

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.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
lostcreekumc.org

Announcements



**START YOUR YEAR RIGHT
BY JOINING A HOMEGROUP!**

HomeGroups are our church’s small group ministry, where 6-10 people meet for one hour, once per week, to ask grow closer to God. You’ll be amazed at how your faith grows in a HomeGroup! We’ll be forming and launching new HomeGroups beginning the first week of February with a 10-week trial commitment, so if you are interested in joining one, scan the QR code to fill out our interest form!

SPEEDERS POTLUCK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 | 11:30 A.M.

Our Speeders group will gather this Thursday for a potluck lunch and games! Everyone over 55 is welcome to join for food, fun, and fellowship!

SPARKLE MOMS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 | 6:00 P.M.

All moms are invited to our first Sparkle Moms of the year! We’ll enjoy free dinner and childcare and hear from a guest speaker!

MEN’S GROUP BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 | 8:00 A.M.

All men in the church are invited to come to the monthly Men’s Group breakfast next Sunday for free breakfast and fellowship!

OAK PARK CHILI COOK-OFF

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 | OAK PARK

Get your spoons ready for our annual Oak Park Chili Cook-Off! Bragging rights are on the line; if you’d like to enter your chili, let Pastor Michael or Aleisha Rains know. And everyone is invited to help judge between the great contenders!

Announcements

OSU WESLEY FOUNDATION DINNER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 | 6:00 P.M. | OSU WESLEY

We are bringing soup to the students of the OSU Wesley Foundation prior to their Wednesday night worship later! There is a sign-up in the Foyer for recipe items and volunteering, so help us care for these college students!

LAY SERVANT BASIC COURSE

EIGHT-WEEK COURSE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1

Is God calling you to start serving others? Are you already serving or leading within the church and want to feel more confident in it? Then sign up for our Basic Lay Servant Course beginning February 1! Instead of the usual all-day Saturday course, this will be a one-hour, eight-week course on Sunday afternoons. Scan the QR code to learn more!



Try our handy
QR CODES!



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**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!

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL, CONTACT

Ashtyn Ball at 405.377.0927 or aball@lostcreekumc.org

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HOME GROUPS, CONTACT

Michael Carpenter at 405.377.0927 or mcarpenter@lostcreekumc.org

This Week

TODAY

9:00 a.m. | Sunday School

10:15 a.m. | Worship

MONDAY

6:30 p.m. | UWF Meeting

TUESDAY

5:30 p.m. | Oak Park Community Meal

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. | Food Bank Prep

6:30 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. | Crafty Creekers

11:30 a.m. | Speeders

6:00 p.m. | Food Bank

6:00 p.m. | Sparkle Moms

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1.19.26

Presley Rains

Olivia Schaap

Tim Wheatley

1.20.26

Bryndan Woods

Eloise Rudd

1.21.26

Sydney Cundiff

Lynette Lindley

1.22.26

Sharon Delaware

1.23.26

Scrub Dollins

1.24.26

Aaron Box

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

PRELUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal

WELCOME

Vicki Daves

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 40

OPENING HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (UMH 57)

PRAYERS

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Ashtyn Ball

SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:14-18 | Susan Ledgerwood

SONGS

At Your Name

All the Poor and Powerless

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46 | Sharon Kinzie

SERMON

Make the Right Choices | Pastor Michael Carpenter

TITHES & OFFERINGS

How Great Is Our God

DOXOLOGY

CHOIR ANTHEM

Press On

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The World Methodist Social Affirmation (UMH 886)

HOLY COMMUNION

FOUR COMMITMENTS

AFTERTHOUGHTS

Lost Creek Men's Group

CLOSING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory (UMH 577)

BENEDICTION

IN JESUS' NAME

POSTLUDE

Recessional

NOTES:

Meet the Staff



Michael Carpenter
Senior Pastor



Ashtyn Ball
Associate Pastor



Diann Rudd
Music Ministries

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

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