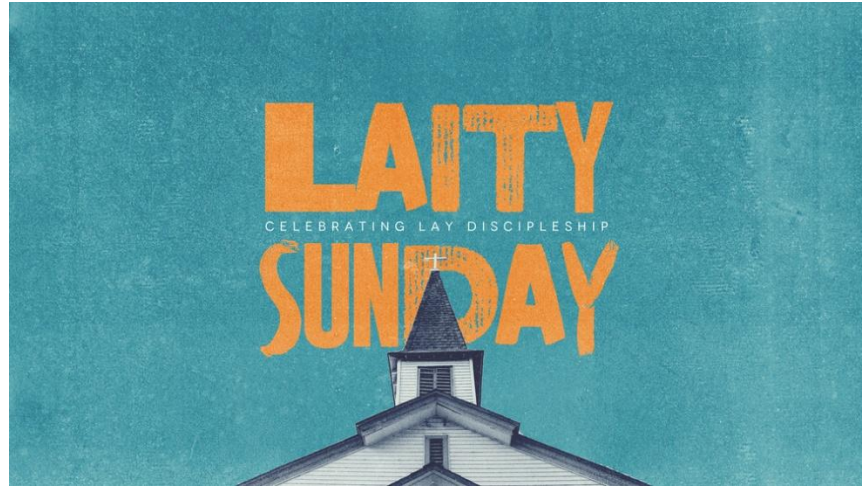


Laity Sunday is Coming Up– October 19th, 2025



Here is how our United Methodist Church describes Laity Sunday.

“Laity Sunday celebrates the people of God and the Spirit working through them (all of them). As God’s people grow in grace, they gather with others and connect with the saving love of Jesus Christ. So, on Laity Sunday (October 19, 2025), we continue to lift up God’s call to follow the way of Jesus and lead others to him.”

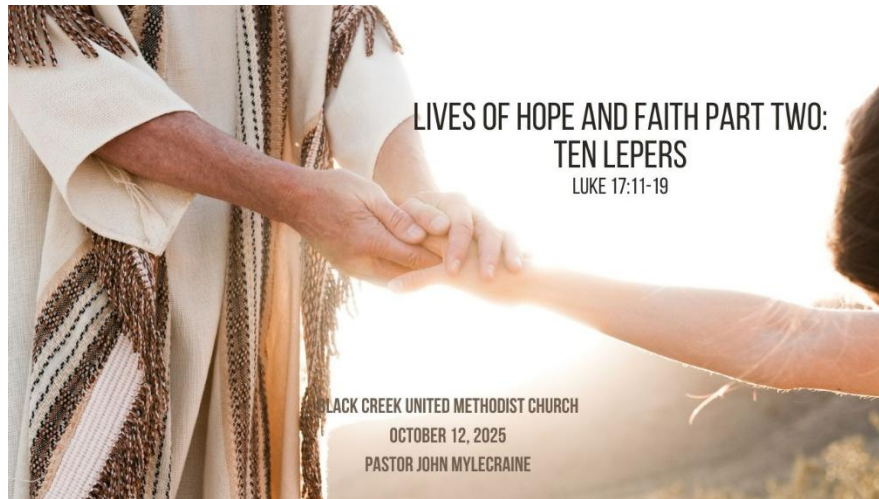
What a true blessing! As we celebrate our laity **next Sunday**, I could use a few volunteers to help with readings throughout the service. If you would be willing, please let me know and I will get the reading to you in plenty of time so that you can go over it before we celebrate this special Sunday together.

I pray all is well.

See ya’ Sunday. **Or Saturday at our outdoor worship service!!**

Pastor John

This Sunday (October 12th)



Lives of Hope and Faith Part Two: Ten Lepers, Luke 17: 11-19

This week we hear a familiar but glorious story from the Gospel of Luke. Ten lepers, outcasts living in the borderlands between Samaria and Galilee, call out to Jesus for healing and he graciously obliges. However, only one, a Samaritan, returns to give praise and honor to Jesus for this glorious act.

In our message, we focus some on the importance of gratitude in our lives, but we also accept that there are times in our lives when it feels hard to find anything to be thankful for.

In a powerful message, we dig deeper into our scripture and find some awesome reassurance that even when we are at our lowest, we can celebrate the Goodness of God! I hope that you will join us.

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.

Ready or Not... Here comes our New Outdoor Worship Experience...**For Real this Time!!!**

Last Saturday, we had an awesome worship experience together as a family of faith. We had 25 or so people come out and we really celebrated the goodness of God and the blessing of community. It was great!! But it was supposed to be an outdoor worship service...

Well this week, our worship continues, and now we will be in our outdoor worship space. This will be an awesome service, and I hope that you will come out to inaugurate this new worship area!



A Special Worship Service on November 9th!

November 9th is looking to be an exciting Sunday at Black Creek. Not only do we have a **breakfast** scheduled from **11-1**, but we will also celebrate the **confirmation** of four of our young people. As luck would have it, there is a great **Christian band** passing through town that day, and they will be coming to play for nothing other than a free will offering DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE. What a great way to give praise and honor to God. The band is called Westward Road, and you can check them out ahead of time on all streaming platforms! What an awesome day of celebration and praise.



Upcoming Meeting

TONIGHT, October 8th 6:00PM – Church Council Meeting. All are welcome!

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. Also, this is an all hands on deck type of event. If you can help, please let Bud and Donna know as soon as possible.

