little work for us. After a repaint by Denny, a reinstall by Tim Waters and his son, and a new sign bracket added by Bud and Denny, we are back up and running. Thanks to all...

And More!



Our church is a busy church, and that means that our facility gets used... a lot. Some of the chairs in our fellowship hall were looking a little worse for wear. Thanks to Bobbe and Gail for reupholstering every chair! Be sure to check out their handiwork the next time you are at the church!

A Request from a Local Ministry



EMMAUS ROAD DRIVERS NEEDED!

We are in need of additional drivers to take our travelers to grocery stores, the Valley Food Pantry, and to routine medical appointments.

Our ministry has grown greatly over the nearly 9 years our team has been getting people to their needed appointments.

We need to maintain a large pool of drivers to meet the needs of those we help and also to not overload members of our ministry team.

This valuable outreach ministry which brings the Gospel to life out in our community will suffer and could collapse if we do not increase driver availability. Even just a few drivers willing to drive once a month would be of great help. Drivers get offered trips by our Transportation Coordinators and they can pick trips that fit their personal schedule/calendar. Please consider if you feel called to join us in helping those who need transportation to access food and basic medical services.

To find out more or request a driver application, call or email

Brother Fred at 570 956-5991 or f3jaxheimer@gmail.com

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, August 27th 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...

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!

