

Recording the

JOURNEY

of the **Black Rock Church of the Brethren**

November

2021



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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

In this month where we reach deeper into the cool of the fall, I'm struck by the warmth of love. Yet, I still cannot forget the feeling fear brings to me. My chest starts heaving, cold chills permeate my body and I'm left tightening up my muscles and feeling my blood running seemingly cold. I might even go lightheaded. Not a fun feeling for sure.

But then I contrast that with the feeling love brings. It relaxes me, I feel a warmth coursing through my body. Sometimes a smile spreads, I'll feel a lighter step, often I'll say the words, I love you to anyone, sometimes to a fault.

So as I've lived for just under forty full years of life now, I wonder what the idea of perfect fear, and perfect love really is. It's one of the main questions facing the church at large in my mind. We can fear a lot of things: people, the future, circumstance, diseases, privacy, being too stand offish, being seen as too in your face. Yet it's hard for me to embrace a concept of fear being perfect?

But love? That's amazing. Love brings a sense of unity, a warmth of the spirit, a vibrancy to meetings, a genuineness to worship, and it extends God's time and his hand of fellowship for and too one another. Now that sounds perfect.

And I'm fascinated by the term perfect, because. As our verse tells us, perfect love drives out, casts out, and vanquishes fear. The cold chills are replaced by warm fuzzies, the tight muscles suddenly relax. The harsh tones and words might even become tones and words of care.

So how might we in this month of giving thanks, allow our love to become more perfect, so our fear of whatever we're holding onto about others or about our church, or about some things we have to do just somehow go away, or become a lot easier to deal with as God gives us strength.

Okay, our days and years may never be perfect, just like we're not. But thank goodness everything and everyone is formed by one who is. So never fear, his love is always available. To God be the glory!

November Sermons and Scripture



November 7 Celebration of Life Revelation 21:1-6

Main Scripture- Mark 12:41-44

Title- We are an offering.

Description- Each of us are called to be an offering to Jesus however we can to make the whole kingdom come alive and thrive.

November 14

Scripture- Matthew 9:35-38

(5 /5-part series on Statement of Faith and Call to Action)

Title- Where is our mission field?

Description- Are we always ready to serve Jesus?

November 21

Scripture- Revelation 1:1-8

Title- No need to fear.

Description- According to Revelation, we have everything to look forward to as believers in Jesus.

November 28 First Sunday in Advent

Guest Speaker, Traci Rabenstein

(Pastor Brandon Grady on vacation)



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

01	Joyce Hamme	07	Kenneth Stremmel
	Geoffrey Rappoldt	08	Mackenzie Bortner
02	Chrystelle Strausbaugh	11	Kirsten Cook
03	Kellie Waltmyer	18	Christine Shaffer
04	Janet Hann	19	Bailey Stickles
06	Gregory Shaffer	20	Ken Weaver
	Caleb Stickles	24	Tyler Osborne
11	Tammy Sasscer	27	Linda Covalt
	Carl Stremmel, Sr.		Deb Stremmel

Anniversaries

4-Brian & Susan Felch

4-Mark & Mary Robinson

8-Todd & Sandy Bollinger

14-Paul & Shirley Marshall

14-Justin & Danielle Hoffacker

21-Tony & Stacey Widener

22-Mike & Patti Ritter



- ♥ Thank you to Suzanne Werner for preparing the October Encouragement cards.
- ♥ Thanks to Paul Boldosser, Carrie Brenton, Jodi Weaver and John Werner for changing the bulbs in the projector .
- ♥ Thanks to Sharon Myers for making sure we had school kit bags and lots of notebooks. Thanks to my team for packing them. Thank you Mike Ritter for praying the blessing on them. Thanks to Skip and Jeannie Wah for taking them to New Windsor. You are all amazing! Sandie Keller Outreach Chair. .
- ♥ Thank you to Sandie Keller for providing the Narthex Display for October
- ♥ Thanks to Jean Kehr for being our monthly visitor by phone.
- ♥ Thank you to Jim Biddle and the members of the Conewago Band, who shared their talents with us during Worship Oct.31.
- ♥ Thank you to Susan Felch who served as our Worship Leader for October, you did a great job.



On behalf of our Worship and Fellowship team, I am encouraging you if you have mourned the loss of anyone from November of last year to this year, to 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 moment on the first Sunday in November the 7th, as we remember 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 on the back table in the sanctuary, or Email the office by Nov. 3 at noon.

Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be placed on the baptistry for Christmas Sunday, Dec. 19,

Please hand this order form to Jill Hoffacker Nov. 21st or Nov. 28th. or

Send to the church with your check made payable to:

Black Rock COB by Sunday, **November 28th**



Number of RED Poinsettias (\$11. ea.)

