

Hot Dog Nights Start This Week!



This Thursday night, you are invited to stop by our new outdoor pavilion for \$2 hot dogs and \$1 sodas. This will be the first of our hot dogs nights that will continue throughout the summer. These are a great way for us to welcome our neighbors and enjoy some fellowship time with one another. We will have some tables set up in our pavilion, and you can also get takeout orders. I hope you will consider joining us for these awesome new community events!

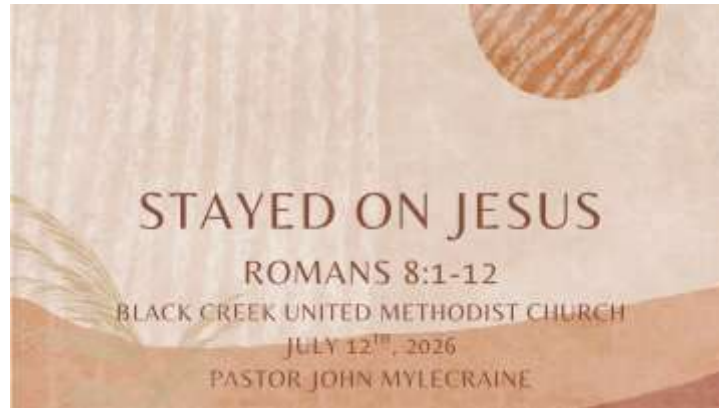
- Pastor John

This Sunday at Black Creek UMC



“Stayed on Jesus” - Romans 8:1-11

In this week's service, we will look at some difficult words from the Apostle Paul in the Book of Romans. Paul writes that "The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace."



In our message, we will wrestle with that statement. Does that mean that we are supposed to deny ourselves everything on this earth? Are we supposed to feel bad when we enjoy earthly things? We will discover the answers to those tough questions, and we will find some inspiration from some of our earliest church mothers and fathers this week as we all work to grow in the faith during these hazy, lazy days of summer.

I hope that you will join us!

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.

Planning to Go to Sight and Sound with Black Creek in August?



Today is the last day to let Pastor John know if you plan to attend our upcoming trip to Sight and Sound Theater on August 19th. Reserve your space now before it is too late!

Looking Ahead to Our Next Summer Concert



On Saturday, July 25th, Black Creek UMC will be welcoming the Freeland St. Ann's Band to perform for the third year in a row. They recently sent along a description of the show that they have planned this year and it sounds like one that you won't want to miss. Here is that description!

“The Freeland St. Ann's is proud to honor both the 250th Anniversary of the United States as well as our own town of Freeland's 150th Anniversary. In doing so, Director Joseph Rosato and the band have prepared a program that honors both our nation's Historical and Musical heritage. Highlights of the concert include "The Homefront: Musical Memories of WW2", "Shenandoah", "Big Band Tribute", "Hootenany", "Ashokan Farewell", "Theme from Gettysburg", "I Left My Heart in San Francisco", "New York New York", "Proud Mary", "Stars and Stripes Forever" and "God Bless America".”

Volunteers Needed for Monday's Blood Drive!

BLOOD DRIVE
VOLUNTEERS



Black Creek UMC will be hosting our annual Red Cross Blood Drive this Monday, July 13th from 1 to 6PM. We are still in need of volunteers to help set up (11:30AM – 1PM), serve lunch (1PM-6PM) and to help clean up / take tables down (6PM – 7PM). We could also use some more baked goods to provide for donors. Any help would be appreciated. If you can help, please let Brenda or June know as soon as possible.

Informal Summer Worship Services Start This Saturday!



You are invited to join us for some informal outdoor worship services in our new pavilion starting **THIS Saturday**, July 11th at 4PM. These will be relaxed times of worship and fellowship.

The worship series is titled “Be Still” and we will look at ways that we can slow ourselves down and still our minds so that we can hear God speaking to us in the midst of the chaos of our everyday lives.

Coffee With the Pastor Wednesdays Start Today!



Starting **today** you can stop by in our new indoor fellowship space any Wednesday morning for coffee with the pastor (and anyone else who shows up.) Who can turn down free coffee? Hope to see you there.

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 (July 7th) from 4-6PM and Wednesday (July 8th) 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! A big THANK YOU to Sandy for volunteering for the month of June and Lynne and Christie for volunteering to handle July!

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 for July (NEXT TUESDAY, JULY 14th) and August. If you are willing and able, please let Pastor John know!

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
WWW.BLACKCREEKUMC.ORG**

ALL ARE WELCOMED AND VALUED AT BLACK CREEK UMC!

FREE 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!

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 \$2 HOT DOG NIGHTS
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

Office Hours at Black Creek



Now that I am officially done with 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!

Community Announcements

SHEENA MAE YOGA, LLC



Now Offering

CHRIST-CENTERED CHAIR YOGA CLASSES



KEY BENEFITS:



Improve Flexibility
& Range of Motion

Build Strength



Increase Balance



Reduce Stress

Deepen Faith



Thursdays at 12 Noon | Starting June 11th

\$10 per class | 40 Minutes

Black Creek UMC, Informal Worship Space

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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The Musical

July 3rd through July 12th

***Dinner available 1 hour & 30 minutes before show on July 11th & 12th
(Reservations due Monday, July 5th)***



Meet the Cast



**John
Mylecraine
is
John
Witherspoon**



John Witherspoon