

Recording the

JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

NOVEMBER

2025



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Adult Sunday school - 9 am

Morning Worship & Children's Sunday school -10:15 am

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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.

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Highlights in the November “Journey”

- ◆ Pastor's Page
- ◆ Sermon topics and scripture
- ◆ Birthdays, & Anniversaries
- ◆ Thank you's
- ◆ Celebration of Life Service Nov. 2
- ◆ Poinsettia Order Form Due Nov. 9th
- ◆ Angel Tree Project for Children's Aid Society
- ◆ Christmas Cookie Bake-Sat. Dec. 6
- ◆ Church Christmas Party– Sun. Dec. 7
- ◆ Truck Stop Ministry Cookie collection
- ◆ November Church Calendar

So where are we? I know, in Glenville Pennsylvania. But really friends, where are we as a church? Are we a people ready to continue being revived for the Lord? Are we people ready for God to continue to use us? Or are we tired? Are we just not seeing the results of growth in the ways we would like, and are we ready to give up? These core questions are facing us as believers constantly not just as the church continually, but individually also. It's so easy to be just exhausted of it all, to give up, to throw up our hands and say, enough is enough.

So many times, in scripture, I'll bet Jesus felt like giving up. I'll bet when so many people turned away from him, when they refused to believe, when even his own friends, his closest brothers abandoned him, he wanted to just give up. Yet, what did he do? He worked even more. He ministered even more. He found more people to heal, to be with, to gather with.

And so, I ask again, where are we? Who are we? Are we people, ready for Jesus to come and gather us, ignite us as his people know matter what that might mean, what that might look like? Are we ready for him to change us, to use us in ways which maybe would surprise us, but which in the end will bless us. Are we ready to give up some things we've known to still be the church we know and still love!

Or is it the alternative? Are we feeling as the Apostles did after their long journey through Rome, where they were exhausted and feeling lifeless. If so, remember what those Apostles did. They simply gave thanks to God! Let us give thanks for God having us right where we are. Can we do that? Are we truly rejoicing knowing as Black Rock, we are still a church called to be God's people to invite everyone to come as they are, to truly experience God's love, and to go out like Christ! To God be the glory!





November Sermons and Scripture

November 2- Celebration of Life Service

Scripture: Luke 19:1-6

“Everything Changed”

November 9- Children’s Sunday school.

10:15 am during morning worship

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

“Stand Firm and Be Comforted”

November 16-

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25

“The Best is Yet to Come”

November 23-Children’s Sunday school.

10:15 am during morning worship

Scripture: Colossians 1:12-14

“Truly, Thanks be to God”

November 30-

Scripture: Luke 1:5-7; 26, 2:25, 36;

Matthew 24:36-39, 42

“Waiting for God”

(meditation by Henri Nouwen)





CHURCH FAMILY
Christmas Party

Church Christmas Party
Sunday, December 7, at 12:30 pm
At Craft Eats Restaurant
304 Poplar Street,
Hanover, PA 17331

We will enjoy a Turkey Dinner
Entertainment by the Alesia Brass Quintet.

To make your reservations see
Wynne Hoffacker or Audrey Shisler
by Nov. 9th.

Tickets are \$20. per person.

“For those whose budget doesn’t allow the
cost of the Church Christmas party,
there is coverage for the cost.
Just let Wynne or Audrey know
and the cost will be covered.”

Come join us for a joyful celebration as we
prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ and
strengthen the bonds of our
Church Community.

It will be a relaxed time filled with great food,
beautiful music, and
cherished conversations with friends.

Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be placed on the baptism for Morning Worship Sunday, Dec 21, 2025

Please hand this order form and payment to, Bonnie Henry, Jill Hoffacker or Connie McMaster by Sunday, Nov. 9th. Or send this form and payment to the church with your check made payable to: Black Rock COB before Sunday, November 9th. Plants from Miller Plant Farm.

Number of Poinsettias (\$ 11.00 ea.) 6-inch pot with 6-8 blooms Red _____. White _____.

(Pink and white is) Marble _____. (Red and white is) Glitter _____.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Deadline for Orders due Sunday, November 9th 2025



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| 1-Geoffrey Rappoldt | 17-Bristol Miller |
| 2-Chrystelle Strausbaugh | 18-Christine Shaffer |
| 3-Kellie Waltimeyer | 19-Bailey Stickles |
| 6-Gregory Shaffer | 20-Ken Weaver |
| 6-Caleb Stickles | 23-Adam Covalt |
| 7-Kenneth Stremmel | 24-Tyler Osborne |
| 8-Mackenzie Bortner | 25-Ryder Vanderheyden |
| 11-Kirsten Cook | 27-Linda Covalt |
| 11-Carl Stremmel | |

Anniversaries

- 04- Mark & Mary Robinson-2017
08- Todd & Sandy Bollinger-1997
14- Justin & Dannielle Hoffacker-2015

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD 2025

The congregational Christmas Card has been a tradition here at Black Rock for many years.

Starting on the first Sunday of December and continuing through the end of the month, the Christmas card will be on display for folks to sign. The idea is that by signing the card, you are sharing your greeting with members of the Black Rock Flock, and in lieu of sending individual cards, you can use the envelopes provided to make a donation.

The card proceeds will go toward Camp Eder. Feel free to direct any questions you may have to any member of the Outreach Ministry Team.

