

Keeping our Eyes on God this Advent



At all times, but especially as we move headlong into the Advent Season, our goal as Christians is to keep our eyes upon God.

Well this weekend... I couldn't help but feel like God was keeping his eyes on me as well! And yes... I know that this picture is just a cloud formation, but it sure made me feel like God was staring right at me... so I wanted to share.

Friends, it is my prayer that your eyes are fixed on God as we approach Advent; the great season of celebration that Christ has come, and He is Coming!

See Ya Sunday.

Pastor John

This Sunday (November 23rd)



The Reign of Christ / Christ the King

Jeremiah 23:1-6

This week, we conclude our Christian year with the celebration of Christ's lordship over all! This Sunday is a special day on our church calendar, called Christ the King Sunday, also known as Reign of Christ Sunday. Pastor John's wife Sheena will be preaching the message, and we will celebrate that Jesus is a king unlike any other, praise be to God!

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.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

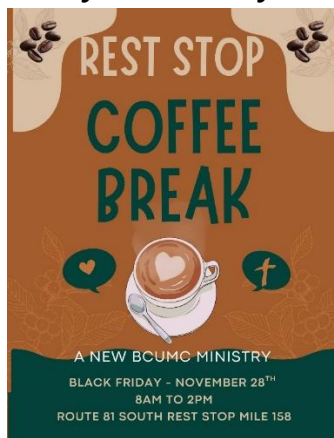
As a family of faith, we will be gathering together on Thanksgiving Eve to give praise and honor to God in response to the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us. I hope you will consider joining us as we take a quiet moment to give thanks before the busy holiday. All of the details are below.



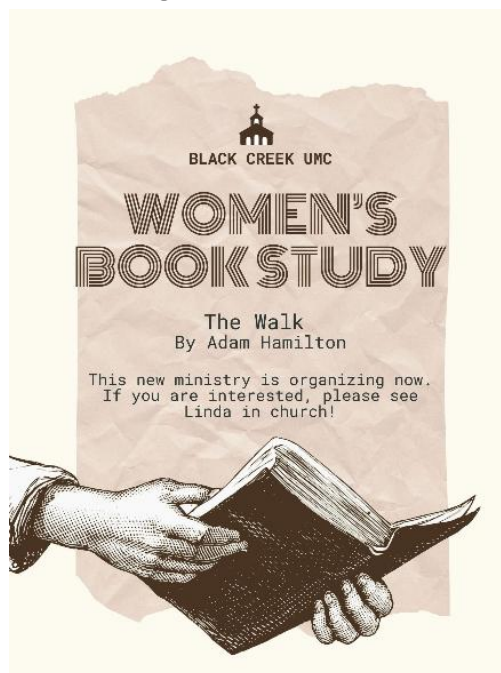
Sharing Coffee and Grace on a Busy Day

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!

Also, we will need baked goods for this ministry. Please consider baking so that we can share a little cheer to our neighbors and fellow pilgrims traveling the highways in this busy time of year.



Women's Book Study:



Our brand new Women's Book Study begins **this Thursday at 1:00PM!** The focus of the study will be Adam Hamilton's Book *The Walk*. The first session is an introduction to the study, so all you need to do is show up. Please consider attending this program and taking another step forward in your walk with Jesus Christ!

Decking the Halls!



As we get ready of the holy season of Advent, we will be gathering to decorate our sanctuary on **Saturday, November 29th, at 9:00.** All are invited to help create the awesome Advent worship space that Black Creek is known for! Please let Kathy or Renee know if you are available to help.

Advent Informal Coffee House Worship Services



At Black Creek, we will be gathering to worship God in a new way throughout the Advent Season. Following up on the success of our fall informal services, we will be holding indoor coffee house style worship services on Saturdays throughout Advent, beginning **December 6th**! Mark your calendars now for these awesome new services.

Advent Bible Study

Our Advent Bible Study is right around the corner. We will be meeting on Tuesday nights at 6:00. All are welcome. I hope you will consider joining us for this awesome faith development series!



We are Collecting Stuffing for the Intervalley Faith Council Christmas Giveaway:



Every year, the Intervalley Faith Council provides Christmas Dinner for families in need right here in our local area. This year, we are being asked to provide boxed stuffing 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.

Worship Committee Meeting Tonight



Our worship committee is meeting tonight at 6PM to plan and prepare for our busy Advent Season. As with all church business, it is open to anyone who would like to attend.

A Breakfast Thank You From Sandy



Many thanks to all those who came out Saturday and Sunday to help with the breakfast! Our fellowship is blessed when it comes to pulling together to get a job done. I can't thank all of you enough for your help.

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

Our Advent Worship Schedule!

Advent is shaping up to be a busy season at Black Creek. Cards are available in the back of the church with our worship schedule if you want to grab one and stick it on your fridge. That schedule is also included here. Hope to see you at some or all of these awesome events.



Calendar

Week One
Sunday, November 30th, 9:30AM – Hanging of the Greens Worship
Tuesday, December 2nd, 6:00PM – The Angels of Advent Session 1
Thursday, December 4th, 6:00PM – Cantata Rehearsal
Saturday, December 6th, 4:00PM – Coffee House Worship One

Week Two
Sunday, December 7th, 9:30AM – Advent Worship Service
Tuesday, December 9th, 6:00PM – The Angels of Advent Session 2
Thursday, December 11th, 6:00PM – Cantata Rehearsal
Saturday, December 13th, 4:00PM – Coffee House Worship Two

Week Three
Sunday, December 14th, 9:30AM – Advent Worship Service
Tuesday, December 16th, 6:00PM – The Angels of Advent Session 3
Thursday, December 18th, 6:00PM – Cantata Rehearsal
Saturday, December 20th, 4:00PM – Coffee House Worship Three

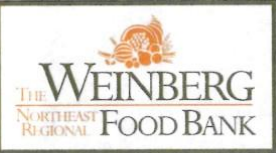
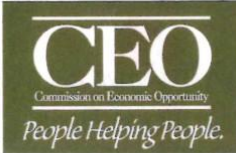
Week Four
Sunday, December 21st, 9:30AM – Worship and Cantata
Wednesday, December 24th, 3:00PM – Family Worship Service
Wednesday, December 24th, 7:00PM – Worship Service
Wednesday, December 24th, 11:00PM – Candlelight Worship

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