

Recording the

JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

July & August 2026



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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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history.
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- ♥ Hymn Sing at the Chestnut
Grove Meetinghouse.

So, why is a church, a church in the first place ? Obviously, It seeks to be a group of people worshiping and praising God. It's a family, a tight family where all should get along and realize all are an important part to make things happen. And yet, is that all a church is?

Actually you could say we can praise God alone, although many of the Psalms call for all the trees of the forest to clap their hands, and we simply cannot be our own tree, and expect our praise to be powerful!

Yet why does a church exist? Well my friends, it's simple, we are built on the foundation of Jesus as the body of Christ. We are, therefore, called to do the work of the Lord as God's will allows us. Doing the work of the Lord seems simple. However, following the will of the Lord can be so confusing sometimes. All of us have a different idea of what God's will actually is for the community.

Take Black Rock Church and the state in which we currently rest, For example. Do you think, if you asked everyone, you'd get the same answer from everyone as to what God's will for Black Rock truly is? Obviously, we know that's not the case. And yet, we still are the church. And we are called to continue, amidst our differences and disagreements, still to do the Lord's will. First and foremost, this means continuing to allow ourselves to be the body of Christ even as we seek to form and find our future. We are to continue being those trees in the forest clapping our hands and praising God day and night!

So, my friends, let us remember, God's will is for us to remember we are still a family. We are sisters and brothers; God's people called to worship and praise him. We are to hold fast to God's will to love as the Lord has loved us from the very beginning of time. And most of all, we are to remember, God is with us to the very end of the age, and if we remain faithful and follow his leading, we'll be taken care of, no matter what our earthly or congregation's future may hold! -To God be the glory

July and August Sermons and Scripture

July 5– “Come to Me” Matthew 11:28-30

July 12 –“Following Jesus involves a whole lot!

(following Jesus means taking up our cross completely. When it comes to doing so, there's a whole lot involved, but if we're willing to do it in the end, all will be well!) **Luke 9:23-27**

July 19- “Working at our relationships is a ministry” Relationship-building may not be easy work, but it is blessed work. It was ordained by God and therefore we are joyfully called into that ongoing, active work!) : **2 Corinthians 5:18-20**

July 26 “Sermon: In all ways, we should enjoy sharing and being together! (on communion Sunday, this is a sermon built around the idea we are one in Christ as we eat and pray and just simply be disciples of Jesus together!)

Acts 2:42-47

August 2- “The one who’s the greatest, is the one who serves” Jesus says just this in the gospels, reminding the disciples the one who is humble is actually great.) **Luke 22:24-27**

August 9- “A Two Way Street Faith” (Jesus always walks with us, are we always walking with him, is our faith a two way street?) **Matthew 14:24-33**

August 16– “Great Faith” By Audrey Shisler

Scripture: Romans 12: 1-2 and Matt 15: 21-28

August 23 “Despite everything happening in the world, is our belief still real? (A message of exhortation, recognizing how tough things may be in the world, but if we still believe, the gospel of Jesus can still live!) **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

August 30 “: Do we have joyful confidence? (Do we, like the Psalmist, remember God is blessing and leading us.? Do we feel confident and joyful in knowing all that no matter what the future holds for us as individuals and especially as a church?) **Psalms 63 Verses 1-8**



- ♥ **A special thanks to all who donated to the summer lunch program so far this summer 2026.**
- ♥ **Thanks to Duane Shaulis, Kim Shaulis and Missy Dulaney** for transporting donations for the summer lunch program.
- ♥ **Thank you to the Outreach team** for the Narthex display, showing items to be collected for the Summer Lunch Program that helps feed 88 local children over the summer break.
- ♥ **Thank you to Jill Hoffacker** for serving as the monthly visitor and for preparing our Congregational cards for June.
- ♥ **Thank you John and Linda Covalt** for being our Welcomers for June.
- ♥ **Thank you to Richard T. Shaffer** who recycles our Aluminum donations for funds used to help send Black Rock church kids to Camp Eder.
- ♥ **Thank you to Greg and Christine Shaffer** for Leading our Worship service in June.
- ♥ **Thank you to Deacon Jodi Weaver** for tracking the church Worship attendance for the month of June.
- ♥ **Thank you to the Worship and Fellowship team and the Alesia Band and Director, Jim Biddle** who made our church picnic enjoyable.
- ♥ **Thank you to those who have shared special music for the month of June. Pastor Brandon, Ben Grady, Connie McMaster and Sandie Keller. Jim Biddle and the Conewago Band and the Alesia Quintet.**



2 Martha Brant	22 Katelyn Redding
..... Kody Garvick	 Lois Shaffer
3 Noah Haring	23 Randy Brant
4 Randy L. Shaffer	Eric Lehman
5 Matthew Nawn	24 Pat Challenger
8 Beth Nawn	Shari Lehman
11 Chloe Baugher	Olivia Liccardello
16 Greg Wentz	Mike Ritter
17 Connie McMaster	Mary Robinson
18 Amy Lucabaugh	29 Steve Brenton
21 Aaron Biddle	31 Jean Kehr



July 9 -David and Kirsten Cook Jr. ('16)

**Please Save the Date– September 20, 2026
with a Special Worship Service**

Our Congregation is celebrating 150 years

since the Black Rock Meetinghouse was constructed.

