

Ash Wednesday



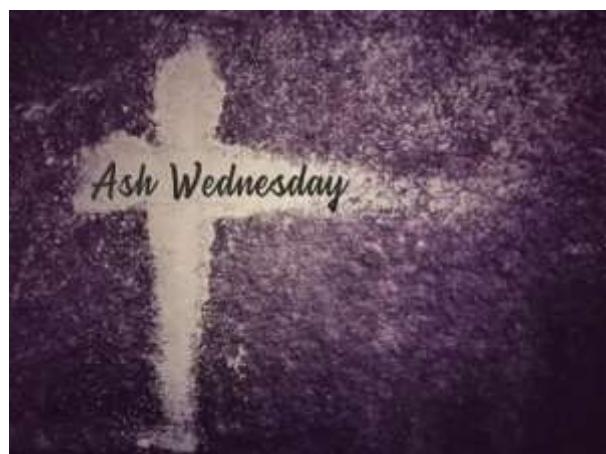
Today is Ash Wednesday. This special day is the beginning of the Holy season of Lent, the forty days, not counting Sundays, before Easter where we as Christians prepare our hearts for the glory and celebration of Easter morning by making changes in our own lives that bring us closer to God.

Lent is a time for us to get our hearts right, to point ourselves in the right direction, the only true direction. Towards Christ.

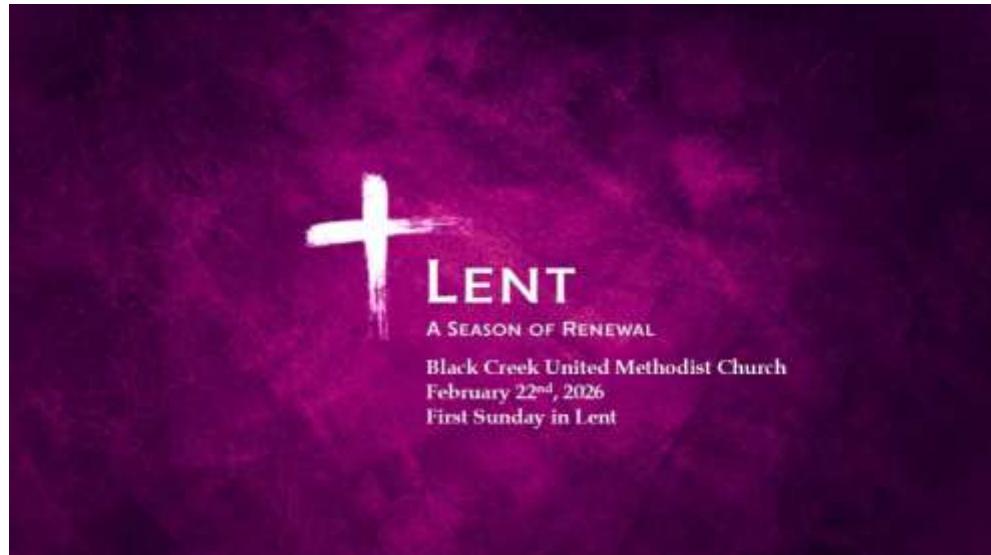
I invite you to join us for our Ash Wednesday Service at 6PM tonight as we officially begin this season of repentance, reflection, and growth.

God Bless.

