

All Hands On Deck This Saturday for our Fair Foods Dinner!



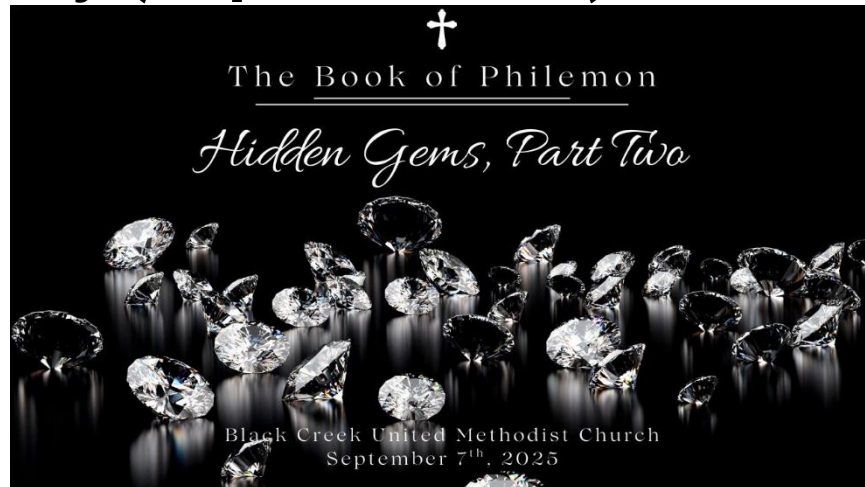
This week, we have our third busy Saturday in a row at Black Creek UMC. Following a successful Golf Outing a couple weeks back and an awesome Summer Concert this past Saturday, our 2nd Annual Fair Foods Dinner is coming up in just a few days.

As you can tell from the picture above, one of my pastoral duties at BCUMC is wearing our storied "Potato Suit" at this event. However, we have plenty of ways that you can help that don't include a vegetable costume. If you are free Saturday, we would love to have you help with this awesome event that supports the mission and ministries of our church.

Also, please help us spread the word as we continue to reach out to our friends and neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ!

See Ya Saturday,
Pastor John

This Sunday (September 7th)



Hidden Gems, Part Two: The Book of Philemon

Philemon Chapter 1

This week, we continue our occasional communion week series on some of the lesser-known scriptures in our Bible, the hidden gems so to speak. In this installment, we look at the entirety of the Book of Philemon, the shortest Epistle written by the Apostle Paul. In this deeply personal letter written while he was imprisoned for preaching the Good News of the Gospel, Paul models the way that we should act when we are bringing others to the faith, and he reminds us of the glorious nature of our relationship with our Heavenly Father.

You won't want to miss this one!!

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, www.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.

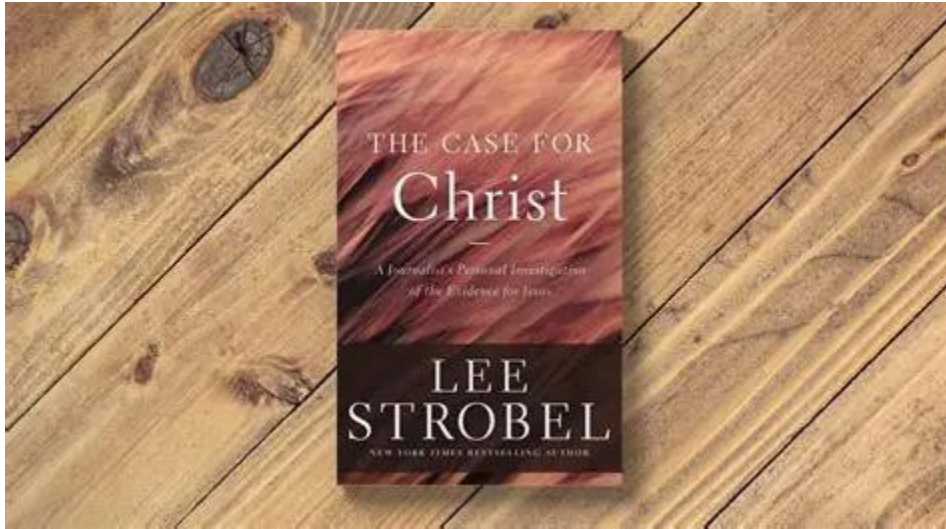
A New Ministry Kicking off Next Month!



