When we can gather again Sunday school: 9:00 AM Worship: 10:15 AM
At Home and Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM – 3 PM
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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.
Spring forward!
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Special notice for the Spring Congregational Business Meeting.
Although we have been unable to gather, we are making this special notice available. When we are able to gather again, you will have had this notice for awhile and will have had time to review this proposal from the Cemetery Board.

Black Rock Church of the Brethren Cemetery Bylaws
Article IV Fees and Guidelines
Sections 1-8
Adding another section (#6)

Sec. 6 In our desire to remain current and sensitive to families’ interment preferences for themselves and their loved ones, the Cemetery Board has provided a row in the cemetery for the exclusive interment of cremated remains, hereinafter referred to as cremains. This row provides single plots and two plots per marker for couples. A container with combined cremains of a couple will be treated as one plot. All fees and retainers for non-members will apply.
The Board is aware there may also be a desire for interring cremains over a loved one’s current vault burial site. The Board has embraced this means of interment with the following guidelines.

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B. There would be no additional fee levied by the Cemetery Board for this means of interment provided however, in the case of the primary deceased having been subject to fees, all such fees must be paid in full.
C. A document provided by the Board and holding the Board harmless for any responsibility in the decision making process by the family for these arrangements must be signed by all immediate family members, returned and be approved by the Board.
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We will honor our graduates and their hard work on Graduation Sunday, June 7, during the in worship service. We need the names of anyone graduating from high school, college, and post graduate studies. If anyone in your family is graduating, please forward the following information to the church office by May 18.

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Invite your graduate to join us on June 7, in worship in celebration of their accomplishments.

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- **31 Pentecost**

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