Pastor John



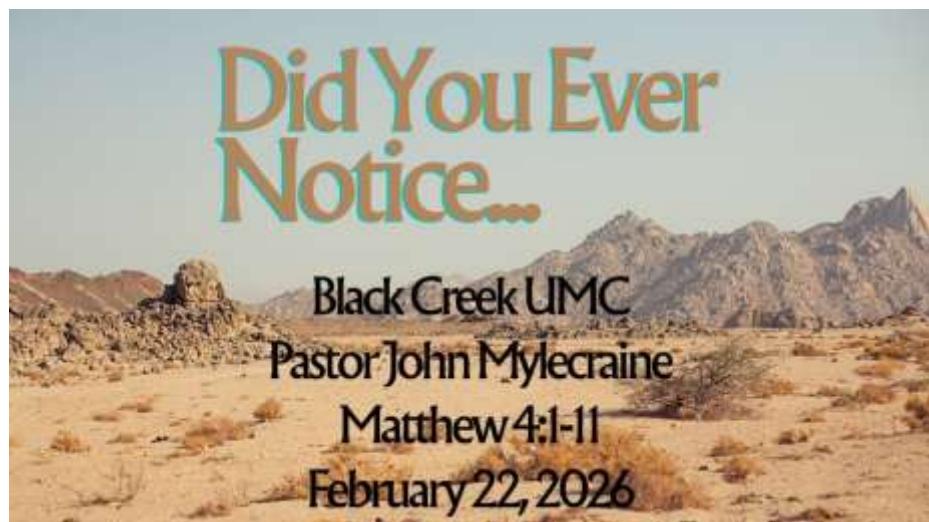
This Sunday at Black Creek UMC



First Sunday in Lent

Matthew 4:1-11

In our worship service this week, we come together for our first Sunday service of the Lenten season. We will be reminded about the true purpose of Lent, and we will find some encouragement for the difficult path ahead.



In our message, *Did You Ever Notice*, we will hear the familiar story of Jesus resisting the Devil's temptation in the wilderness. We will find some true inspiration for our own spiritual battles in the actions of Jesus Christ in this pivotal time.

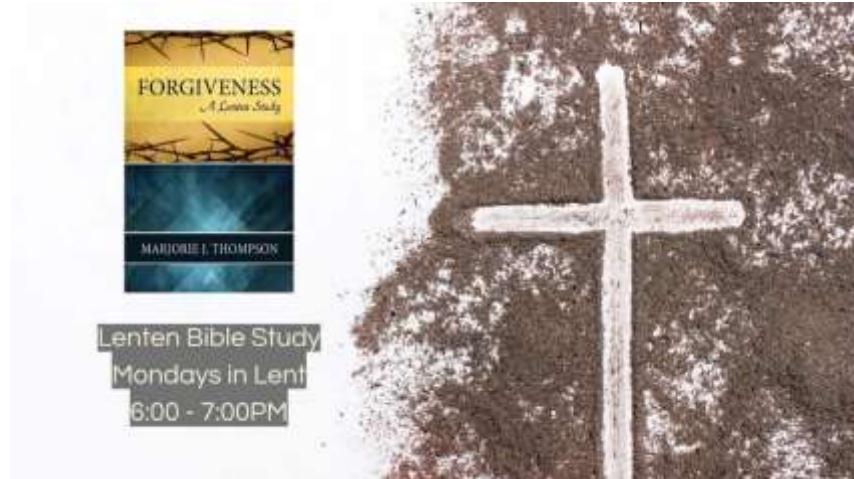
I hope that you will join us for this important message.

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.

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**.

Informal Lenten Services



Our Lenten journeys can be difficult, and we can all use a little encouragement along the way! You are invited to join us for some positive, faith affirming worship throughout the upcoming holy season. These informal worship services will focus on the resurrection of Jesus Christ and how that event affected several individuals in the Easter Story. Our services will each focus on one personal story: Mary Magdalene, Thomas, Peter, and the Emmaus Disciples. Come and see how the Resurrection changed their lives and how it continues to change ours even now! Services are Saturday at 4PM in our fellowship hall beginning **February 28th**!

Our Food Pantry Could Use a Hand...



Our food pantry is now looking for donations of coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Please consider bringing some warmth to our neighbors as we all struggle through this brutal winter! Donations can be left in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to see Sandy, Denny, or Donna.

Intervalley Faith Council Collection for Easter



The Intervalley Faith Council will be providing Easter dinner for 50 families in need in our local community. Our church has been asked to purchase boxed scalloped potatoes for these meals. If you have any questions, please feel free to see Sandy or Marylou. Donations can be left in the back of the church.

Ham and Dandelion Dinner



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Dinner**

BLACK CREEK UMC

158 GOLF COURSE ROAD, SUGARLOAF PA 18249

Meal Includes:
Ham, Dandelion with Hot Bacon Dressing, Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Pickled Beets, Applesauce, Dessert, and Drink

March 28, 2026: 2 - 5 PM

Please Note: Due to high demand, tickets will not be sold at the door.

For Reservations: Call 570-384-4087 or 570-751-3426
or email blackcreekumc158@gmail.com
or buy online using this QR Code:

\$15 PER ADULT
\$7 CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER



Our famous Ham and Dandelion dinner is coming up in less than two months. Please help us get the word out. Flyers are available in the back of the church. Please feel free to grab some and post them around town! All details for the event are on the flyer above. If you can lend a hand, please let Joann know! This is an “All Hands on Deck” type of event...

Our Church Schedule for Lent

The holy season of Lent begins today. 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.