You are invited to join us for an awesome new worship experience coming in October. These services will be informal, fun, and family-friendly. They will be completely different from our Sunday services, so they are another way to give praise and honor to God. These services will have great music and powerful preaching in our new outdoor worship space!

I am super excited to have the opportunity to worship God in a new way. Please, please, please... help us spread the word about these service. This is a great opportunity to bring people to church who maybe haven't come before or haven't been with us for a while. There are cards available in worship folders and in the back of the church with all of the details for this event.

Adult Sunday School Class Begins this Week



Our Adult Sunday School program begins for the fall this coming Sunday after church. The study is *The Case for Christ*, by Lee Strobel. I hope you will consider joining the group. Thanks as always to June Seely for all of her hard work putting this program together!!

Confirmation Classes Continue...



Our confirmation class picks up next week after a well-deserved summer break. It is great to be working with our youth and sharing with them some of the core tenets of our faith!

Our Choir Finishes Off a Great Summer Season This Sunday



It has been great to have our choir back in business over the last couple of months! We are finishing up our summer of music this coming Sunday with the Spiritual *Give Me Jesus*. Thanks to all of our singers and to Dave for leading us!

Thanks for a Great End to Our Summer Concert Series!

Below are a couple of pictures from our last summer concert! Thanks to everyone who came out to these community events and especially to everyone who helped to make these exciting events a success! I will be starting to book our Summer 2026 series soon!



... and thanks to our new lighting tech, Jack Mylecraine for programming and setting up the lights for the band!!

This Year's Chicken and Waffle Dinner is Coming Up!

Help us get the word out!!! All of the details are below. Cards and flyers are available at the church.



Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, September 10th 6:00PM – Church Council Meeting

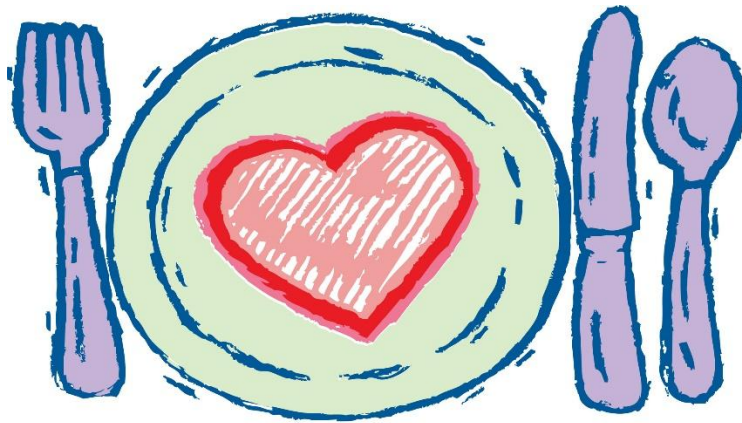
Everything Below This Line Was in Last Week's Email. You can stop here if you are caught up!!

Christian Outreach Project...



If you any high school age students who would be interested in an awesome worship and community building experience, please let me know. The Christian Outreach Project is a one week camp where Methodist Youth from throughout our conference and the Greater New Jersey Conference work to help make home improvements for those in need. (This picture is one of me diligently watching someone else work when I was in high school...)

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.

An Amazing Local Ministry...

The Bloomsburg Fair is fast approaching. In past years, Black Creek UMC has participated in supporting the work of the Columbia County Christian Fair Ministry which provides meals, clothing, blankets, pillows, hygiene kits, and health care to the carnival workers. Funding and supplies for this outreach ministry are provided by donations from 12 churches in the Columbia County area.

Gail and Bob Auer are our representatives on this outreach and will coordinate collecting donations. Each church is asked to provide 5 new pillows with colored (non-white) pillowcases AND 10 sleeping bags You can bring these to the church and leave them in the Narthex collection box labeled "CCCFM Pillows and Sleeping Bags". All donations should be made no later than Sunday, September 14.

If anyone would also like to donate other items, the following new or clean used items are needed:

1. Men's and Women's (any size)
 - a. Work boots
 - b. Sneakers
2. Blankets
3. Cash donation for purchase of above (make check payable to CCCFM)