

A Special Day on November 9th!

Well.... as of this past weekend, our 2025 Chicken and Waffle Dinner is in the books. Thanks to all who helped with this awesome community event! But... at Black Creek UMC that means we are on to the next celebration!!

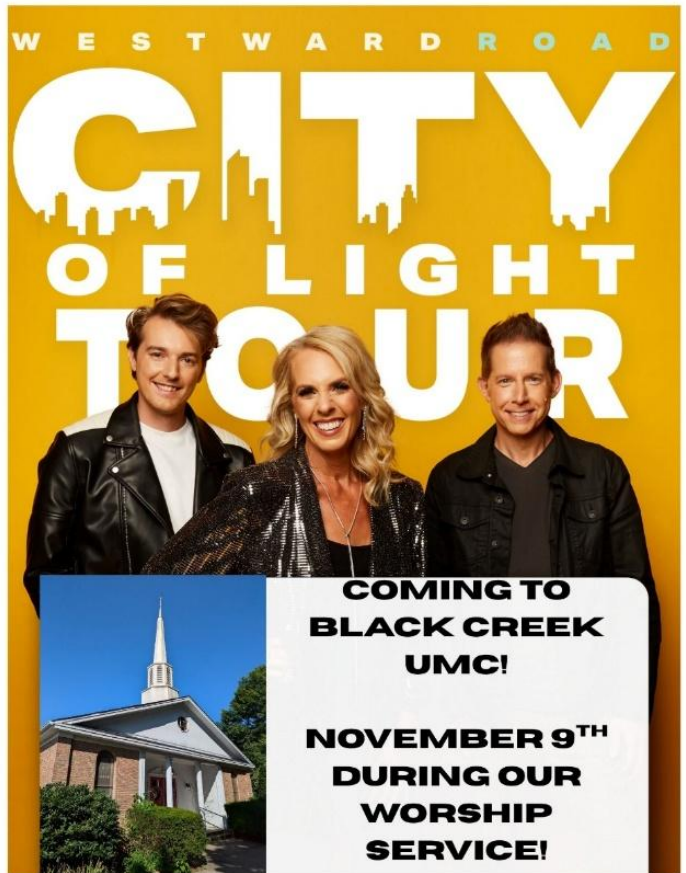
November 9th is looking to be an exciting Sunday at our church. Not only do we have a **breakfast** scheduled from **11-1**, but we will also celebrate the **confirmation** of four of our young people during our worship service. And... as luck would have it, there is a great **Christian band** passing 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.

I hope that you will consider joining us next week for this awesome day! Let's never forget that as Christ's people, we are called to live lives of joy. Perhaps my favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:4 – Rejoice in the Lord Always, Again I Say Rejoice!!!

I Hope to see you next Sunday. **(And at church this week for another special day that is described below...)**

- Pastor John

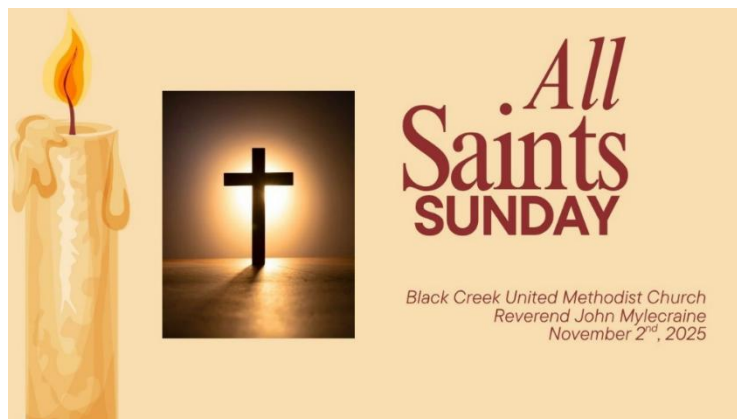




Check Out the Band and Their Music Here:

[Christian Music | Westward Road](#)

This Sunday (November 2nd: All Saints Sunday)



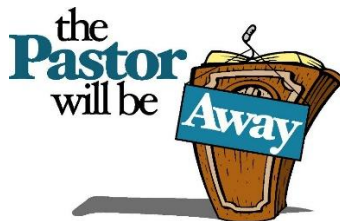
This Sunday we celebrate **All Saints Sunday**. This special day is an opportunity for us to give thanks for all those who have come before us in the faith and to remember the lasting contributions that they have made in our lives, in our church, and in the community of Christ. On this blessed day, we celebrate that Christ's church is more than what see around us. It is so much more. It is timeless, it is eternal... it is, and was, and ever will be.

