

Our Chicken and Waffle Dinner is This Saturday!



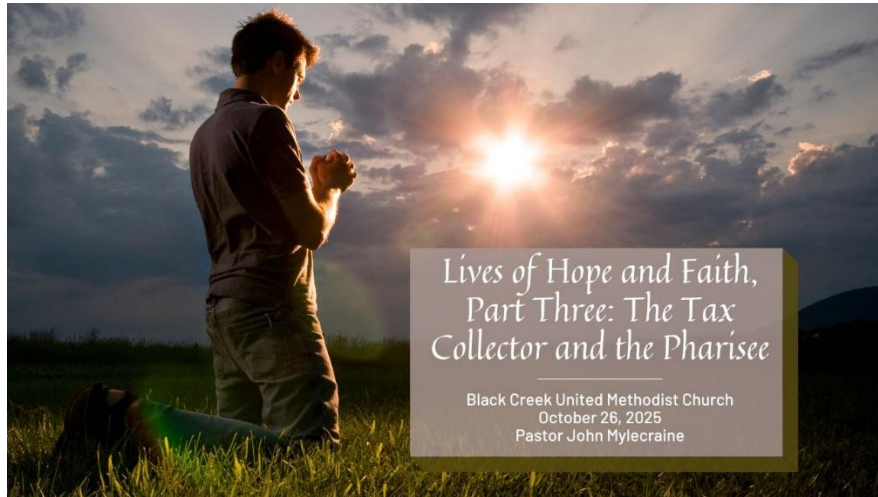
Our big Chicken and Waffle Dinner is coming up this Saturday (October 25th) and there is still some work to do! Please help us to spread the word about this awesome event.

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 the Chicken and Waffle Dinner!!)

Pastor John

This Sunday (October 26th)



*Lives of Hope and Faith,
Part Three: The Tax
Collector and the Pharisee*

Black Creek United Methodist Church
October 26, 2025
Pastor John Mylecraine

Lives of Hope and Faith, Part Three: The Tax Collector and the Pharisee

Luke 19:9-14

In our scripture this week, we look at a tough lesson from Jesus Christ, our one true teacher. Our Lord reminds us that when we take pride in our own righteousness, we inevitably looked down upon others; we puff ourselves up and put others down.

Through the powerful parable of the Tax Collector and the Pharisee, Jesus reminds us that we are all sinners, and we are saved by God's grace alone. We remember as a people that we are simply called to turn to Christ with open and honest hearts of repentance, knowing in our hearts that He alone, can save us.

Friends, please join us for this important message.

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.

Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, October 25th, 10AM – Annual Church Charge Conference – in our sanctuary – All Are Invited!!

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

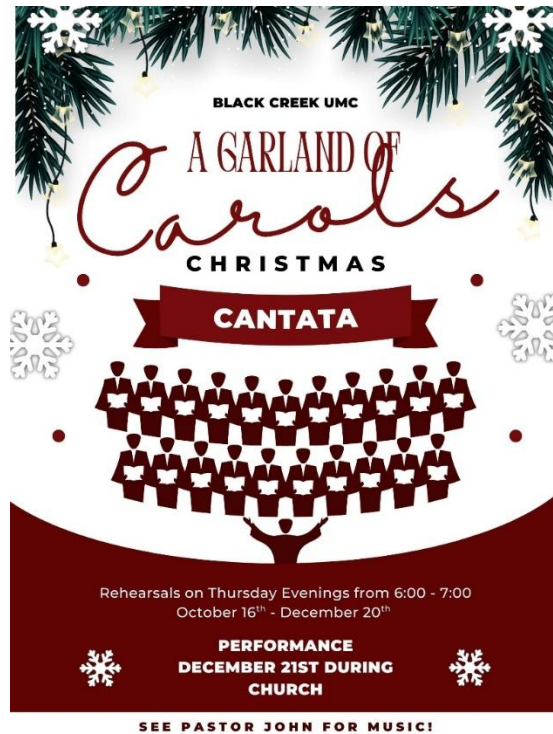
A Special Worship Service on November 9th!

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.



Check them Out Here: [Christian Music | Westward Road](#)

Christmas Cantata



Choir rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata, *A Garland of Carols*, have begun. We had a great first practice, and we will continue **This Thursday!** 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! We will perform this 40 minute piece in church on December 21st!

