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.

FOLLOW:

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
lostcreekumc.org

Announcements

JOIN A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
SUNDAYS | 9:30 A.M.

Now that we have expanded to two worship services, Sunday School begins 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

SPARKLE MOMS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 6:00PM

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!

PRE-CHARGE CONFERENCE MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 11:45 A.M.

It is almost time for our annual Charge Conference, where our church decides business such as its list of committee nominations, clergy compensation, and more. Our Charge Conference will be on October 11, with thirteen other churches. To prepare, our Administrative Council will meet after second service on September 13 to give preliminary approval for our Charge Conference business, and everyone is invited.

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.

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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!

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
11:45 a.m. | Administrative Council
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

9.15.26
Beth Howey

9.18.26
Rob McCaslin

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, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

PRELUDE	*Our Great Savior*
WELCOME	Buddy Moore (8:15) | Aaron Box (10:30)
CALL TO WORSHIP	Psalm 103`
OPENING HYMN	*Gather Us In*
PRAYERS	
CHILDREN'S TIME	Elisa Taff
SCRIPTURE READING	**1 John 3:1-3** Susan Ledgerwood
SONGS	*Lost in Your Love* *Good, Good Father*
SCRIPTURE READING	**Luke 15:11-16** Max Rudd (8:15) | Katrina Jarvis (10:30)
SERMON	**The Father's Son** | Pastor Michael Carpenter
TITHES & OFFERINGS	*I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*
DOXOLOGY	
CHOIR ANTHEM	*The Old Church Choir* (10:30)
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)
HOLY COMMUNION	
FOUR COMMITMENTS	
AFTERTHOUGHTS	
CLOSING HYMN	*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (UMH 140)
BENEDICTION	
IN JESUS' NAME	
POSTLUDE	*We Have Heard the Joyful Sound*

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