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 5th grade. Children will leave the sanctuary together after the Children's Time and return in time to receive Holy Communion with their families.

FOLLOW:

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
lostcreekumc.org

Announcements

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES FOOD BANK
DISTRIBUTIONS NOW ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

The Neighborhood Ministries food bank we operate out of Perkins First UMC will now have their bi-monthly distributions on Wednesday evenings instead of Thursdays. Prep work will still be done on Wednesday mornings as before. We are always looking for more helpers at both prep and distribution!

ALASKA MISSION LUNCH
TODAY | AFTER WORSHIP | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Stay after worship today for our Alaska Mission fundraiser lunch! Lunch will be served both after Sunday School and after second service. The menu is fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and more! The suggested donation per plate is $10.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST
NOVEMBER 8 | 9:00 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

We are moving our annual Pancake Breakfast for camp scholarships from the spring to the fall! That way, we will go into camp registration season in the spring with a better knowledge of our scholarship amounts. So have breakfast between our two services and help send our kids and youth to summer camp!

YOUTH GROUP INTERGENERATIONAL NIGHT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 6:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Older adults are invited to come to our Youth Group's "Across the Board" intergenerational night! Here, we'll play board games and share a potluck dinner with your teenagers, building relationships across generations. So if you are an empty-nester or remember the Reagan Administration, you are invited to come!

GRATITUDE DINNER
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | OAK PARK | 5:30 P.M.

Join us for our third annual Gratitude Dinner to celebrate the culmination of our "Celebrate" stewardship campaign! At this potluck dinner, we'll share how God has blessed our various ministries and share what lies ahead. So bring a dish, a side, or a dessert and join the fun!

Announcements



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
WAYMAN LODGE | OAK PARK | 8 A.M. – NOON

Try our handy
QR CODES!

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!

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONNECTION CARD

GIVING PAGE

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL, CONTACT
Michael Carpenter at 405.377.0927 or mcarpenter@lostcreekumc.org

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
11:00 a.m. | Alaska Fundraiser Lunch
6:00 p.m. | Youth Group

TUESDAY

5:30 p.m. | Community Meal

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. | Food Bank Prep
5:45 p.m. | Treble Makers Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. | Food Bank **(New night!)**
6:30 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. | Crafty Creekers
6:15 p.m. | Board of Trustees

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

11.2.26
Heather West

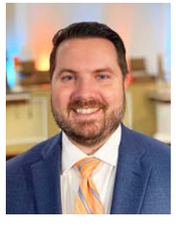
11.3.26
Terry Dibble

11.5.26
Diann Rudd
David & Sharon Kinzie

11.6.26
Jacob Villones

11.7.26
Bryan Allen

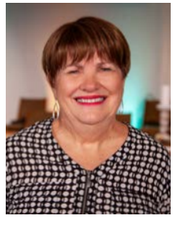
Meet the Staff



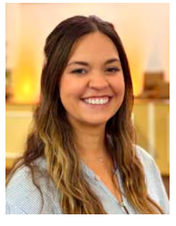
Michael Carpenter
Pastor



Jillianne Tebow
Youth Director



Diann Rudd
Music Ministries



Elisa Taff
Children's Director

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

PRELUDE	*Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing*
WELCOME	Kiersten Houser
CALL TO WORSHIP	Psalm 34
OPENING HYMN	*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (UMH 57)
PRAYERS	
CHILDREN'S TIME	Elisa Taff
SCRIPTURE READING	**1 John 3:1-3** Jan Pratt (8:15) | Autumn Peeper (10:30)
SONGS	*At Your Name* *Reckless Love*
SCRIPTURE READING	**Luke 15:1-10** David Pratt (8:15) | Vicki Daves (10:30)
SERMON	**Party Budgets** | Pastor Michael Carpenter
TITHES & OFFERINGS	*Let All Things Now Living*
DOXOLOGY	
CHOIR ANTHEM	*I Will Follow* (8:15)
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)
HOLY COMMUNION	
FOUR COMMITMENTS	
AFTERTHOUGHTS	
CLOSING HYMN	*I Come with Joy* (UMH 617)
BENEDICTION	
IN JESUS' NAME	
POSTLUDE	*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

NOTES:

