

Our Summer Event Calendar is Here!



Summer is shaping up to be a busy and exciting time at Black Creek United Methodist Church! Our schedule is all set! Help us to get the word out to our community; flyers and cards are available at the church. We have four concerts, four outdoor worship services, and weekly \$2 hotdog nights and coffee mornings with the pastor! All details are on the flyers above. The Spirit continues to work here at Black Creek UMC!

God Bless.

Pastor John

This Sunday at Black Creek UMC



The Good Shepherd: New Music from Your Favorite Band John 10:1-10

This week in our church service, we continue our Easter worship series. We will hear a familiar scripture from the Book of John Chapter 10 where Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd. We will hear some familiar reassurances from this awesome scripture, but we will also be challenged... challenged to listen for the true voice of the Good Shepherd in our trouble world.



The focus of our message will be prayer; true, meaningful, and Christ-centered prayer that can tune our ears to hear God speaking to us each and every day. I hope that you will join us as we hear this challenging message on the Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season!

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.

Celebrating A Church Member Answering the Call to Ministry!

Donna Burchess, one of the Lay Leaders at our church, has been appointed to be the new pastor of Gordon: Simpson United Methodist Church effective July 1st. This is a big step in her journey with Christ and we wholeheartedly congratulate her on her first appointment. Here is a copy of the official appointment announcement!



Donna was born and raised in Delaware County where she attended Sharon Hill High School and Delaware County Community College where she majored in hotel/restaurant management. In 2000 she moved to Bucks County where she spent the next 20 years working in the hospitality industry until the year 2020 when she retired as the hospitality director for Chick-fil-A in Newtown. Donna heard the call of the Lord in 2017 while in rehab. In 2021 the Lord led her to Ringtown, Schuylkill County where she was the founding director of Your Sister's Closet, a United Methodist women's Mission. In 2022, she became the director of Hazleton Enlarged Ministry, where she continues to serve. She has one adult son with whom she is overjoyed to have had him relocate with her to Schuylkill County.

Celebrating Paul and Gracemarie's 30 Year Wedding Anniversary



This week, at the beginning of our worship service, we as a congregation will celebrate Paul and Gracemarie's thirtieth wedding anniversary! They have chosen to renew their wedding vows as part of this celebration. I hope that you will join us as we celebrate their three decades together.

Announcements that were in Last Week's Email

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed



We are looking for volunteers to organize coffee hour each month to spread the work of the church around... That means: making and preparing coffee around 8:30AM, preparing and plating all donations for coffee hour, and cleaning up after Coffee Hour. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Please consider helping with this important mission of community and fellowship. See Pastor John with any questions!



Serving Our Neighbors

Our church continues to serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Divine Providence Center in Hazleton. We provide dinner for the roughly twenty individuals who sleep there each night. We are looking for volunteers to cook and serve for the months of May, June, and July. If you are willing and able, please let Pastor John know!

Special Charge Conference



Our church will hold a special charge conference on April 26th immediately following our church service. The purpose of this charge conference will be to officially change Pastor John's appointment status from $\frac{3}{4}$ time to full time effective July 1st. As with all charge conferences, this is open to all members of the congregation.

A Community Announcement

My son Henry will be performing in the Hazleton Area School District performance of HADESTOWN this coming weekend. All information for the show is below!

