

A Blessing for Your Lenten Journey

Each week at our Saturday coffee house worship services, we have ended our time together with a unison blessing for our Lenten journeys. It is a wonderful prayer and I wanted to share it with you all now as we continue to travel the difficult walk of lent. God Bless.

Pastor John



Holy Mystery, we offer praise for the slowly warming winds and for the lengthening of daylight hours calling forth the blossoms of springtime, for the re-creation of hope and growth. We are filled with gratitude for the changing rhythm of the natural order and the ways it brings nourishment and joy.

We give You thanks, O Gracious One, for You have touched our soul. You have loved us from the moment of our conception and held us in grief and happiness. As we travel our path, call us forth from the prisons and bondage we have created by our narrow patterns of being and believing, our limited acceptance of ourselves and others. Show us a way through our wilderness.

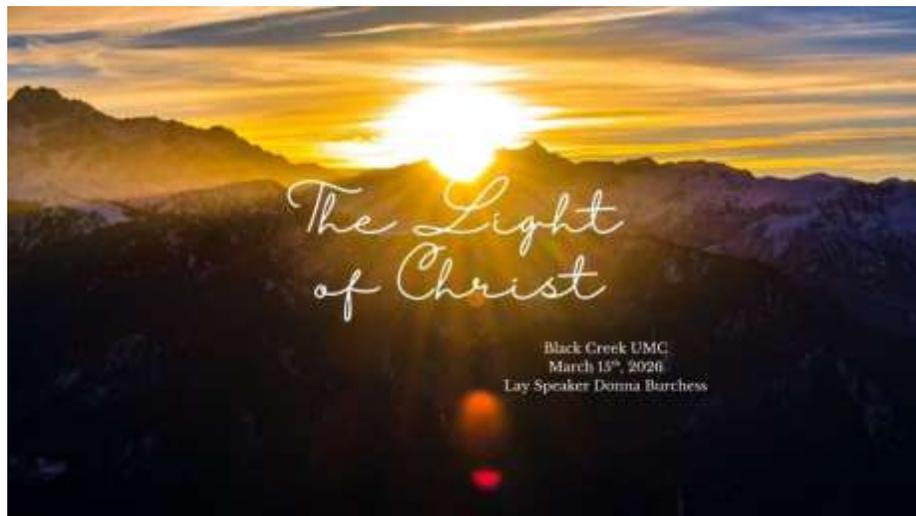
Most generous Lord grace us with Your presence. You welcome us home. You awaken our slumbering hearts to the fullness of our humanity so that we may claim our awesomeness and fragile beauty. We seek to be encouraged by Your truth so that we might restore compassion to the human family, renew the face of the earth and give expression to Your light in the midst of the world's wilderness. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

This Sunday at Black Creek UMC



Fourth Sunday in Lent: Ephesians 5:8-14 and John 9:1-41

As of this coming Sunday, we are only two weeks away from the beginning of Holy Week. If you have truly undertaken the heart work of Lent this year, it is my prayer that your soul feels lighter, and you are beginning to long for the glory of Easter!

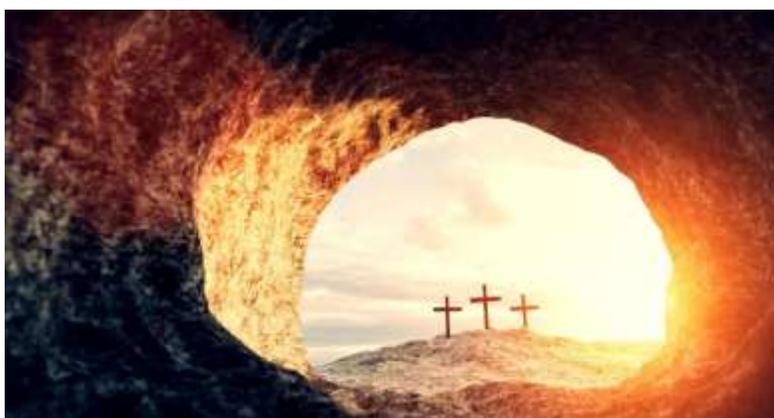


This week at Black Creek, Lay Speaker Donna Burchess will be in the pulpit, as she continues on her personal journey to the ministry. I hope you will join us for an uplifting message focusing on the Light of Christ!