**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

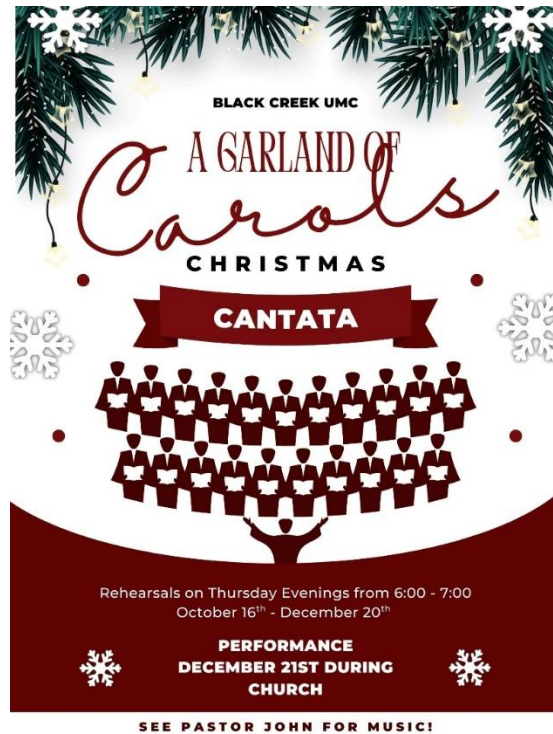


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Christmas Cantata



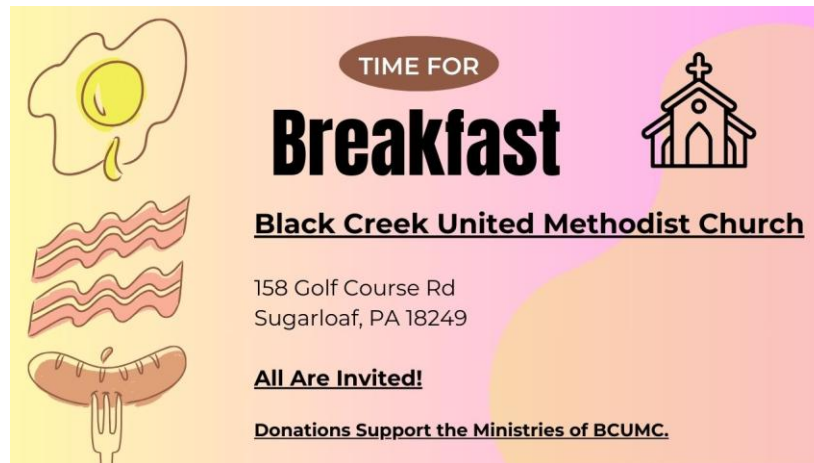
Choir rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata, *A Garland of Carols*, will begin on Thursday evenings beginning on October 16th. No experience or musical ability needed! If you would like to join us, please see Pastor John for music and a practice CD!

Election Day Food Sale

Election day is coming up in just about a month. This year, it falls on November 4th. As in previous years, Black Creek will hold an Election Day Food Sale throughout the day. If you are available to help with this awesome fundraiser, please let Donna know, and even if you can't be sure to stop in for for some awesome food!



Mark Your Calendars Now



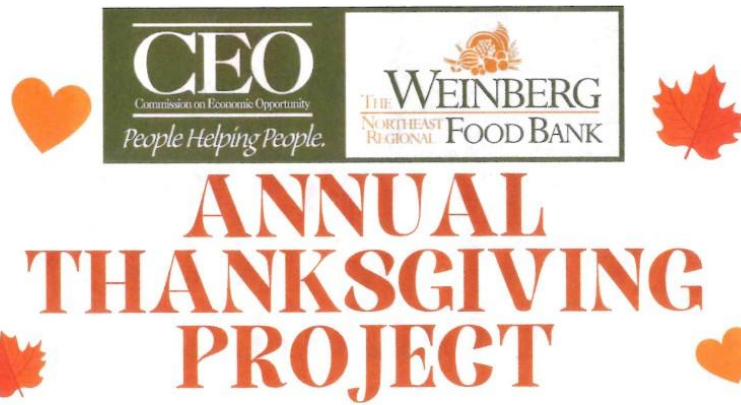
Our fall community breakfast is coming up on **November 9th**. Help us to spread the word. All funds that we receive at these breakfasts go directly to helping others in need in our community! The breakfast is from **11AM to 1PM**.

Community Announcements

Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway

The CEO Weinberg Food Bank, the organization that runs the Black Creek Community Food Bank at our church and a large number of other food banks throughout the region, will be hosting a free Thanksgiving Turkey giveaway for residents of Luzerne and Wyoming County. Our local pickup location is City View Park in Hazleton on November 22nd from 9:30AM – 4:00PM.

Registration information is on the flyer below.



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PROJECT

CEO's 2025 Thanksgiving event is an in-person food pick-up event with three location options - Tunkhannock, Wilkes-Barre Township and Hazleton. Participants must be Luzerne or Wyoming County residents.

Advanced registration is required.
Registration closes Friday, October 24, 2025



Register online
www.ceopeoplehelpingpeople.org

Register by phone
570-825-0968 or
570-208-7017



Register in-person
At a CEO office or CEO food pantry

An Opportunity at Black Creek



Christ-Centered Yoga Classes

October Yoga Series
Monday October 13th, 20th and 27th

Classes are
45 minutes /
\$10 a class

Get Cozy in your body
this October!



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Sheena Mae Yoga, LLC

Contact Me:
sheenamaeyoga@gmail.com
Phone: 973-234-7540

Class Times: 9 AM and 6 PM

Located in the Church Choir Room



These classes are up and running and growing every week. You can start any time... All ability levels are welcome. This is a wonderful chance to find peace and grow closer to Christ. – Pastor John