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



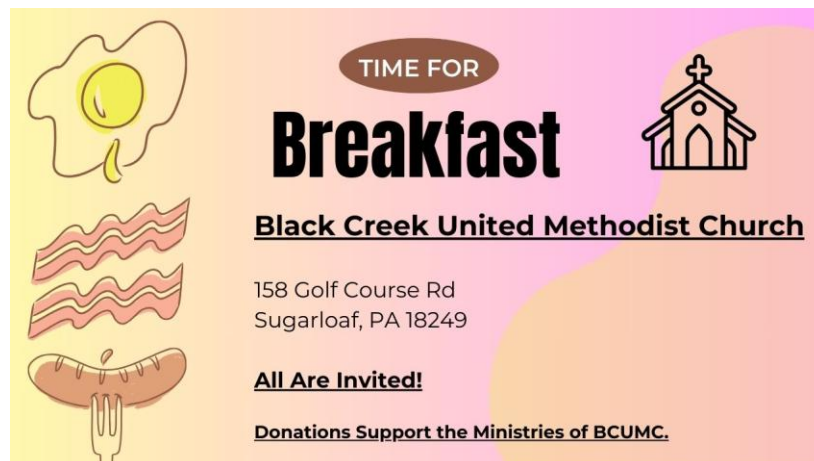
Every year, the Intervalley Faith Council provides Thanksgiving Dinner for families in need right here in our local area. This year, we are being asked to provide canned pumpkin for the dinners. There is a collection bin in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please see Mary Lou or Sandy.

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



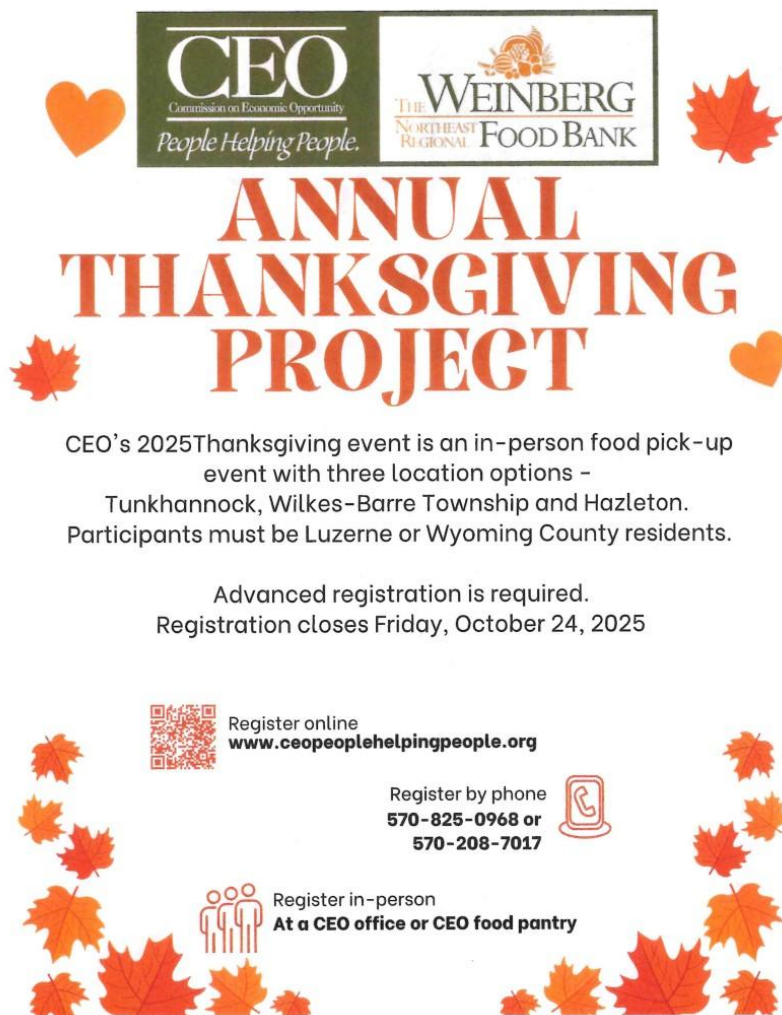
Our fall community breakfast is coming up on **November 9th**. Help us to spread the word. All funds that we receive at these breakfasts go directly to helping others in need in our community! The breakfast is from **11AM to 1PM**.

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.



CEO
Commission on Economic Opportunity
People Helping People.

THE WEINBERG
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FOOD BANK

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

Church Women United Event Coming Up!



From left, first row, are Virginia Shank, Black Creek United Methodist Church; Evelyn Weaver, Conyngham United Church of Christ; Dawn Klick, St. John's Lutheran Church; Betty Luschyk, Conyngham United Church of Christ; Arlene Stagg, St. John Bosco, president; Jean Luchi, Conyngham United Methodist Church; second row, Andrea Tarnapolski, Good Shepherd Church; Brenda Rizzo, Black Creek United Methodist Church; Cindy Derr, Christ Lutheran Church; Gale Kobida, St. John's United Church of Christ; Paulá Placenti, Conyngham United Methodist Church; Pamela Hummel, St. Paul's United Methodist Church. SUBMITTED PHOTO *Jean Luchi - Conyngham Methodist*

Church group to host World Community Day 2025 Nov. 7

SUBMITTED TO
THE STANDARD-SPEAKER

Sugarloaf Valley Church Women United will present World Community Day 2025

at Conyngham United Methodist Church, Main Street, Conyngham at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7.

"Be Kind at All Times; Choose Kindness" is this year's theme. Following the

program, there will be coffee/tea and light refreshments.

To RSVP, call your church's Church Women United representative or call Arlene at 570-788-3643.