In honor of

In memory of

Given by

Deadline for Orders due Sunday, November 28, 2021

Help Decorate Black Rock's Christmas Tree

During the Sunday, December 12, worship service there will be an opportunity for you to add a handmade ornament to the sanctuary Christmas tree. If you/your child/your family would like to take part in this tree decorating during the service, please pick up a pre-packaged ornament craft kit to take home and assemble. These easy-to-use kits will be in a basket near both entrances of the church from Sunday, November 14, through Sunday, December 5. The craft kits are geared towards children; however, anyone may take part in this activity. If you would like to keep an ornament for your own Christmas tree at home, feel free to take two ornament kits. We just ask that you attend the December 12 service with one ornament that you assembled to hang on the church Christmas tree during the specified time in the worship service. You may print your name on the back of the ornament you are sharing so that you may take it home with you after Christmas, once we disassemble the Christmas tree.



Ornament

WORKSHOP



Make an Ornament Workshop after Worship

The Christian Education Team is planning a “Make Your Own Christmas Ornament” workshop after worship on Sunday, December 5. Nicole Osborne will be leading this activity. We will begin making the ornaments promptly at 11:30 a.m. and plan to be finished with this activity at around 12:30 p.m. Pre-packaged snacks and bottled water will be available during this event. Children are welcome, with an accompanying adult. If you are interested in attending this workshop, there will be a sign-up sheet hanging on the narthex bulletin board soon. We ask that you sign up by November 29 so we know the number of supplies to have on hand for this craft activity. If you would like to hang your ornament on the sanctuary tree during the worship service on Sunday, December 12, please feel free to do so! Your ornament will be available for you to pick up after Christmas, once we disassemble the tree. (Please put your name on the back.). If you have any questions about these activities please contact a member of the Christian Education Team: Beth Osborne, Patti Ritter or Nicole Osborne.



HACC Special Needs for November

All of these items can be placed in the marked box under coat rack in the Narthex.

PAL: Single serve fruit cups

Cans of String Beans, sweet peas & mixed vegetables, Dish Soap.

The shelter needs are as follows:

Deodorant (Men & Women's) Disposable gloves M/L, Lysol spray, Ajax, Clorox wipes, gal. Ziploc bags, New Bed pillows, New/used twin sheet sets.

Clothing bank: Family sized toiletries, Men & Women ankle socks, Womens underwear sizes 6,7+8, 1X,2X,3X Men's underwear, Men's white T shirts XL/2X Diapers size 5&6 and Baby wipes.

Meals on wheels:

Prayer cards/ words of encouragement for our shut ins, large print word find or crossword activity books, (old extra-large print devotion books. We currently have 10 that were donated and would need 30 more to be able to get to all of our shut ins)

Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc. 2021 Cookie Collection



NOTE: Due to COVID-19 concerns, we are asking you to wear masks and gloves while preparing and packaging cookies, and that you seal the bags with staples, bows, etc.

Place 6 to 8 cookies in a plastic 'zip-lock' bag and then into a paper lunch bag, which may be decorated.

(Christmas card fronts stapled to the bag are great!)

Black Rock collection Sunday will be December 12th

Paul and Shirley Boldosser will deliver the cookies to

Carlisle on Monday December 13th



Happy
Thanksgiving



2021
Angel Tree Project
to support
**Children's Aid
Society**

2021 Angel Tree Project

Once again the Outreach Ministry team will be participating in the Angel Tree project to support the Children's Aid Society and the families it serves.

Beginning on Sunday November 14 there will be a small tree in the back of the sanctuary with angels on. Each angel will have a suggestion of an item to purchase for a child in need. After you select an angel and purchase the item, please place the **unwrapped** item in the designated box close to the wishing well. If you are unable to shop for an item, please feel free to give a money donation to Shari Lehman and the item will be purchased for you.

Items purchased must be at church no later than December 5 so that they can be delivered to the Children's Aid Office in a timely manner for distribution. Thank you as always for your generosity in supporting our district agency



November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Daylight savings begins, Fall Back November 7	1	2	3	4	5	6 Kevin Lehman visitation 10:30a
7 Celebration of Life Service 9am W & F mtg.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 7p-LT mtg.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving Office closed	26 Pastor on Vacation	27.....
28..... Guest speaker Traci Rabenstein	29.....	30..... Jodi out of office	Pastor on vacation thru Sat. Dec.4th

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Zoom and Video	DECORATORS	Monthly phone visitor	Congregational cards.	Worship Leaders
NOV 7	Esther Kipple	Amy Hoffacker Randy Hoffacker	Carrie Brenton	GLORIA MYERS - ROSE MARIE RILL - BONNIE HENRY & -JILL HOFFACKER	Betty Laughman	Sandie Keller	Brett Hoffacker
NOV 14	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Beth Osborne				Brett Hoffacker
NOV 21	Robyn Bortner	Amy Hoffacker Randy Hoffacker	Mike Woodward				Wynne Hoffacker
NOV 28 Traci Rabenstein	Martha Brant	Karl Lehman	Wynne Hoffacker				Suzanne Werner