

The Christian Outreach Project

During my high school years, I spent one week each summer participating in the Christian Outreach Project. COP is a one week camp where Methodist Youth from throughout our conference and the Greater New Jersey Conference work to help make home improvements for those in need in our local area.

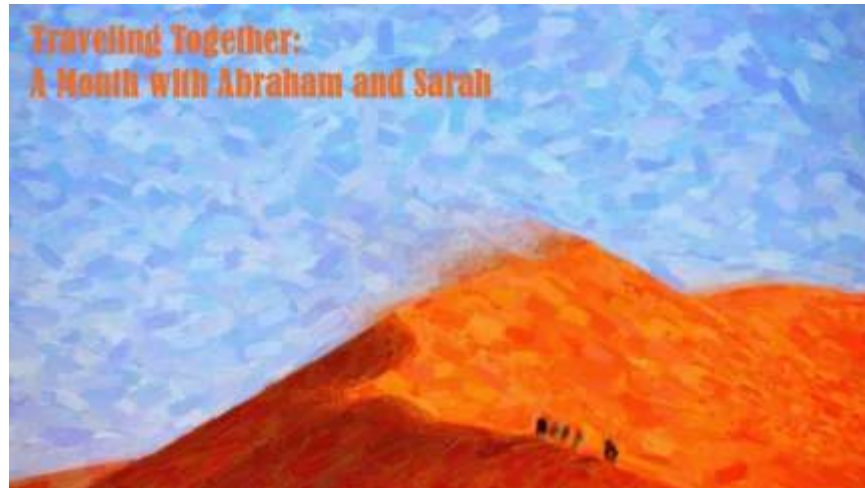
Here are some goofy high school pictures of me working away for your enjoyment...



I am happy to have reconnected with this organization during the last year and wanted to let you know that Henry will be a youth participant this year and I will be an adult leader during the week of June 28th. We will report out about our experiences when we return, but I encourage you to start to think about any high schoolers who might benefit from participating in this program next year or if you yourself might like to be an adult leader. No experience necessary.

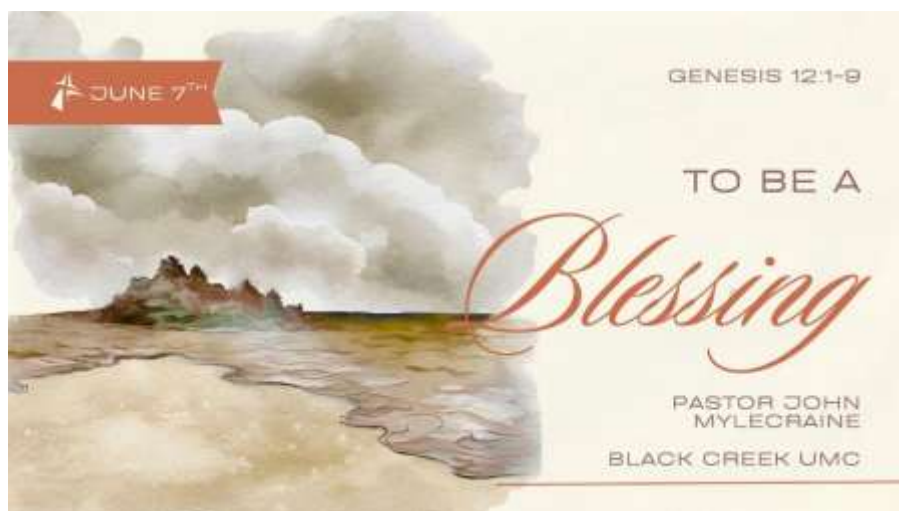
I hope this is something that will grow here at BCUMC as we work to share the love of Christ with our neighbors. – Pastor John

This Sunday at Black Creek UMC



This week is the first Sunday in a long stretch on our church calendar of what is called Ordinary Time. That doesn't mean that it isn't special, or that the next five months aren't as important as our Holy Seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter. The term "ordinary time" just comes from the Latin word *ordinalis*, which means numbered. Because that is how we describe these weeks.

For the next four weeks, we will journey with a man named Abram, who God renamed Abraham and his wife Sarai, who will later be named Sarah. We will follow them in all their earnest, imperfect, and all-too-human attempts to believe God's promises and live accordingly.



In this week's message, we will hear Abram's call story, and we will be encouraged to follow God faithfully even when we don't know the destination. Perhaps more importantly, we will remember that Abram was blessed *to be a blessing*, and so are we!

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.

Office Hours at Black Creek



Now that I am rounding the bend on my teaching career, I will be instituting regular office hours at the church. Feel free to stop by any time for any church related business or just to say hello!

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 June and July. If you are willing and able, please let Pastor John know!

Our Summer Event Calendar is Here!



The flyer is divided into two main sections. The left section is a colorful graphic with a yellow background and a pink house illustration. It features the text 'ALL ARE WELCOME!' in a red cloud, 'Summer events' in a large, stylized font, and 'BLACK CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH' in a smaller font. Below this, it says 'CONCERTS, WORSHIP, AND MORE!' and provides the church's address: '158 GOLF COURSE ROAD SUGARLOAF, PA 18249'. At the bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.BLACKCREEKUMC.ORG'. The right section is a pink background with white text. It starts with 'ALL ARE WELCOMED AND VALUED AT BLACK CREEK UMC!'. It lists four Saturday concerts with their respective bands and music styles. It also mentions a free light dinner and concert times. Below that, it lists four informal outdoor worship services with their dates and times. Finally, it lists weekly community events: hotdog nights every Thursday and coffee mornings every Wednesday.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Summer events

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FREE LIGHT DINNER

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!

