

Our Coffee Break Ministry Returns on Monday, September 7th



Black Creek UMC will be providing a free coffee break to weary travelers this Labor Day, September 7th at the rest stop on Route 81 South at Mile Marker 158 (Nuangola).

We are looking for volunteers for this ministry from 8-10, 10-12, and 12 - 2. If you are interested in helping out, please let Pastor John know.

We also need as many individually wrapped baked goods as we can get! They can be dropped off in the upstairs fellowship hall any time on Saturday, September 5th or Sunday, September 6th.

Thanks for supporting this awesome ministry of hospitality! What a good way to share the love of God with our neighbors. Here is a picture from last summer's event. God Bless. - Pastor John



This Sunday at Black Creek UMC



Humble Yet Glorious: Mark 1:4-11

This Sunday will be busy at Black Creek United Methodist Church. We will have a baptism during our worship service, officially welcoming a child into our family of faith. This is always a blessed event, and it is a time of true celebration for our church.

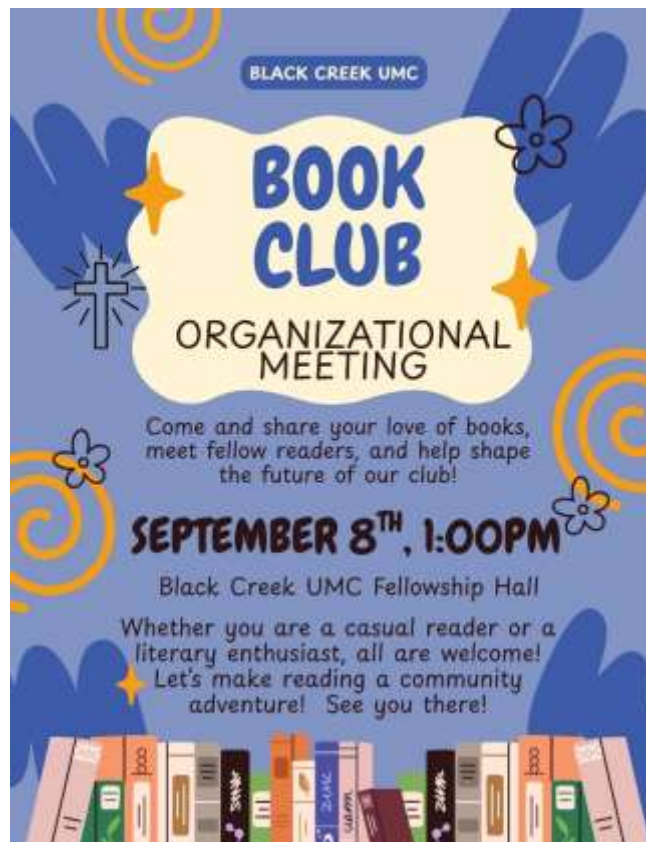
As this awesome event is a major part of our church service, the message this week will be short, and we will take a quick break from our sermon series on the Book of Exodus. Instead, as we celebrate, we will look at Christ's baptism as recounted in the Gospel of Mark, and we will embrace the idea that Christ's baptism, and baptism in our United Methodist Church is humble yet glorious!

As always, I pray 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.

A New Book Club is Coming to Black Creek UMC



There will be an inaugural organizational meeting for a new book club at Black Creek on September 8th. I hope that you will consider attending this time of fellowship and Christian conversation. Please see Linda if you have any questions about this new group!

Announcements that were in Last Week's Email

Looking for Volunteers for 2027 Church Committees



The Methodist Church has a strong foundation of lay leadership. No pastor can do it alone. Right now, Black Creek is looking for volunteers who are willing to step into the following committees for the 2027 Calendar year.

- Worship
- Hospitality
- Pastor Parish Relations
- Trustees
- Finance

If you are interested, please let Pastor John know by the end of August.

Check Your Contact Information for Pastor John!



Starting September 1st, Pastor John will be consolidating down to one cell phone. Check your contacts now. He will be doing away with the number that starts with 570- and exclusively using the one that starts with 862-. Please see him individually if you need more information.

Our Summer Concert Series Concludes **THIS SATURDAY**



As the summer of 2026 wraps up, we have one more awesome summer concert on the agenda here at Black Creek.

We are happy to welcome **Doc Pappa and the Renegade Ramblers** **THIS SATURDAY, August 29th**. They play great acoustic bluegrass music, and they are amazing. Light dinner at 5:30, music at 6:00!

I hope you will join us for this end of summer blowout! – Pastor John

Our Third Annual Fair Foods Dinner is Right Around the Corner!



It is time to dust off the potato suit because the Third Annual Black Creek UMC Fair Foods Dinner is right around the corner. This year's event is scheduled for September 19th. All details are on the flyer below.

The flyer has a green background. At the top, there are three icons: a hamburger, a striped circus tent, and a baked potato. Below the icons, the text reads: **BLACK CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FAIR FOODS DINNER**. Underneath, it says: **JOIN US AS WE BRING OUR TRADITIONAL FAIR FOODS HOME TO BLACK CREEK UMC! GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS!**. A black semi-circular banner at the bottom contains the following text: **DINNER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: OUR FAMOUS CHICKEN PLATTER, BAKED POTATOES, PULLED PORK SANDWICHES, SLOPPY JOES, HAM AND BEAN SOUP, CHICKEN CORN SOUP, AND FIVE KINDS OF PIES! ALL REASONABLY PRICED!**. Below the banner, the date and time are listed: **SEPTEMBER 19TH, 11AM - 5PM**. At the very bottom, it says: **EAT IN OR TAKE OUT, RAIN OR SHINE 158 GOLF COURSE ROAD, SUGARLOAF PA QUESTIONS? CALL 570-384-4087**.

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If you would be willing to help with this all hands on deck event, please let Bud or Donna know. If you are unable to help, I hope that you will still stop by for an awesome meal and lots of fun!

Registration for Our 2026 Golf Tournament is Now Open!

Our 2026 Golf Tournament is all set and ready to go on **September 26th!** 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!



Our Final Hot Dog Night of the Summer is Thursday!



This Thursday night, you are invited to stop by our new outdoor pavilion for \$2 hot dogs and \$1 sodas. This will be our last one of these events for this summer. Thanks to all who have come out for food and fellowship!

Coffee With the Pastor Concludes this Week!



This Wednesday, August 26th, you can stop by in our new indoor fellowship for coffee with the pastor (and anyone else who shows up.) This will be our last of these events for the summer, but watch for more in the future!

Community Announcements

Valley Interfaith Council



Please follow the **Valley Interfaith Council on Facebook** if you haven't yet. It is an ecumenical group of member congregations in the Conyngham/Sugarloaf/Drums area that promotes unity. Posts include events happening with each congregation to help grow faith community involvement, along with providing support to the Valley Food Pantry. If you are already a follower of the Facebook page, invite your friends to follow too.

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