

Preparations are Underway for Our New Outdoor Worship Services!



Our brand new, outdoor worship series begins in less than a month, and I couldn't be more excited to be praising God in new and exciting ways here at Black Creek UMC. We are going to have great music and powerful preaching in a fun and informal setting. Everyone is invited to these Saturday afternoons of praise...

And... the picture above is the framework for our brand-new coffee cart which we will be using at these awesome events! As many of you know, in addition to pastoring, I am still a full-time educator at a career and technical high school. Our Construction Technology students take on live-work projects at reasonable costs, and they are working diligently on our new cart! How great is that.

Whether you are a regular church attendee or just someone who is looking to hear a little music and drink some coffee on a crisp fall evening with your community, I hope that you will consider coming out for these awesome events.

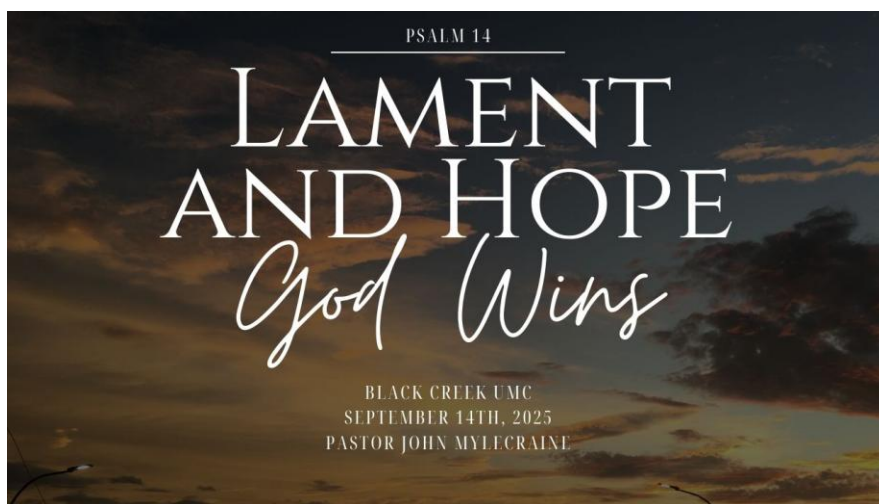
The services are on October 4th, 11th, and 18th at 4:00PM.

God Bless.

Pastor John



This Sunday (September 14th)



Lament and Hope, Part One: God Wins

Psalms 14

This week, we begin a short sermon series on the Book of Psalms, the Bible's songbook. We examine Psalm 14, a Psalm of Lament written by King David when he was at a difficult point in his life; a time when he looked around and he couldn't find godliness anywhere.

In our own times, we might feel tempted to feel the same way, but we can find reassurance in the same timeless truths that David does in this Psalm: God provides for God's people, and in the end... God Wins!

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.

Remembering September 11th, 2001



This week, we as a congregation will remember the events of September 11th, 2001, in prayer. A small piece of that prayer is included here as we keep those events close to our hearts.

On this day of solemn remembrance:

May we honor the lives that were lost in this tragic act.

May we give thanks for those who served and saved, rendered aid and assistance.

May we give comfort to those who live with loss.

*May we seek justice and peace where it is within our ability,
and rely on you when the ability escapes us.*

On this day of solemn remembrance:

May we build what has been torn down.

May we mend what has been broken.

May we live your love when hate seems to reign.

May we bear witness to the cause of peace. Amen.

A Thank You...



It has been an incredibly busy season here at Black Creek. Over the last three Saturdays, we have held a successful golf outing, an awesome end of the summer concert, and a good ol' fashioned Fair Foods Dinner. Thanks so much to everyone who has helped to make these events a success!

... And an Apology



I wanted to apologize to anyone who had hoped to join our virtual worship service this past Sunday. Unfortunately, the computer that we use to broadcast our service crashed pretty epically and we were unable to restart the stream. We believe that the issue has been resolved, and we are working to create a backup system in the event something like what happened Sunday ever happens again.

If you would like to hear the message from this week, audio versions of all of our sermons are always available on our website. Just go to blackcreekumc.org and click on the “sermons” tab.

You can also find all of those messages directly by clicking on this link. [Sermons | Black Creek United Methodist Church](#)

Again, my apologies.

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!!

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.

**BLACK CREEK
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

Chicken and Waffle Dinner

DISCOVER WHY BLACK
CREEK UMC HAS BEEN
KNOWN FOR THIS EVENT
FOR DECADES!!

 October 25th

 3:00PM - 7:00PM

 158 Golf Course Road, Sugarloaf PA

 blackcreekumc.org 570-384-4087

**NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED!
DROP IN ANY TIME!**

Christian Outreach Project...

If you know 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.

Valley Interfaith Council 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)

Adult Sunday School Class Continues this Week

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

Confirmation Classes Continue...

Our confirmation class is up and running for the fall. It is great to be working with our youth and sharing with them some of the core tenets of our faith! This month's dates: September 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.