



**Black Rock Church of the Brethren**  
**3864 Glenville Road**  
**Glenville, PA 17329**

**The JOURNEY Highlights**

- ♥ September Pastor's Page
- ♥ September Sermon's and Scriptures
- ♥ September Birthdays and Anniversaries
- ♥ Thank you notes

**September -13 Clothing Drive at BR COB 10 am-1 pm**

**September 14- Children's SS, bi-wkly during Worship**

**September 19 & 20 District Conference, Hanover COB**

**September 21 Canaan's Land Bluegrass for Worship**

- ♥ Fall Deacons carry-in meeting following choir

**September 26 & 27**

- ♥ Disaster Relief Auction at Lebanon Expo Center

**October 5 Love Feast & Communion, after Worship**

**October 12 Hanover -CROP HUNGER WALK**

**October 18-Camp Eder, FALL FEST**

**October 19 following Worship-**

**Black Rock Congregational Business meeting.**

**Followed by Soup Sunday, carry-in meal .**

Recording the  
***JOURNEY***  
of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren  
***September*** 2025



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Our Vision:

Come as you are. Experience God's love. Go out like Christ.

Our Mission

Black Rock Church is a place of refuge  
where people are renewed and transformed by the Spirit  
to continue the work of Jesus peacefully, simply, together

# Pastor's Page

**“What’s the point”**

**By Pastor Brandon**

Scripture calls for the meeting of God’s people in several places. The disciples are told by Jesus to lean on each other, to pray together, and to continually be together. Jesus says, where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am also. We hear the exhortation from Paul to many of the churches he writes to, encouraging them to continue to meet together, but to change the way they prioritize things or perhaps examine the manner in which, and the reason for why they are able to meet together and worship.

What’s the point friends of the church! For years, for centuries many never had to ask that question. Or did they? There are some who say the church was the social center of society at one point. For many it was, but for many, it wasn’t, just like it is now! Parents raised their kids to go to church because it was the thing you just did! But was it really the center of everyone’s life? Did everyone prioritize God over everything else in their life?

Truth be told, if the Corinthians and Colossians, and the Romans and Galatians, as well as even Jesus disciples had trouble figuring out why they should be meeting together, , worshiping a God who wasn’t providing and breeding immediate positive responses or results, then is it any wonder why today’s church suffers? If it was challenging for a person throughout time to feel a sense of unity with those who held unique perspectives or economic status or whatever difference from them, then are we surprised it’s no different for us?

The truth is that God’s people have always been and will always be God’s people. We’re not supposed to be the same, we never were. But we are supposed to continue to strive towards a sense of worship, to be a beacon of light in times which are rough and tough. We are called to be lights in darkness and the murkiness so God can be honored and glorified, and so Jesus can be shared!

That, my friends, is why we meet! That's why, no matter what our numbers or our finances or our circumstances, there's always a point. There's always a reason for getting together, for meeting together. It's so we can be strong together in the Lord. It's so we can be strengthened by a God who knows we're weak and can help us together be strong! It's so we can lean on one another and not lose heart that, no matter what, Jesus is with us and continues to give us help and hope!

So, what's the point of having the church, it's to continue to allow Jesus to be uplifted and us to be continually inspired by him. It's for us to not complain about the times, but to praise God in these times! And what's the point of the church, it's most of all to feel God's love and light upon us, knowing at any time, God is with us, we're never alone! To God be the glory!



## **Sermons and Scriptures**

**September 7— “The Cost of Discipleship”**

Luke 14:25-33

**September 14- “Jesus Lives Today”**

John 3:13-17

**September 21-**

**Canaan's Land Bluegrass**

Providing our Worship Service today!

**September 28 - “Are you truly content?”**

1 Timothy 6:6-8



# September

## *Birthdays*

1	Tenna Conover	16	Amber Shaw
3	CJ Vanderheyden Jr.	18	Nathan Despines
4	Art Hanson	19	Brett Hoffacker
	Kayden Killen	20	Randy Hoffacker
6	Lyla Hoffacker		Doug Martin
7	Donna Apicella	22	Melissa Garvick
	James Garvick	23	Thomas Howdysshell
9	Alan Cornbower	25	Donna Hamm
12	Esther Kipple -90th		Cole Shaub
13	Kelly Shaub	28	Clyde Stremmel
15	Alaina Biddle		Jackie Howdysshell
	Ben McMaster	29	Robert Greening
			Lisa Konopinski
			Angie Steckel



## *ANNIVERSARIES*

*8- Jamie & Tammy Hartlaub ('84)*

*10- C J & Emily Vanderheyden Jr.('16)*

## **CROP HUNGER WALK**

***ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME***

***Hanover***

**CROP HUNGER WALK**

**OCTOBER 12, 2025**

**1, 2, OR 3 Mile Walk Routes at Codorus State Park**

**Marina Day Use Area**

**Registration Begins at 12:30 PM St Paul's (Dubs) Union Annex**  
**If you would like to Walk -Packets will be in the Gathering Place**  
**WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.**



**Sunday School class for children Sept. 14,** during worship. We plan to continue this **every other Sunday**. Each Sunday children will sing a song or two, have story time, a memory verse, snack time, prayer time, coloring or craft time, and play time. Parents (or grandparents) are welcome to attend worship or sit in on the class (if children are not ready to stay). The teachers will be Shirley Boldosser, or Christine Shaffer with a helper. This will be in the Sunday School room down the hall, past the nursery, on the left. Children in the class should be Preschool & up. The nursery will still be available for babies.





