

A Blast from My Past Coming to BCUMC...



Yep... those are some awkward high school pictures of me... you're welcome.

But I have included them for a purpose, other than just giving you all a chuckle. Throughout my high school years, I participated in an awesome program every summer called the Christian Outreach Project. For one week each summer, COP sends groups of high school students to houses in local communities to provide housing repairs to homeowners who are unable to handle the projects themselves. It also provides an awesome opportunity for faith development and fellowship for youth members throughout the week.

Well... I recently reconnected with the director of the organization and it is still going strong. I would love to lead a group from BCUMC next summer. So if you know any students age 14 and up who might want to attend a one-week, hands-on, Christian summer camp next year, please let me know. You can find more information about the program here [Christian Outreach Project – A New Jersey Non-Profit Organization](#).

See Ya Sunday. (and you're welcome for the awkward pictures)
Pastor John

This Sunday (August 17th)



In the second week of our monthlong sermon series focusing on the Book of Hebrews, we continue to examine the nature of our **faith**. We use that word, faith, a lot, but we rarely take the time to think about what it means. By slowing down, and truly breathing in God's Holy Word this week, we will find powerful assurance that despite the fact that our faith sometimes falters, God will still use us to do amazing things!

I hope you will join us for this powerful message of reassurance!

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.

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, August 27th 6:00PM – Fair Foods Dinner Meeting

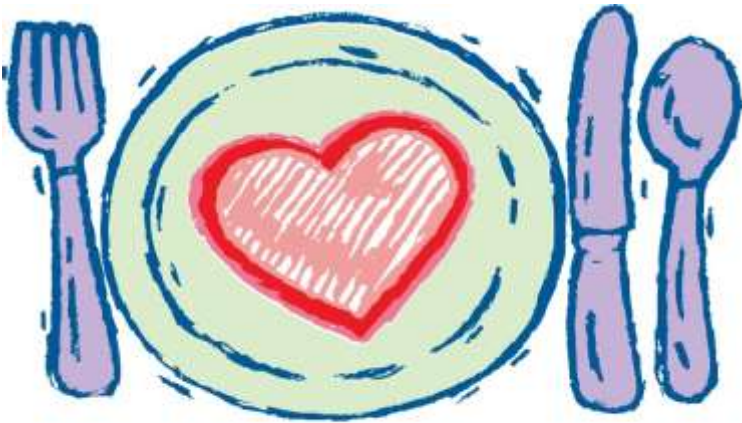
Upcoming Events in Our Community

Supporting Local Theater... and our Very Own Wayne Seely:



This coming weekend, the Nuremberg Players will be presenting the play *Are You Being Served...* All relevant details are on the included poster..

Valley Interfaith Council Community Dinner:



COMMUNITY DINNER

The Valley Interfaith Council will be holding a Community Dinner on September 12th at Christ Lutheran in Conyngham. It is free to all, but donations will be accepted. Please consider supporting this local community ministry.

Valley Interfaith Council Community Food Pantry

Every year, BCUMC contributes to the Interfaith Food Pantry Thanksgiving Food Baskets. This year, our church will be contributing pumpkin pie filling. Cans can be brought to our church now through the beginning of November. Also, the Interfaith Food Pantry is in need of coffee and tea presently. Donations can be brought to our church.

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

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!!

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!

Our Golf Outing is Next Saturday!



Hope to see all of our golfers next Saturday at our 9 Hole Golf Scramble. Thanks to everyone who is helping to make the event a success!

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