

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

MONSTER MASH



Saturday, October 31 | Oak Park | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Monster Mash is coming back to Oak Park this Halloween!

Lost Creek and the Perkins Chamber of Commerce will once again be partnering to provide a trunk-or-treat, fun activities, and more. Additional information and sign-ups are coming soon, but in the meantime we need candy donations to help make the event great!

SPARKLE MOMS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 6:00 P.M.

Sparkle Moms will kick off later this month! Moms and mentors of all ages are welcome to join us. We will be playing Mom Bingo and have a charcuterie lesson by our very own Elisa Taff. As always, dinner and childcare are provided for free!

LEND US A TENOR (& A BASS)!

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 6:30 P.M.

Our choir is looking for new members to join, especially some male tenor and bass voices! If you can read music and can help make a joyful noise, consider joining!

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

OSU WESLEY DINNER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 6:00 P.M. | OSU WESLEY

Help Us Feed College Students! The first of this semester’s OSU Wesley dinners is coming up later this month. We will be providing a Mexican dinner, so check out the menu sign-up in the Foyer and bring items by September 27. If you can volunteer, please be at the OSU Wesley at 6:00 p.m.!

WORSHIP SERIES SURVEY

GIVE INPUT ON PAST AND FUTURE SERMON SERIES



Scan the QR code to take a quick survey designed to give members of our church family the opportunity to tell us what kind of sermons they want to hear, as well as feedback on past worship series.



Try our handy
QR CODES!



PRAYER
REQUESTS



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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

Michael Carpenter at 405.377.0927 or mcarpenter@lostcreekumc.org

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HOME GROUPS, CONTACT

Michael Carpenter at 405.377.0927 or mcarpenter@lostcreekumc.org

This Week

TODAY

7:30 a.m. | Men's Breakfast
8:15 a.m. | Worship
9:30 a.m. | Sunday School
10:30 a.m. | Worship
6:00 p.m. | Youth Group

TUESDAY

5:30 p.m. | Community Meal
6:00 p.m. | Sparkle Moms

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. | OSU Wesley Dinner
6:30 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. | Crafty Creekers
6:00 p.m. | Feeding P-T Football Team
6:15 p.m. | Board of Trustees Meeting

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

9.29.26

Jeremy & Lara Brooks

9.30.26

David & Linda Holbrook
Scott & Linda Stone

10.1.26

Aleisha Rains

10.2.26

Jewel Himes
Katrina & Randy Jarvis

10.3.26

Payton Lomenick

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

PRELUDE

Grace Medley

WELCOME

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 136

OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace (UMH 378)

PRAYERS

Elisa Taff

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:16b-19

Presley Rains (8:15) | Heather Spiva (10:30)

SONGS

Lost in Your Love
Reckless Love

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-24

Susan Ledgerwood

SERMON

While He Was Still Far Off | Pastor Michael Carpenter

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

DOXOLOGY

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Place of Prayer (10:30)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)

HOLY COMMUNION

FOUR COMMITMENTS

AFTERTHOUGHTS

CLOSING HYMN

Grace Greater Than Our Sin (UMH 365)

BENEDICTION

IN JESUS' NAME

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

NOTES:

Meet the Staff



Michael Carpenter
Pastor



Jillianne Tebow
Youth Director

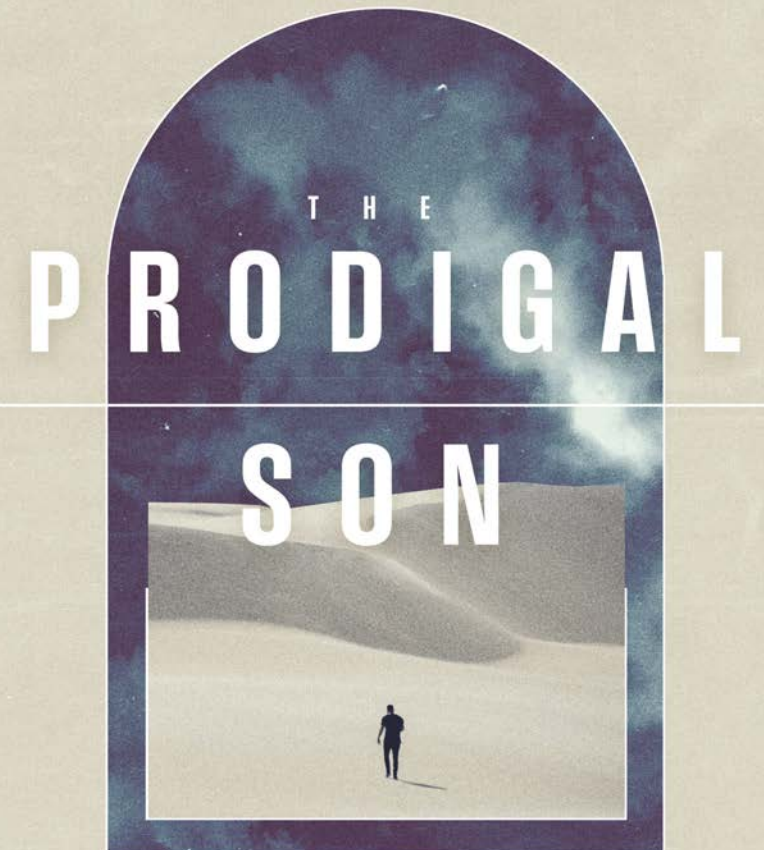


Diann Rudd
Music Ministries



Elisa Taff
Children's Director

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



WEEK 3
WHILE HE WAS STILL FAR OFF



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