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.

This **Saturday** at Black Creek



- 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 this 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 third service will focus on the Apostle Thomas, and our message is titled “Resurrected Faith.”
- Come and see how the Resurrection changed his life and how it continues to change ours even now! Our third service is **THIS SATURDAY** at 4PM in our fellowship hall!



Church Council Meeting This Week



Our monthly Church Council Meeting is this **Thursday** in our fellowship Hall. Please be aware that this month only, we will **meet at 6:30** instead of 6:00PM! This meeting is open to all.

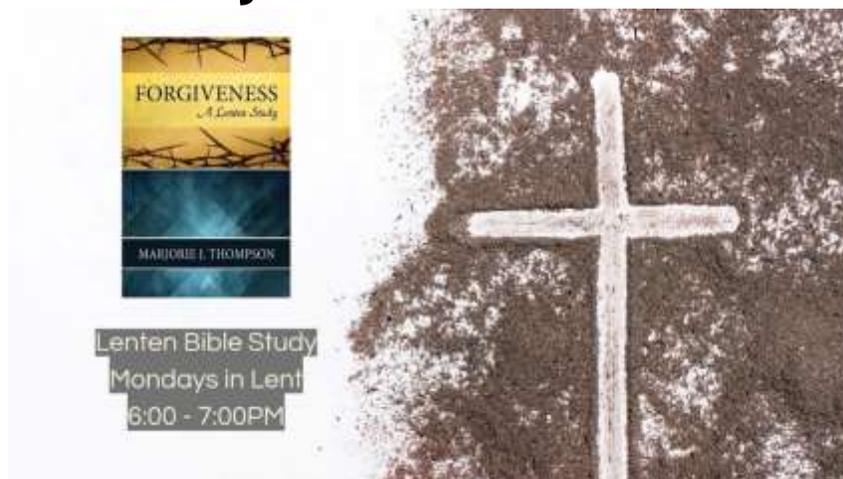
Food Pantry Distribution is **THIS** Week



- The Black Creek Food Pantry is open **THIS** 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 (March 10th) from 4-6PM and Wednesday (March 11th) from 10:30AM to 2PM.

Messages that Were in Last Week's Bulletin

Lenten Bible Study



Our Lenten Bible Study, which focuses on the difficult but important topic of forgiveness, continues **Monday, March 16th**. All are welcome!

Our Food Pantry Could Use a Hand...



Our food pantry is now looking for donations of coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Donations can be left in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to see Sandy, Denny, or Donna.

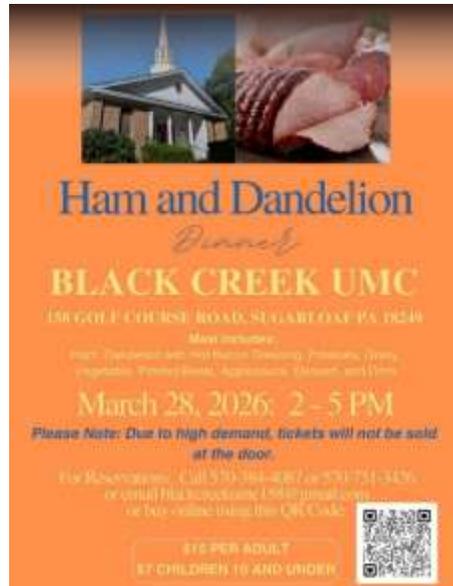
Intervalley Faith Council Collection for Easter



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 narthex.

Ham and Dandelion Dinner

Our famous Ham and Dandelion dinner is coming up in just about a month. Please help us get the word out. Flyers are available in the narthex. Please feel free to grab some and post them around town! All details for the event are on the flyer below. 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 has begun. This is a busy time at the church. Our complete Lenten schedule is here. There are also cards available in the narthex.



A Free Community Offering at Black Creek UMC

A FREE OFFERING FROM SHEENA MAE YOGA, LLC



CHAIR YOGA CLASS



When: Wednesday March 18th @ 10 AM
Where: Black Creek UMC, Choir Room

GOD'S GRACE IS ENOUGH- 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

- No Experience Necessary
- Accessible for All Ages and All Bodies
- Nothing to bring but yourSelf



30 Minute Class- Followed by a Light Snack and Fellowship