

Our Chicken and Waffle Dinner is Right Around the Corner



Our big Chicken and Waffle Dinner is coming up next Saturday (October 25th) and there is still some work to do! Please help us to spread the word about this awesome event.

We have a planning meeting tonight (October 15th) at 6PM and all are invited. If you are available to help but haven't been assigned a job yet, please let Kathy know! We sure could use the help! Let's do everything we can to make this dinner a success and to invite our community to share with us in fellowship here at Black Creek UMC!

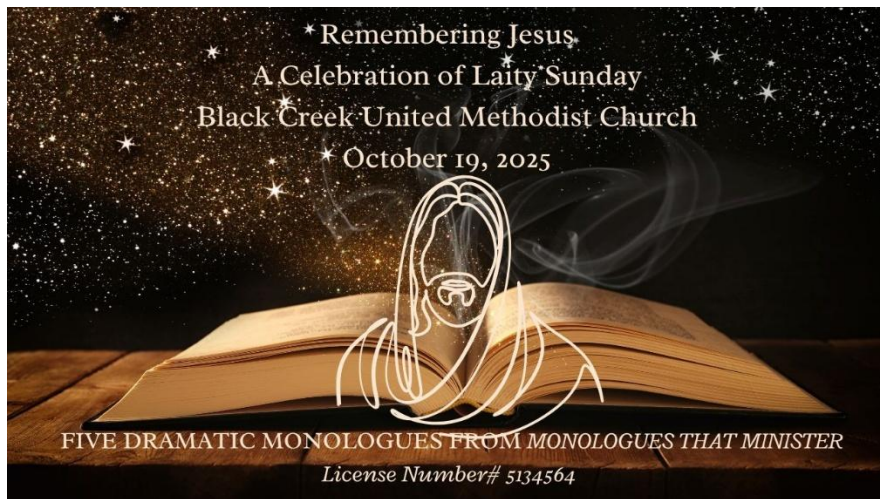
See ya' Sunday. **Or Saturday at our outdoor worship service!!**

Pastor John

This Sunday (October 19th)



This Sunday is Laity Sunday. On this special day, throughout the United Methodist Church, we celebrate the vital role of lay people—the everyday people who live out their faith and serve in local churches and communities. On this day, we honor the faithfulness, leadership, and service of laypersons who help build and sustain the life and mission of the church. We recognize that ministry is not just the work of clergy but the shared calling of all believers.

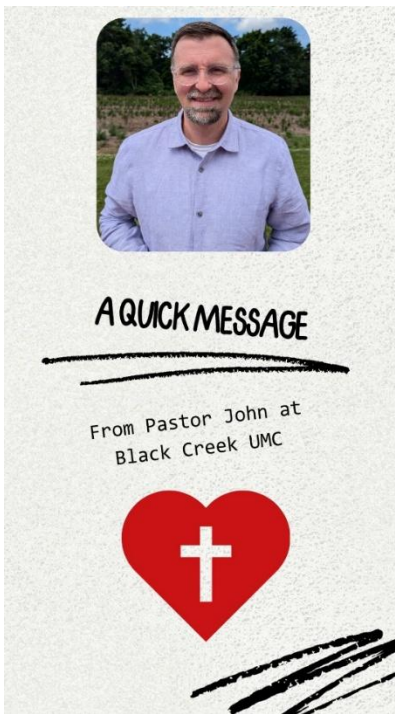


So we are going to have a whole lot of people participate in worship! In place of a sermon, we will have our lay members read 5 monologues from *Monologues that Minister* as we all work to move closer to Christ on this blessed morning.

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.

Check out Pastor John's New Socials:



I am doing what I can to jump into the short video social media game. Feel free to check out my frequent updates on Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok. I will also post new videos on our church Facebook page. Feel free to share these short videos with your friends and neighbors!

Youtube.com/@backpewbelievers
Tiktok.com/@backpewbelievers
Instagram.com/backpewbelievers
Facebook.com/blackcreekumc

We are Collecting Canned Pumpkin for the Intervalley Faith Council Thanksgiving Giveaway:



Every year, the Intervalley Faith Council provides Thanksgiving Dinner for families in need right here in our local area. This year, we are being asked to provide canned pumpkin for the dinners. There is a collection bin in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please see Mary Lou or Sandy.

Upcoming Meetings

TONIGHT, October 15th 6:00PM – Chicken and Waffle Meeting. All are welcome!

