

Pastor John will be on Vacation Beginning this Friday.



Despite a run-in with the vicious wildlife of the Smoky Mountains last summer (pictured above), my family and I will be returning to Tennessee this week for a time of reconnection and relaxation. We will be out of the state and unavailable **from July 31st to August 7th**. I will not be checking email or messages in an attempt to disconnect from technology and to reconnect with God.

Donna Burchess, who was recently appointed as the pastor of Gordon: Simpson UMC, will be available to address any pastoral emergencies. I will leave her cell phone number on my outgoing voicemail message. In addition, there will be no email blast next week.

I hope that in this busy time, you all are finding time for rest and quiet as well. God Bless.

Pastor John

This Sunday at Black Creek UMC

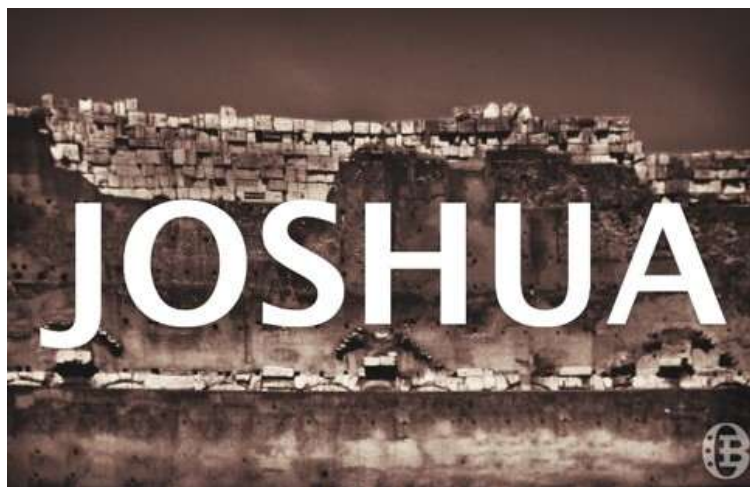


Sermon: Jim Cantori of 1400BC

Lay Leader Wayne Seely

Joshua 1:3-11 , 11:16-23, 12:1-8, 24

This week, the pulpit belongs to our ever-capable, longtime lay leader, Mr. Wayne Seely. His message, titled Jim Cantori of 1400BC, will focus on the Book of Joshua. I hope that you will join us for this important message!



Next Sunday at Black Creek UMC

Since there will be no email blast next week, here is preview of what is coming up on August 9th!



Praise Break, Part One: Psalm 105

Throughout the summer at Black Creek UMC, we have answered some pretty heavy questions about the nature of our God and the role of the church in our world today. Well on August 9th, we take a praise break and simply give praise and honor to our God!

Psalm 105 is a wonderful song of praise, and in verse 2 we are called to “Sing to him, sing praise to him!” So we will do just that, and we answer the question, “Why do we sing in church anyway?” I hope you will join us for this awesome praise break!

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.

Upcoming Meetings



There will be a combined Church Council / Fair Foods Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, August 5th at 7PM. As with all meetings at Black Creek UMC, this meeting is open to everyone. You are invited to attend if you would like to help in any way with the administration of the church or with our upcoming Fair Foods Dinner!

Announcements that were in Last Week's Email

Registration for Our 2026 Golf Tournament is Now Open!

Our 2026 Golf Tournament is all set and ready to go! We will be doing things a little differently this year as this will be the first time we are golfing at Sand Springs Golf Course. All relevant information is on the flyer below. There are registration and sponsorship forms available at the church! This event is always a good time and it is also a great way to support the missions and ministries of Black Creek UMC! Please help us spread the word to golfers and potential sponsors!



BLACK CREEK UMC
9-HOLE GOLF SCRAMBLE

SEPTEMBER 26TH
2PM START

SAND SPRINGS GOLF COURSE
10 Clubhouse Drive Drums, PA 18222

TWOSOME REGISTRATION: \$120
FOURSOME REGISTRATION: \$240

**TO REGISTER: CALL 384-4087
OR USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO
REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE!**

Registration Fee
Includes Golf, Cart
Fee, Dinner in the
Clubhouse, Welcome
Gift, and Prizes!



Hot Dog Nights Continue This Week!



This Thursday night, you are invited to stop by our new outdoor pavilion for \$2 hot dogs and \$1 sodas. 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!

Coffee With the Pastor Continues Today!



Today you can stop by in our new indoor fellowship for coffee with the pastor (and anyone else who shows up.) Who can turn down free coffee? Hope to see you there. These events will continue throughout the summer! **We will take a week off on August 5th while Pastor John is away!**

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!

Office Hours at Black Creek



Summer Informal Worship Service



We have a couple more summer informal worship services on the schedule. This series is all about finding quiet and being still in our crazy world. If you are looking for a less formal way to worship, something a little bit more conversational and free-flowing, this might be something you want to check out!

Our Summer Concert Series Continues



This past Saturday's summer concert, featuring the Freeland St. Ann's Band was a blast! We have two more concerts on the schedule. They are on August 22nd and 29th. The bands are awesome, so put them on your calendars now!



SUMMER CONCERT
Poor Man's Gambit Duo
Progressive and Traditional Irish Music

Light Dinner at 5:30
Music 6:00 - 7:30
August 22nd
Rain or Shine
Just Bring Your Favorite Lawn Chair!



SUMMER CONCERT
Doc Pappa and the Renegade
Ramblers
Bluegrass Standards and Originals!

August 29th
Light Dinner at 5:30
Music 6:00 - 7:30
Rain or Shine
Just Bring Your Favorite Lawn Chair!

Community Announcements

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Increase Balance



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Deepen Faith



Thursdays at 12 Noon | Starting June 11th

\$10 per class | 40 Minutes

Black Creek UMC, Informal Worship Space

There will be no class on August 6th.

Twin County Lions Club Annual Chicken Barbecue



On Sunday, August 9th, the Twin County Lions will hold their annual Chicken Barbecue. This will be held rain or shine at the CYC in Weston, PA. Serving will be from 11AM to 4PM or until sold out. Tickets available at the door. Dinner is takeout only.