We rejoice that we are one people, worshiping with those who have come before us and those who will follow after us. As part of this celebration, we will keep our message simple. We will look at All Saints Day in the history of the United Methodist Church, and we will ask a simple question... what is a Saint anyway? Our scripture for the day is II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12.

There are **four** ways to participate in worship at Black Creek UMC. Our service begins at 9:30.

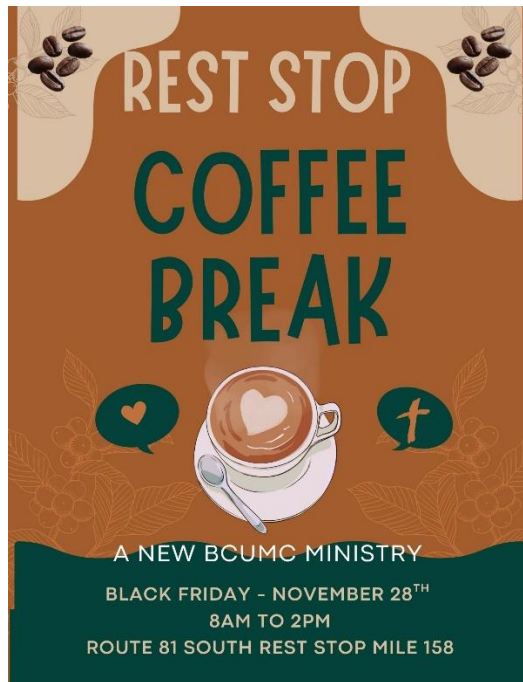
- In person – All are welcome, come as you are!
- On Facebook Live.
- Right at the top of our website, www.blackcreekumc.org
- Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel. Just go to YouTube and type in @backpewbelievers and our channel will come right up! Don't forget to subscribe for new updates.

A Couple of Days Away



I am going to be heading out for a couple of quick days away next week. I will be on vacation on **Thursday, November 6th** and **Friday, November 7th**. I will be back sometime on Saturday, November 8th. I will be away from my phone and will not be checking emails. Pastor Todd Lattig, of East Bangor UMC (a previous pastor of mine and a great person) will be available in the case of any pastoral emergencies. Please just call my church cellphone and I will leave his contact number on the outgoing message in case any emergencies arise.

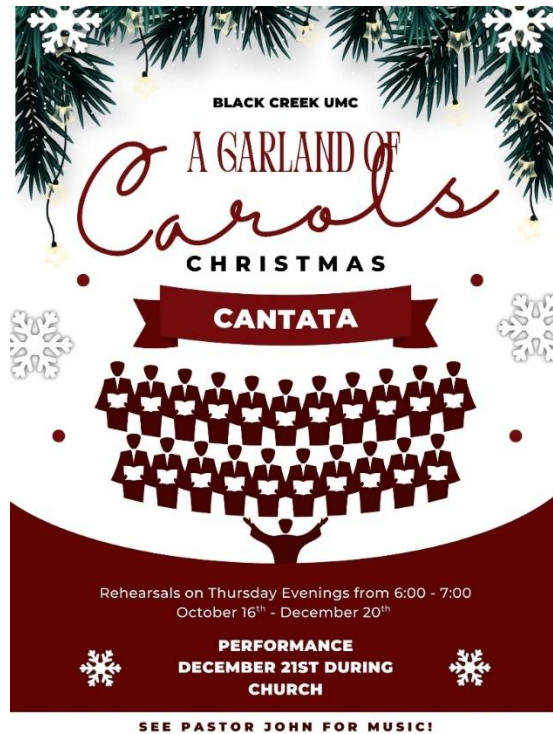
Sharing Coffee and Grace on a Busy Day



We will continue our Coffee Break ministry on “Black Friday” this year. If you would like to help us serve coffee and share grace on this busy and stressful day for so many of our neighbors, there is a signup sheet in the narthex of the church. This is a great way to share the love of God with our neighbors! Please think about signing up to serve for a couple of hours!

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

Christmas Cantata



Choir rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata, *A Garland of Carols*, have begun. Practices 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 for some great food!



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

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 Piacenti, 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.