Saturday, October 25th, 10AM – Annual Church Charge Conference – in our sanctuary

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

This Saturday is our Final Outdoor Worship Service for the Fall

The last couple of Saturdays have been joyful and full of praise at Black Creek UMC! Our services have been informal and freeflowing and we have followed as the Spirit leads. You are invited to join us for our last outdoor worship service for the fall this Saturday at 4PM. Come on out and give praise and honor to God with us in our new outdoor worship space. We will have some more informal Saturday worship during the Advent Season (don't worry... that will be inside where it is nice and warm...)

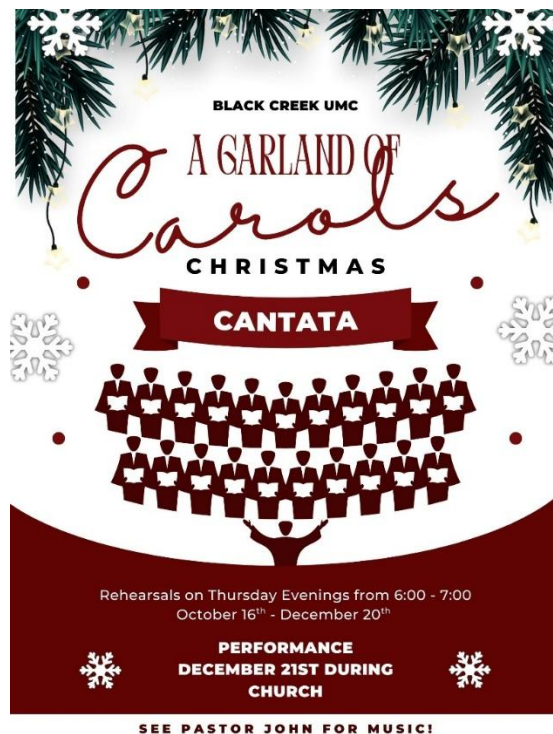


A Special Worship Service on November 9th!

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.



Christmas Cantata



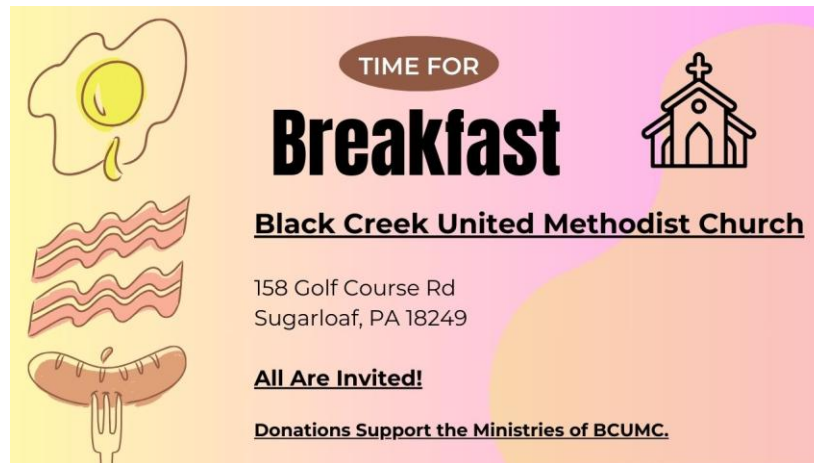
Choir rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata, *A Garland of Carols*, will begin on Thursday evenings beginning **This Thursday October 16th**. Our practice will be at 6PM and will be no longer than one hour. No experience or musical ability needed! If you would like to join us, please see Pastor John for 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 some awesome food!



Mark Your Calendars Now



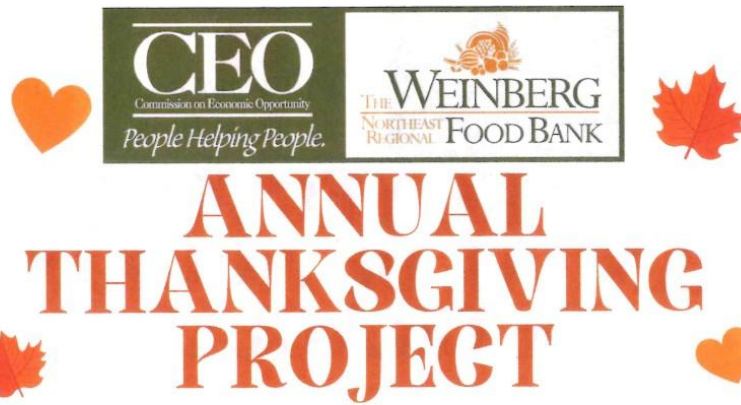
Our fall community breakfast is coming up on **November 9th**. Help us to spread the word. All funds that we receive at these breakfasts go directly to helping others in need in our community! The breakfast is from **11AM to 1PM**.

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