Back in 1876, I'm told the land was \$50. and it cost \$3,500. in materials for some of the congregation to build it. My great grandfather Aaron S. Baugher, was just 9 years old. Many of you have relatives that were instrumental over those next 150 years in this congregation and community. Please think about all we can celebrate from this rich heritage and the impact of all the people over the last 150 years. Was your family involved? Were you welcomed to this family of faith? Who are the people at Black Rock who influenced your faith journey? How long have you been with Black Rock? Did you get baptized here? In the baptistry? Or in the creek? Did you get married here? Are your family members buried here? Maybe you've only been here a month or two? What brought you here, why do you stay? Let's celebrate all the great Blessings of Black Rock. Watch for more ways to share your stories and pictures. -Jodi Weaver, Office Manager.

August Birthdays



2- Emily Vanderheyden
..... Amber Lehr
3..... Julia Hoffacker
5..... Patrick Apicella
..... Oralee Smith
7..... Jill Slagle
10..... Terri Biddle
13..... Robert Walker
13 Paul Berkheimer
14 Kim Shaulis

15 Brandon Lehman
17 Brenda Cornbower
20 Savannah Lehr
22 Stevie Brenton
23 Ruth Athey
27 Rob Stickles
29 Grant Baugher
31 Richard T. Shaffer

August Anniversaries

Aug. 5 Eric & Kim Lehman ('05)

17 Tom & Jackie Howdyshell (07)

23 Ken & Jodi Weaver (1986) 

27 Rich & Joy Shaffer ('60)

28 Jim & Terri Biddle ('82)

30 Steve & Carrie Brenton (08)

30 Greg & Christine Shaffer (08)

Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 16th

Please have your children bring their backpack
to Sunday school that day, and we will bless
the backpacks and the child that will
carry it through the school year.
Thank you, Christian Education Team.



Outreach

2026 Summer Lunch Program continues...

Here's what we really need:

UPDATED LIST:

64 oz. bottles of 100% Apple juice
100% fruit juice boxes
large jars of jelly (grape or strawberry)
canned pasta
chicken noodle soup
pizza sauce
applesauce cups
raisins (6pack of 1 oz. boxes)
small box of instant chocolate or vanilla pudding

cereal- Rice Krispies, Honey Nut Cheerios, or regular Cheerios.

(Please- No more Mac n Cheese needed.)



Black Rock Church of the Brethren Annual Clothing and Shoe Drive

September 12th 10 am—1 pm

The Outreach Team is requesting that you clean out your closets! Gather up all those unused clothes and shoes! Bring them to Black Rock and we'll transport them to Community Aid. So spread the word! Tell your neighbors, friends and family. All are welcome to participate. And thanks again for your support.

Dates	Accompanist/ Choir	AV tech	Camera	Welcomers	DECORATORS	Attendance	Monthly phone visitor	Congregational cards.	Worship Leaders
Schedulers Worship & Fellowship						Deacons Pastor			
July 5	Jeanne W.	Wynne H	Brett H	Suzanne W	JULY Bonnie H & Jill H		Jean K	Suzanne W	Carrie Brenton
July 12	Robyn B	Tom H	Beth O						
July 19	Jill Slagle	Karl L	Shari L						
July 26	Suzanne W.	Tom H	Randy H						
Aug. 2	Jeanne W.	Carrie B	Brenton boys	Ken Wildasin	AUGUST Bonnie H & Jill H			Carol Jean Hoover	Brett Hoffacker
Aug. 9	Robyn B	Tom H	Randy H						
Aug. 16	Suzanne W.	Wynne H	Beth O						
Aug. 23	Jill Slagle	Karl L	Shari L						
Aug. 30	Robyn B	Micah R	Amy H						

July 2026



**July 19th
Flip Flop Sunday!**
Worship at 9 am &
Fellowship and
Refreshments, then
Sunday school 10:15

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4th
Annual Conference—Fort Wayne, IN					Office Closed 1st Fri. Ladies Breakfast 8:30 am	
5 Kids SS during Worship	6	7	8 9:30 Bible Study	9 8:30 am PAL	10	11
12 9 am The Chosen	13	14	15 9:30 Bible Study	16	17	18
19 	20	21	22	23	24	25
FLIP FLOP SUNDAY	Pastor Brandon speaking at NYC in Estes Park, Colorado					
26 Bread & Cup Communion	27	28	29 9:30 Bible Study	30 8:30 am PAL	31	

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 16						1
2 Kids SS	3	4	5	6	7 1st Fri. Ladies Breakfast	8 Brethren Home BBQ/Car Show 9-1
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					Pastor vacation	
				Jodi vacation		
16- Kids SS / A.Shisler. Preaching	17	18 7 pm- LT -Budget Meeting	19	20 8:30 am PAL lunch at HACC	21	22
Pastor Brandon Vacation						
23 ❤️	24	25	26 11:30 Ladies Lunch at Hoss's	27	28	29
30- Kids SS + * My 2 ¢ offering COB/GFI	31					