



As we approach Mother's Day, I want to send a special thank you to all of the mothers in our congregation. At the same time, I want to acknowledge that we all bring different feelings and emotions with us when we approach this special day. We all come from different places, different histories, different experiences, different faith journeys, different victories, different defeats, different failures, different successes. Despite it all, we can celebrate that we are a **family** of Christ. That is the good news.

This week in church, we will celebrate that no matter our personal circumstances, we worship a God who loves and cares for us as a perfect mother would.

Blessings to All,

Pastor John

This Sunday at Black Creek UMC



Our Mothering God - John 14:15-21

This week in our worship service, we will celebrate Mother's Day and we will continue our Easter worship series. The focus of our message will again be John Chapter 14, a part of Jesus's "Farewell Discourse." In this passage, Jesus prepares the Disciples immediately after the Last Supper for the events that are to come and for moving forward in His name.



In our message, we will celebrate that Christ will never leave us orphaned, as we have the Holy Spirit to guide us forward and to remind us of Christ's teaching. We will learn why so many in our world cannot hear the Spirit speaking and discover what we need to do to truly follow in a genuine path of Discipleship!

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.

Looking for a Facebook Superstar



Are you a Facebook superstar? At Black Creek, we are looking for one person to advertise and promote our upcoming events on our church Facebook page. If you think you might be that person, please speak to Pastor John.

Election Day Food Sale



Election day is coming up in just about two weeks. This year, it falls on May 19th. As in previous years, Black Creek will hold an Election Day Food Sale throughout the day. If you are available to help with this awesome fundraiser, please let Donna know, and even if you can't be sure to stop in for for some awesome food!

We are in need of all of the baked goods we can get our hands on. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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 (May 12th) from 4-6PM and Wednesday (May 13th) from 10:30AM to 2PM.

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! **Thank You Sandy for volunteering for next month!**



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! **We are still looking for someone to spearhead our visit on May 12th!**

Our Summer Event Calendar is Here!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Summer events

BLACK CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONCERTS, WORSHIP, AND MORE!

158 GOLF COURSE ROAD
SUGARLOAF, PA 18249

CONCERT SERIES

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 - LEILANI CHESONIS
CLASSIC COUNTRY HITS & CROWD-FAVORITE SONGS

SATURDAY, JULY 25 - FREELAND ST. ANN'S BAND
CONCERT BAND STANDARDS AND INNOVATIVE PIECES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 - POOR MAN'S GAMBIT DUO
PROGRESSIVE TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 - DOC PAPPA AND THE RENEGADE RAMBLERS
TRADITIONAL BLUEGRASS AND ORIGINAL TUNES

FREE LIGHT DINNER: 5:30 - 6:00PM
CONCERTS: 6:00 - 7:30PM
RAIN OR SHINE. BRING YOUR FAVORITE LAWN CHAIR!

WEDNESDAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES
JULY 11, JULY 18, AUGUST 8, AND AUGUST 15
SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 4:00 - 5:00PM
MUSIC FROM OUR WORSHIP BAND. NO MONEY CAN BUY!

COMMUNITY & HOT DOG NIGHTS
EVERY THURSDAY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER
4-7PM IN OUR NEW PAVILION
\$2 HOT DOGS. \$1 SODAS. EAT IN OR TAKE OUT!

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH THE PASTOR
EVERY WEDNESDAY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER
9:00AM - NOON IN OUR INDOOR FELLOWSHIP SPACE.
STOP IN ANY TIME!

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!

A Summer Trip to Sight and Sound Theater!

BLACK CREEK RETURNS TO SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER IN LANCASTER!

We will be taking a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theater to see the new production of *Joshua*!

Price includes ticket, bus, and Jersey Mike's lunch on the bus on the way home.

Bus leaves from the Hazleton Park and Ride at 8:00AM.

See Pastor John or Sheena now to reserve your seat!



**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 19TH
11AM SHOW**

**ALL INCLUSIVE PRICES:
\$130 PER ADULT
\$85 CHILDREN (AGES 2-12)**



TICKETS MUST BE PAID FOR BY
JUNE 30TH

Black Creek UMC will once again be taking a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster this summer. A flyer with all details is available at the church, but the flyer above has the basics. This will be a trip to see the new show, *Joshua*. Here is a description from Sight and Sound.

From the banks of the Jordan River to the towering walls of Jericho, JOSHUA is a miraculous adventure for the whole family. Journey alongside the people of Israel as they navigate their new-found freedom in an unforgiving wilderness. When Joshua is called to replace Moses as their faithful leader, tensions mount in the midst of dwindling supplies and approaching armies. With one last fortified city standing between the Israelites and the Promised Land, unexpected help emerges from behind enemy lines and Joshua's trust in God's plan is put to the ultimate test.

We have 56 tickets for this awesome, faith building trip. To reserve your spot now, please let Pastor John or Sheena know either by email, text, or in person!

A Community Event



St. John Bosco Parish Center
573 State Route 93, Sugarloaf, Pa.
May 16, 2026 7am to 3pm
May 17, 2026 1pm to 3pm (Box Day)

Spring Fling

Hazleton Area's Largest Flea Market

Shop for "Treasures"
Housewares, Linens, Jewelry, Books, Furniture,
Holiday Decor, and much more!

Enjoy a hot breakfast or lunch on Saturday
Feed your sweet tooth at our Bake Sale
Try your luck with our Tricky Trays and Cash Raffle