

Welcome

TO LOST CREEK!

The “largest church on a gravel road,” Lost Creek doesn’t fit tidily into any one box. Our worship brings “tradition” and “today” into the same room. We’ve been on this rural corner for almost 120 years and continue to do new and exciting things. We are a United Methodist congregation with members from all kinds of faith journeys and backgrounds. We love God with our head, our heart, and our hands. We are an energetic, engaged, and generous bunch of people who care about our community, our nation, and our world.

Our “True North” is to deepen relationships with Jesus Christ, and our mission is to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

We feel strongly that wherever you may come from, whatever your background, Lost Creek is a place where you can find a path to follow Jesus. Key signposts along that path are illustrated by what we call our “Four Commitments:”

1. A relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior.
2. An infilling of the Holy Spirit.
3. To be engaged in telling your story (evangelism).
4. To be actively involved in at least one area of ministry offered by our church.

We are convinced that while these four commitments do not *completely* describe the Christian journey, they are critical landmarks to deepen our relationship with Jesus.

To Our Guests:

Thank you for joining us this morning! We hope you will see that you have a home and a place here — to encounter God and follow Christ with us. You will find an Information Card in the pew. Please fill it out and drop it in the offering plate. We don’t use this information to bug you — we would just like to get to know you better.

- Nursery care for children under 4 is available for any portion of worship
- Coffee can be found in the Fellowship Hall and at the Coffee Station.
- There is Children’s Church in our Shine Zone during worship for children ages 4 through the end of 3rd grade. Children will leave the Sanctuary together after the Children’s Time and return in time to receive Holy Communion with their families.



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lostcreekumc.org

Announcements

JOIN A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

SUNDAYS | 9:30 A.M.

Now that we have expanded to two worship services, Sunday School classes will begin at 9:30 a.m.! With an extra 30 minutes to get to church, this is a perfect time to discover (or re-discover) a class that’s right for you! Our classes are listed below, along with their meeting location and the curriculum they’re currently studying.

ADULT CLASSES:

- **Wannabes Class** | Old Sanctuary | *The Power of the Holy Spirit* by Tony Evans
- **Seekers Class** | Room 104 | Topical/Biblical Study TBD
- **Reboot Class** | Room 103 | *Christianity & World Religions* by Adam Hamilton

CHILDREN’S CLASSES:

- **Youth (6th-12th Grade)** | Meets in Youth Room
- **Cool Crew (3rd-5th Grade)** | Meets in the Attic Room
- **1st-2nd Grade** | Meets in the Shine Zone
- **PreK-K** | Meets in the Shine Zone
- **Nursery (0-3 years)** | Available in the Nursery

COMMUNITY MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TUESDAY EVENINGS | OAK PARK

Mat & Charity Gelino, the incredible leaders of our Community Meal, are moving out-of-state soon. To fill their loss for this ministry, we are looking for a team of 6-8 volunteers who can help lead one Community Meal per month. There are volunteers to plan menus, shop, and help cook; we just need organizers to step up! If you are interested, talk to Pastor Michael!

MEN’S GROUP BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 | 7:30 A.M.

Men’s Group Breakfast is next Sunday! We will start at 7:30 a.m. to accommodate folks who will go to early service, so come early for some great food and fellowship!

OAK PARK ROOM SPONSORSHIPS

\$250 EACH | 19 SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

The rooms and community spaces at Oak Park’s Wayman Lodge are getting some much-needed updates! You can help refresh the bedding, decor, and furniture of a Wayman room for a sponsorship of \$250. You can pay by check with “Wayman Room Sponsorship” in the memo line or online by selecting the “Oak Park Fundraiser” fund.

Announcements

AN INVITATION *to* PERSONAL PRAYER

NEW CLASS STARTING SEPTEMBER 7

We are offering a nine-week course, “An Invitation to Personal Prayer,” that will jumpstart your prayer life and transform your personal devotion time.

The class will meet on Monday evenings beginning September 7, and will be taught by local certified facilitator Denise Melot.

It is limited to nine participants, so sign up in the Foyer ASAP!



Try our handy
QR CODES!



PRAYER
REQUESTS



CONNECTION
CARD

**WE’VE MADE IT EVEN EASIER FOR
YOU TO CONNECT WITH LOST CREEK!**

You can now use these QR codes to register as a guest, share a prayer request, make your offering or update your contact information. It’s all as handy as your phone!



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FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HOME GROUPS, CONTACT

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This Week

TODAY

- 8:15 a.m. | Worship
- 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. | Worship
- 3:00 p.m. | SPRC Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. | Nominations Committee
- 6:00 p.m. | Youth Group

TUESDAY

- 5:30 p.m. | Community Meal

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 9:00 a.m. | Crafty Creekers

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8.26.26

Keagan Worthy

8.28.26

Michael Carpenter
David & Jan Pratt

8.29.26

Trisha Moffat
Shelley Word

ORDER of WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

PRELUDE

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

WELCOME

David Pratt (8:15) | Jillianne Tebow (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33

OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (UMH 140)

PRAYERS

CHILDREN'S TIME

Elisa Taff

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:4b-11

Susie Lauer (8:15) | Charissa Mefferd (10:30)

SONGS

Your Great Love
No Longer Slaves

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14

Sue Kennedy (8:15) | Max Rudd (10:30)

SERMON

When Righteousness Isn't Fair

Pastor Michael Carpenter

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Great Are You, Lord

DOXOLOGY

CHOIR ANTHEM

Build Your House (10:30)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)

HOLY COMMUNION

FOUR COMMITMENTS

AFTERTHOUGHTS

CLOSING HYMN

My Hope Is Built (UMH 368)

BENEDICTION

IN JESUS' NAME

POSTLUDE

Great Is the Lord

NOTES:

Meet the Staff



Michael Carpenter
Pastor



Jillianne Tebow
Youth Director



Diann Rudd
Music Ministries



Elisa Taff
Children's Director

For a complete staff listing, visit lostcreekumc.com/about

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