

Connecting with our Bishop and the North District!

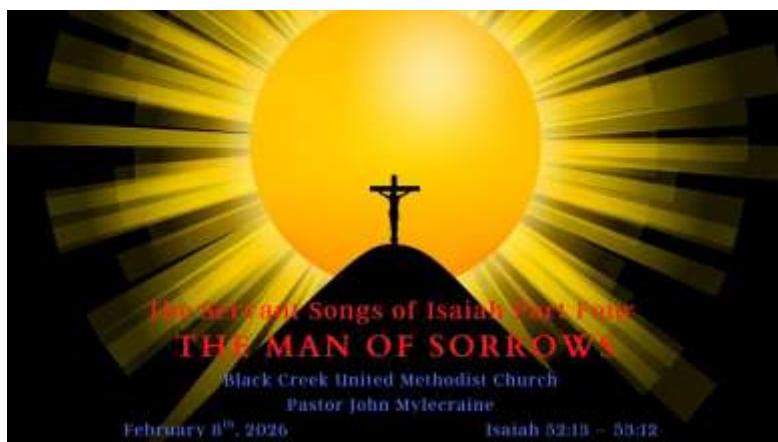


Sometimes living way out in Black Creek, it is easy to forget how as United Methodists we are connected to other churches and congregations throughout Eastern Pennsylvania and beyond. It was a true blessing for me to have dinner with our Bishop and other clergy from our Conference last night at East Stroudsburg UMC. I was truly humbled when I got a chance to share with everyone all of the awesome things that are happening here at BCUMC! Let's keep doing the good work of God, because amazing things are happening!

Stay warm friends.

Pastor John

This Sunday at Black Creek UMC!



The Servant Songs of Isaiah, Part Four: The Man of Sorrows

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

This week, we conclude our monthlong sermon series on the Servant Songs of Isaiah. We will hear and study what many believe is the most poignant piece of prophesy in the entire Old Testament, a passage where pretty much the entire Gospel of Jesus Christ is laid out in detail, hundreds of years before He was born!

In that scripture, Jesus will be referred to as the “Man of Sorrows.” He wasn’t described as a “Man who Experienced Sorrows”, or a “Man who Faced Sorrows”; but as a “Man of Sorrows”, as though He and sorrows were one. In our message, we will try to figure out what that name is all about, and how truly understanding the “Man of Sorrows” can help us to grow in our faith lives and grow closer to God!

I hope you will join us for the conclusion of this powerful Old Testament worship series.

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 Church Meetings:



- We will have a Ham and Dandelion planning meeting **TONIGHT, February 4th at 6PM**. If you would like to help plan this important event, please feel free to join us! This was rescheduled from last week.



- We will have a Church council meeting **next Thursday, February 12th at 6PM**. All are welcome to attend.

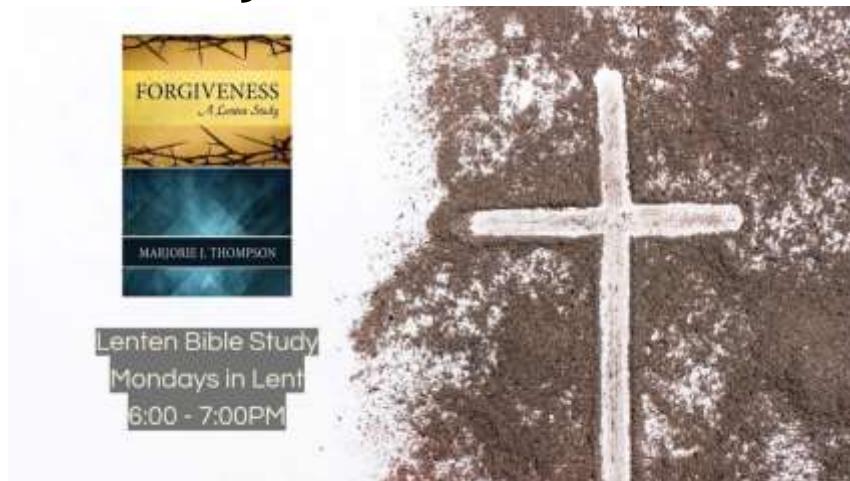
Food Pantry Distribution is **Next Week**



- The Black Creek Food Pantry is open **NEXT week** to all residents of Black Creek Township. It is housed in the lower level of our church. Please help us share the word with anyone in our local community who could use the support. The food pantry is open Tuesday (February 10th) from 4-6PM and Wednesday (February 11th) from 10:30AM to 2PM.

Messages that Were in Last Week's Bulletin

Lenten Bible Study



Books are now available at the church for our upcoming Lenten Bible Study. Feel free to grab one any time. Our study, which focuses on the difficult but important topic of forgiveness, begins February 23rd.

Liturgists and Ushers



Signup sheets for ushers / greeters and liturgists are now available for the 2026 church year! These positions are open to everyone in the church, and they are a great way to grow closer to God and one another. Please consider signing up for a month for one or both these important roles!



Valentines for Our Church Friends

As a church, we will be providing some joy for our church members who maybe don't get out to church as often as they once did.

- Feel free to fill out Valentine Cards for our church friends and leave them in the Valentine Box in the back of the church. Pastor John and family will deliver them on February 21st.
- Also, please feel free to bring in small, individually wrapped baked goods to be delivered. Please have them to church on February 15th.

- A list of church members Pastor John will be visiting is at the church. There are ten people total if you would like to make something for everyone.

Bulletin Prayer List



Pastor John is currently working to update our bulletin prayer list. If you know anyone who should be added, please email him at blackcreekpastor@gmail.com.

Our Church Schedule for Lent

The holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 18th... This is a busy time at the church. Our complete Lenten schedule is here. There are also cards available at the church!





An Opportunity from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the UMC!

North District Tools for Ministry

- Tools for Ministry returns to Eastern PA with a leadership development event for lay and clergy leadership. Courses offered will offer practical advice, thought-provoking inspiration, and district/region-wide relationship building. This event is **Saturday, March 14 from 9-1 at Asbury UMC in Allentown**. Please see Pastor John for more information.