

A Busy Week at Black Creek



Even by Black Creek UMC standards, we have a busy week coming up. Here is a quick rundown.... More details are below!

Wednesday: 6PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Friday: 8AM – 2PM Coffee Break Ministry

Saturday: 9AM Decorating the Church for Advent

Sunday: 9:30AM Hanging of the Greens Worship Service (Advent Begins)

Knowing that all of that excitement is coming, it is my prayer that you find some quiet time to connect with those you are closest to and with God. I was truly blessed to do a little bit of that myself this past Sunday after church. Sheena and I packed the boys into my Chevy Spark and we traveled to the Fry Brothers' Turkey Ranch out past Williamsport for our own little pre-Thanksgiving feast. What a great time of rest and recovery (and TURKEY) as a family!



Friends, I pray that you find the time to connect with loved ones, and with God, during this busy season.

See Ya at Some Point During this Busy Week!

Pastor John

This Sunday (November 30th)



Hanging of the Greens Worship Service – Advent Week One

Isaiah 2:1-5 and Various Christmas Scriptures

This week, we celebrate the beginning of Advent with a special Hanging of the Greens worship service. We will celebrate the Glory of God and the coming of the Christ Child while also learning about the significance and importance of some of our traditional Advent decorations.

We will light the first Advent Candle and have multiple special readings and carols throughout the service, in addition to a brief message about from the Book of Isaiah encouraging us to walk in the Light of the Lord this Advent Season! I hope that you will join us for this special time of worship and celebration.

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 This Wednesday at 6PM

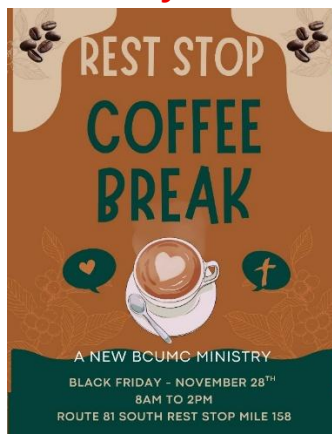
As a family of faith, we will be gathering together on Thanksgiving Eve to give praise and honor to God in response to the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us. I hope you will consider joining us as we take a quiet moment to give thanks before the busy holiday.



Sharing Coffee and Grace on a Busy Day

We will continue our Coffee Break ministry on "Black Friday" this year. This is a great way to share the love of God with our neighbors!

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. **Please feel free to drop baked goods off in the church office any time on Today or Wednesday!**



Decking the Halls!



As we get ready of the holy season of Advent, we will be gathering to decorate our sanctuary **This 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.

Free Advent Yoga Series at Black Creek UMC!

Here are the details for Sheena's free yoga series this Advent! All ability levels are welcome. Please consider trying something new this Advent Season.

Sheena Mae Yoga, LLC

Advent

PEACE & LIGHT

A Free 3-Week Yoga Series

An Invitation for Calm

- Gentle, Mindful Movement
- Scripture Meditation &
- Prayer

You are Worth it!

Class Dates: December 8th, 15th, & 22nd

Class Times: 9AM & 6PM

Class Duration: 30 Minutes

Have Questions?
Contact Sheena:

973-234-7540
sheenamaeyoga@gmail.com

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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

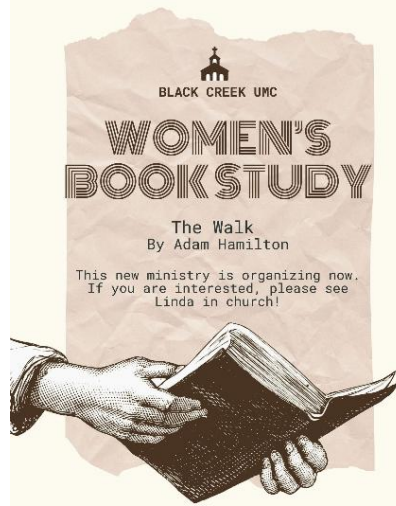
Week Three

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

Women's Book Study:



Our brand new Women's Book Study begins has begun! The focus of the study is Adam Hamilton's Book *The Walk*. The next session will be Thursday, December 4th at 1PM Please consider attending this program and taking another step forward in your walk with Jesus Christ!

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 beginning December 2nd!** 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.