Sandie, Sharon, Mary, Shari, and Connie

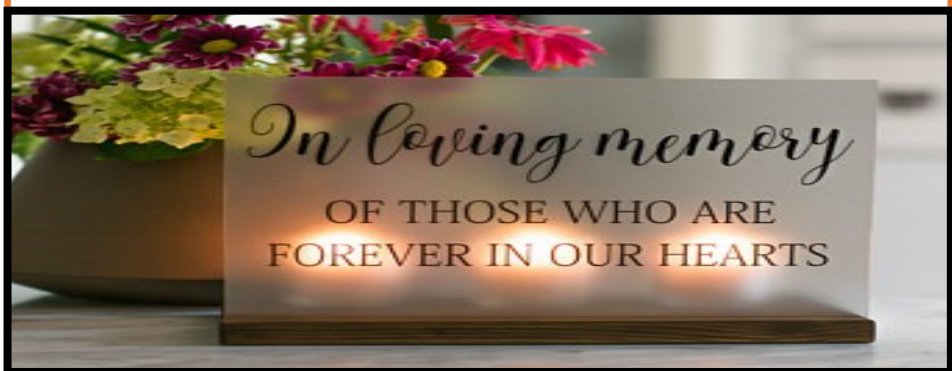


The Outreach Team thanks you all for the Clothing donated toward the clothing drive.

Again, thank you so much!

The Outreach Team: Sandie, Sharon, Mary,
Shari, and Connie

From the Worship & Fellowship Team -We thank
everyone who attended our Soup Sunday
and all those who shared the
delicious soups, salads and desserts.



Celebration of Life Service:

On behalf of our Worship and Fellowship team,
I am Inviting you to the Celebration of Life service. If
you have mourned the loss of anyone from November
2024—2025 , please share that person's name with us at
church. Names will be read, and a bell will be rung,
forming our traditional Celebration of Life moments on
the first Sunday in November on the 2nd as we remem-
ber these servants and saints in our morning worship
service. Please either note the individual's name you
would like to lift up in the book located at the back of the
sanctuary, or call or Email the office by Oct. 27 , 2025.
Pastor Brandon

2025 Angel Tree Project

The Outreach Team will be sponsoring an Angel Tree again this year for Children's Aid Society. The Angel tree will be up on Sunday Nov. 2nd. We will be accepting donations through November until Sunday the 30th.

*Remember gifts are to be new and unwrapped. As always, thanks in advance for your help.



Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry

As the holidays are getting closer, it's time to put cookie baking on your calendar. Please plan to share cookies with the truckers who travel long days and some don't get to spend much time with their families. This is the 40th year that chaplains have ministered to truckers and travelers from the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry. Over the years there have been different chaplains, but their mission to share Christ with truckers and travelers remains the same. And so once a year we show our support to the truck stop ministry by sharing cookies and scripture and prayers to show love to people, remembering that "what you do for the least of these you do for Christ."

So pack 5 or 6 cookies in a zip lock bag and bring them to church on Sunday, December 7. Also if you want to decorate paper lunch bags and put the zip lock bag in decorated paper bags that is good. But Paul and Shirley can put them in paper bags for you. We put stickers on all of the bags that give the Truck Stop information and have Black Rock COB and a scripture on. And we will deliver them to Carlisle on Monday December 8.

Here's something new this year. Read about the Christmas cookie baking with the children. And maybe you will want to join the fun baking and decorating the cookies with the kids.

Christmas Cookie Bake



Save the date: Saturday, December 6, 2025

9:00 am to 11:30 am

Let's start a new tradition at Black Rock Church.

The Christian Education team is hosting a
multi-generational Cookie Event.

All ages are invited to come and bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends. If you are able, please bring a pre-mixed batch of cookie dough and baking instructions. (your own recipe or the easy kind you just throw on a pan and bake.)

We would like to donate some of the cookies to the Truck Stop Ministry that we support annually, and you may take some of the cookie's home.

We will have decorating stations for cookies and to decorate the cookie bags. We will need cookie decorators, cookie bakers, and cookie baggers.

Please sign up on the Narthex Bulletin board. List the number of people coming and your flavor of cookie dough so we can plan accordingly.

We are also asking for donations of:

- *parchment paper- to use to bake the cookies and
- *sandwich size Ziploc type bags.

Come join the ~~chaos~~-FUN and get into the Christmas Spirit!

November 2025

Grateful, Thankful, Blessed!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Celebration of Life service. Deacon mtg. Daylight savings ends	3	4	5	6	7 8:30 a 1st Friday Ladies Breakfast	8
9 Deadlines for: Poinsettia orders and Church Christmas	10	11 Staff Relations mtg. 7 pm	12	13 Properties mtg. 3	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 BR at PAL 8:30 am	21	22
23 Dec.25/Jan.26 Journey Deadline	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
						Office closed 27+28/ Pastor on vacation 11/27-12/5
30 Pastor vacation						

Dates	Accompanist	Sound tech	Video Camera	Welcomers	Decorators	Attendance	Mo. visitor	cards.	Worship Leader
Nov. 2	Esther Kipple	Karl Lehman	Jodi Weaver	Greg, Christine and Brooke Shaffer	Full Decorating team	Sharon Myers	Christine Shaffer	Jill Hoffacker	Susan Feltch
Nov. 9	Jeanne Wah	Randy/Amy Hoffacker	Wynne Hoffacker						
Nov. 16	Suzanne Werner	Karl Lehman	Beth Osborne						
Nov. 23	Jeanne Wah	Randy/Amy Hoffacker	Carrie Brenton						Micha Roth
Nov. 30 Advt. 1	Suzanne Werner	Karl Lehman	Wynne Hoffacker						Susan Feltch