A Veteran's Day Message



At Black Creek United Methodist Church, we are thankful for the service of the veterans in our congregation, our community, and our nation.

With grateful hearts, we honor all veterans near and far. Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and strength.

May God bless you and keep you.

Pastor John

This Sunday at Black Creek UMC



Taking it For Granted

The Olivet Discourse: Part Two

Matthew 25:14-30

This week, we continue to live into the tension that is a part of this season on our church calendar, where we feel the desire to get started on our special Advent programs and activities while also heeding Christ's call to remain in the present moment, living abundantly and serving freely.

In our scripture, we will continue reading the Olivet Discourse, a passage from the Book of Matthew where Jesus teaches powerful lessons through profound parables.

This week, we will examine the Parable of the Talents, and we will ask some deep questions about who we serve, how we live, and what it means to live a life that is focused on fruitfulness as opposed to productivity.

I hope that you will join us for this awesome and challenging message.



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.

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 (November 10th) from 4-6PM and Wednesday (November 11th) from 10:30AM to 2PM.

You Are Invited to Help Decorate our Sanctuary for Advent!



At Black Creek UMC, we will be "decking the halls" to prepare for Advent on Saturday, November 28th at 9AM. I hope you will consider joining us for this time of fellowship and preparation.

Advent Begins with Our Hanging of the Greens Service on November 29th



Our Annual Hanging of the Greens Worship Service will kick off the Advent Season this year on November 29th at our traditional worship time. We will need several readers for this special service. Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to help out!

Upcoming Church Meetings

Tuesday, November 10th, 12 Noon – Visioning Meeting

Wednesday November 11th, 7PM – Worship Committee

Thursday, November 12th, 7PM – Church Council Meeting

Saturday, November 14th, 9AM – Annual Charge Conference

Tuesday, November 17th, 12 Noon – Visioning Meeting

Announcements that were in Last Week's Email

World Thank Offering



Each year the United Women of Faith have the opportunity to show their gratitude for God's blessings through the World Thank Offering. Traditionally, Fall is the time of year when United Women of Faith groups collect this special offering. This collection is used to support the total program of World Missions in the US and around the world. Boxes are available to anyone who wishes to participate in this program. Any container may be your thankful box. Your box will be used to collect coins or bills whenever you feel especially grateful for God's gifts in your life throughout the year. This year's boxes will be collected on Sunday, November 22, 2026 or anytime before that date. Please give your box to Renee Vergari. Contact Renee for additional information or to receive a Thank Offering box.

Our Advent Schedule is Here…

Advent is right around the corner. This holy season of preparation begins on November 29th, and during our Sunday worship service that day we will celebrate the coming of Advent with our traditional Hanging of the Greens service.

We will also have numerous Bible studies and special services throughout Advent, culminating in our special Christmas Eve Worship Services! The full schedule is below.





Our Annual Charge Conference is THIS SATURDAY, November 14th

CHARGE Conference

Every year, each United Methodist Church needs to hold a "Charge Conference." A charge conference is an annual meeting of the leadership of a church, held to make key decisions on behalf of the congregation.

Our Charge Conference is scheduled for November 14th at 9AM in our sanctuary. All who would like to attend are invited to attend this annual event.

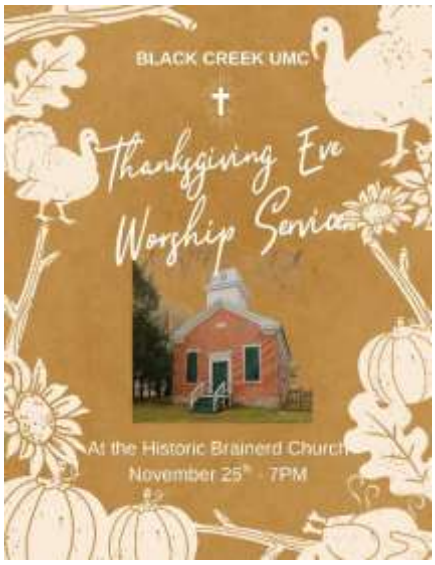
Sign Up Now to Be Part of Our Worship Team for 2027



We are currently looking for volunteers to serve as liturgists, greeters, and coffee hour hosts for the first half of 2027. There is a signup sheet in the narthex of the church now. Please consider whether you might be willing to volunteer for one or more of these important roles.

Thanksgiving Eve at the Historic Brainerd Church

This Thanksgiving Eve, Pastor John will be leading the traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service at the Historic Brainerd Church. The service is at 7PM. I hope that you will consider attending as we give praise and honor to God for all of his many blessings.

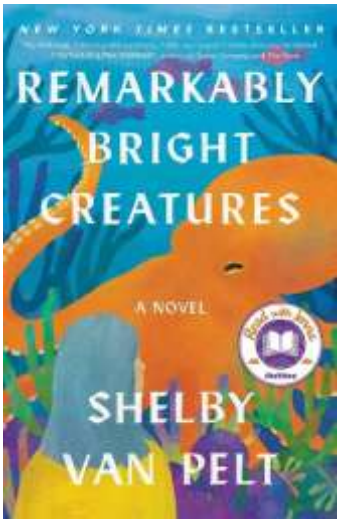


Our Coffee Break Ministry Returns on Black Friday



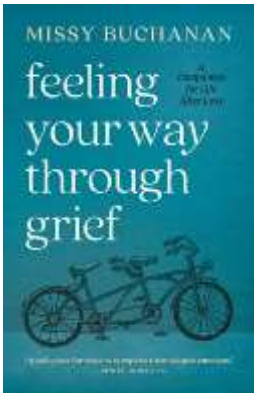
Black Creek UMC will be providing a free coffee break to weary travelers this Black Friday, November 27th at the rest stop on Route 81 South at Mile Marker 158 (Nuangola). We need as many individually wrapped baked goods as we can get when the time comes. We are also looking for volunteers for this ministry from 8-10, 10-12, and 12 -2. If you are interested in helping out, please let Pastor John know.

BCUMC Book Club News…



This month, the BCUMC Book Club is reading Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. The Club will be meeting on November 17th at 12:45. All are invited to attend!

Grief Support Book Club Continues Wednesdays in November at Noon



Our Grief Support Book Club will begin meeting at Black Creek UMC on Wednesdays in November at noon. Grief has no timeline, so this book club is open to anyone who feels that it might make their lives just a little bit easier. The book that we will be reading and discussing will be Missy Buchanan's *Feeling Your Way Through Grief.* Books are now available at the church.

We are Collecting Instant Mashed Potatoes for the Intervalley Faith Council Thanksgiving Giveaway:



Every year, the Intervalley Faith Council provides Thanksgiving Dinner for families in need right here in our local area. This year, we are being asked to provide instant mashed potatoes for the dinners. There is a collection bin in the back of the church. We are hoping to collect for 50 families. If you have any questions, please see Mary Lou or Sandy. Please have donations to the church by November 15th.