INFORMAL 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 EVENTS AND MORE

EVERY THURSDAY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER
4-7PM IN OUR NEW PAVILION BEGINNING JULY 9TH
\$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! BEGINNING JULY 8TH

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!

Looking for a Little Help with Our Summer Concerts!



Our Summer Concert Series is right around the corner. We are still looking for volunteers to organize the food service for two of our concerts: Leilani Chisonis on June 27th and Doc Pappa and the Renegade Ramblers on August 29th. If you would be willing to take on this important community building task, please let Pastor John know.

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!


Community Announcements

SHEENA MAE YOGA, LLC

Now Offering



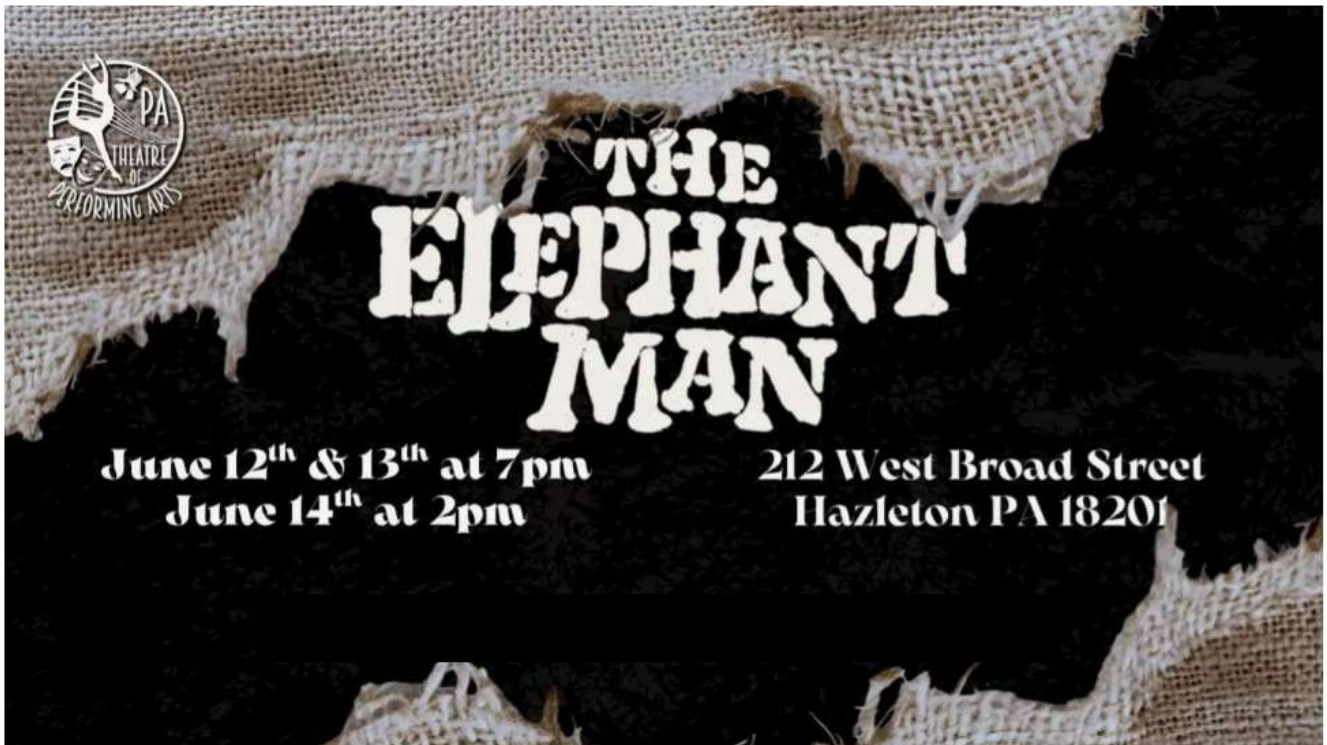
CHRIST-CENTERED CHAIR YOGA CLASSES



KEY BENEFITS:

- Improve Flexibility & Range of Motion
- Reduce Stress
- Build Strength
- Increase Balance
- Deepen Faith

Thursdays at 12 Noon | Starting June 11th
\$10 per class | 40 Minutes
Black Creek UMC, Informal Worship Space



The PTPA is very pleased to present the moving human drama of Bernard Pomerance's THE ELEPHANT MAN for one weekend only at the historic J.J. Ferrara Center in Hazleton!

The PTPA's production of THE ELEPHANT MAN will be an intimate and immediate portrait of Merrick the man in a stripped-down production that will bring the audience close to the emotion and tragedy of the piece.

Check out Pastor John on the stage for
the first time in decades as
Bishop Walsham How.

[Tickets are available at ptpashows.org](http://ptpashows.org)

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Community Blood Drive
Black Creek
United Methodist Church

Community Room
158 Golf Course Road
Sugarloaf, PA 18249

Monday, July 13, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Church Will Be Offering A Lasagna Dinner For All Presenting Donors.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter: Black Creek UMC to schedule an appointment.



**Give blood July 13 to 31 for a Fandango Movie Reward
by email to see a movie on us! rcblood.org/July**



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