

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.



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!

We currently need candy donations to provide the “treats,” and you can sign-up in the foyer if you’d like to provide a “trunk!”

SHINE ZONE NOW THROUGH FIFTH GRADE SUNDAYS DURING WORSHIP

With two worship services, we are able to go back to expand Children’s Church back to Pre-K through 5th grade! Fourth and fifth graders are welcome to come back to the Shine Zone after the Children’s Time.

THE TREBLE MAKERS RETURN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 5:45 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Lost Creek’s Children’s Choir, the Treble Makers, will begin rehearsals later this month! They will perform once before Thanksgiving and again before Christmas. Children who can read up through junior high students are welcome to join us!

JOIN THE CHOIR

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 6:30 P.M.

If you’re too old for the children’s choir but want to make a joyful noise, the choir is looking for new members, especially tenor and bass voices!

SECRET SISTERS IS BACK

Secret Sisters is a way to get to know another woman at Lost Creek by praying for her, sending cards, and even small gifts! To participate, pick up a sheet on the Drop-Off Table and return it completed. Everyone’s Secret Sister will be revealed at the Christmas Gala! **Sign up by October 25.**

Announcements

OBI BLOOD DRIVE

TODAY | 9:00 A.M.

Save a life today by giving blood this morning! Walk-ins are welcome!

Quick
to Get You **Blood Facts STARTED:**

One donation can save up to **3** Lives

More than
1.2K
donations are needed **EVERY DAY** for local hospitals.

Only **10%**
of eligible individuals actually donate.

Every **2** seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Save a life. Give blood. Spread the word.



Try our handy
QR CODES!



PRAYER REQUESTS



CONNECTION CARD



GIVING PAGE

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

- 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

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. | Food Bank Prep
- 6:30 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 9:00 a.m. | Crafty Creekers
- 6:00 p.m. | Food Bank

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10.7.26

Marilyn Moffat
Karen Roper

10.8.26

Scott Stone
Reyna Woods

10.9.26

Bill Bunch
Haylee Long

10.10.26

Cash Sylvester

ORDER of WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me

WELCOME

Kiersten Houser

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Assurance (UMH 369)

PRAYERS

Elisa Taff

CHILDREN'S TIME

Romans 1:16-17
Oliver Carpenter (8:15) | Vicki Daves (10:30)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-30
Buddy Moore (8:15) | Autumn Peeper (10:30)

SONGS

Your Great Love
No Longer Slaves

SCRIPTURE READING

The Elder Son | Pastor Michael Carpenter
Find Us Faithful

SERMON

The Place of Prayer (8:15)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

The Prodigal | Kiersten Houser (10:30)

DOXOLOGY

The Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)

CHOIR ANTHEM

Take My Life, and Let It Be (UMH 399)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bind Us Together

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HOLY COMMUNION

FOUR COMMITMENTS

AFTERTHOUGHTS

CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION

IN JESUS' NAME

POSTLUDE

NOTES:

Meet the Staff



Michael Carpenter
Pastor



Jillianne Tebow
Youth Director

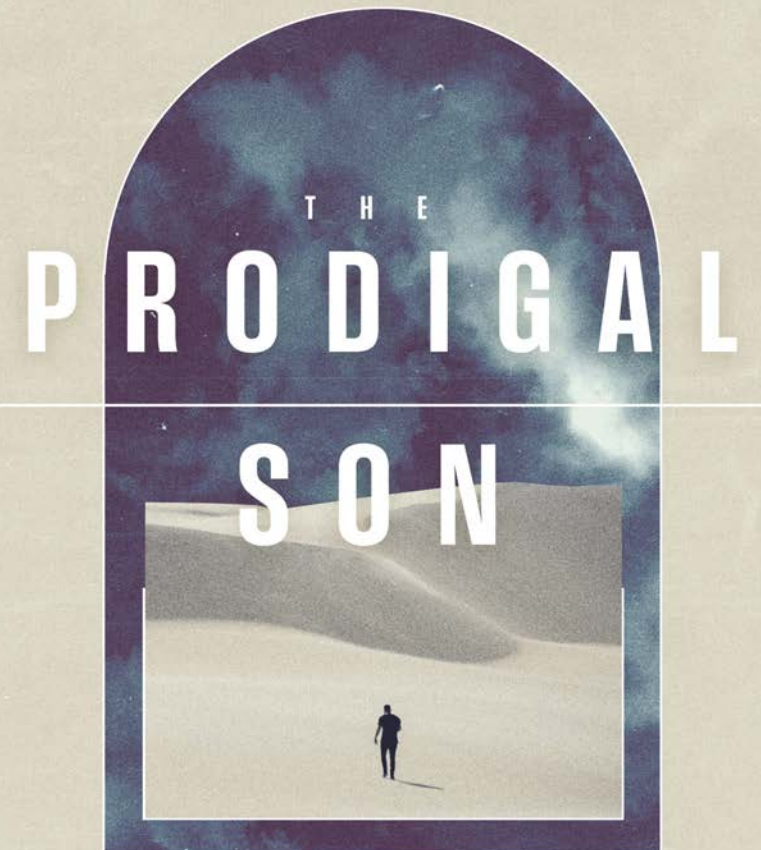


Diann Rudd
Music Ministries



Elisa Taff
Children's Director

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



WEEK 4
THE ELDER SON



LOST CREEK
United Methodist Church