## **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

**Sept. 9-Staff Relations Team mtg. Tue. 7 pm in Library**

**Sept. 13—Clothing and Shoe Drive –10 am–1 pm**  
Please donate your gently used clothing and shoes at Black Rock Church of the Brethren. The Outreach team will be transporting donated items to Community Aid later that day.

**Sept. 16– Leadership Team mtg. Tues. at 7 pm, in Library.**

**September 19 & 20- District Conference at Hanover COB**

**Sept. 21–Worship & Music by Canaan's Land Bluegrass.**  
**Please come and bring your friends for a Special service.**  
**9/21-Deacon meeting** following worship and choir practice,  
Fall carry-in , Deacons plan to attend and bring a dish or desert to share before our meeting.

**October-4-Deacons Love Feast prep. Sat. at 9 am.**

**October 5- Love Feast and Bread & Cup Communion,**  
following Morning Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**October 19– The Congregational Business Meeting**  
at Approximately 11:15 am following Morning Worship.  
**Immediately following the CBM-**  
**Soup Sunday, for everyone it's a carry-in meal in the**  
**basement/fellowship hall.**

## *Thank You!*

- ♥ Outreach team for assisting the Congregation in “Blanketing the World with Love” Through Church World Service for the month of August up to Aug. 24 we collected a total of \$1885.00 enough to purchase 188.5 blankets. Aug. 31 is the last day to donate.
- ♥ Sandie Keller for Preparing our Congregational cards.
- ♥ Thank you to Susan Feltch for tracking the attendance.
- ♥ Thank you to Suzanne Werner for serving as our Welcomer for August.
- ♥ Those who help with the Provide-A-Lunch, at H.A.C.C.
- ♥ Savannah Lehr and Audrey Shisler for serving as August Worship Leaders
- ♥ To Jean Kehr who has served for many years and continues to serve as our Sunday school secretary.
- ♥ To all the Leaders who have said yes to continuing to serve as a leader for the next term, and to those who have served and are taking a break and also to those who are considering serving as leaders starting in January 2026.
- ♥ Thank you to our Sunday school teachers and group leaders who present opportunities for learning and growing as we begin a new school year.
- ♥ Thank you to Skip & Jeanne Wah, for choosing and presenting our thoughtful words on our Marquee.
- ♥ Thank you to Mark & Mary Robinson for outside maintenance.
- ♥ Thank you to Pastor Brandon for serving as our 2025 Annual Conference Delegate.
- ♥ Thank you to those who help in the kitchen for events and for several funerals already this year.



# SOUP SUNDAY

**Coming this fall...**



The Worship and Fellowship

Team has scheduled October 19 as

**"Soup Sunday"**, a carry-in soup lunch and fellowship event, to be held following Worship and the Congregational Business Meeting.

For planning purposes, we would appreciate it if you could let us know if you can attend and what you can contribute to the lunch.

Contributions are not required but are greatly appreciated. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for October.

## **48th Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction**

**Friday, September 26, 2025**

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**

Lebanon Valley Expo Center,  
80 Rocherty Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042

If anyone would like more information pick up an Auction booklet in the Gathering Place or see the website: ***www.BrethrenAuction.org***

# Camp Eder



## FALL FEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

10AM-4PM

MEAL SERVED 11AM-3PM

SILENT AUCTIONS: 10:00-10:45 & 11:00-11:45

LIVE AUCTION: 12:00 NOON

- Pork Meal-Barrel Train Rides-Hay Rides
- Live Auction-Kid's Activities-Craft Vendors
- Eder Made Apple Butter-Yard Sale Vendors
- Live Music-

# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3 Wed. Bible Study 9:30 am Weekly conf. call 1-832-831-2424 ID: 262798	4	5	6
7	8	9 Staff Relations mtg. 7:00 pm	10 9:30am Bible Study	11	12	13 OUTREACH <b>Clothing Drive</b> 10 am—1 pm
14 10:15 am Children's SS during Worship	15	16 Leadership team mtg. 7:00 pm	17 9:30am Bible Study	18 8:30 am PAL	19 <b>District Conference at</b>	20 <b>HANOVER COB</b>
21 10:15 am <b>Canaan's Land</b> <b>Bluegrass !</b> <b>Deacon mtg.</b>	22	23	24 9:30am Bible Study	25	26 <b>Brethren Disaster Relief Auction</b>  <b>Mowrer Rehearsal and Wedding @ BR</b>	27
28 10:15 am Children's SS during Worship	29	30	 <b><u>SUNDAY-OCTOBER 5, -LOVE FEAST AND COMMUNION</u></b>			

Sept.	Accompanist/	AV tech	Video	Welcomer	DECORATORS	Attendance	Monthly	Cards	Worship Leaders
Sept.7	Esther Kipple	Karl Lehman	Beth Osborne	Dick Shaffer	Robyn Bortner & Connie McMaster	Mary Robinson & Susan Felтч	Pat Challenger	Darlene Myers Angela Gwinn	Cheryl Leppo
Sept. 14	Jeanne Wah	Randy / Amy Hoffacker	Carrie Brenton						
Sept. 21	Canaan's Land Bluegrass	Karl Lehman	Wynne Hoffacker						
Sept. 28	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Jodi Weaver						