

Recording the

# JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

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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

I'll never forget when I sat in an Annual Conference worship service, and the hymn, it is well with my soul blared out from the congregation as the organist and pianist and three thousand voices joined together in praise. I'll never forget chills running down my spine, tears going down my face. At the end, the music director said, this is heaven, this is heaven! You couldn't hear a pin drop after that. Gosh, I wish I could say, I felt such a moment of peace all the time. But That was one of the few I've felt in the last several years, where everything seemed right.

But friends with our Lord, my question is. Why? Shouldn't we be feeling those pleasant pastures, those still waters, those beautiful moments of God's blessing as we walk with our Lord Jesus every day? Should out of body moments of rapture such as great music plays, or people are unusually kind, or we can help someone we weren't expecting, or we somehow have a friendship spark completely from just talking to a stranger be the only ways we truly feel close to God? If we're truly walking with him, shouldn't our green pastures of pleasantness and peace be filled in everyday experiences and life-giving moments which come when we allow the warmth of God's spirit to move in our hearts and lives, and receive that warmth from others?

I love Psalm 23's first two verses which remind us God is our shepherd and that's all we should need. I love the idea in this time of coming back to a sense of "normalcy" to find those pleasant, green pastures he's leading us back to or beside. I relish the chance to perhaps feel the warmth of the sun of the earth enough to know the son of God is always warming my heart.

What a wonderful opportunity we all have to walk with one who said, I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full! What a blessing to walk with someone who completely is there and has prepared a green pasture for me in paradise. And what a joy to know even when I screw up, I have a green pasture of comfort and still waters which will refresh me when I feel completely desolate, barren or dried out.

As summer dawns, may our hearts Black Rock find those pleasant green pastures so our cups for Christ can run over with still waters of joy. Let's find strength in his newfound freshness, and let's seek him in all we do and are so our green pastures will be places of comfort and bedrocks of faith in Christ which will replenish us for the long run with still waters of his love and grace so it truly will be well with our souls. We'll be restored at last! To God be the glory in Jesus' name!

# Sermons

**June 6** (Invitation to Worship Psalm 130)

Scripture Genesis 3:8-15 **Title: Sin won't win!**

Description Even from the first, God promised sin would be defeated and humanity would be redeemed!

**June 13** (first of five-part sermon series on Black Rock statement of faith and call to action)

Scriptures- Matthew 28:16-20, Luke 10:26-27

**Title- What is our ultimate faith and call?**

Description- What does it mean to be an active living follower of Jesus?

**June 20** (two-part sermon series on COB Compelling Vision Process and what it means for us at Black Rock)

Scripture- Romans 12:1-5

**Title- We are the church, so now what?**

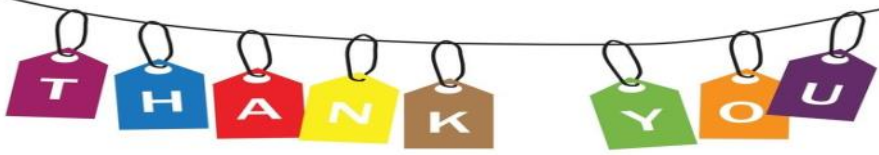
Description- Paul invites us to consider ourselves not as individuals but always as members of the body together in Jesus!

**June 27** (second of two-part sermon series on COB

Compelling Vision process and what it means for us at Black Rock)

Scripture Revelation 21:1-5 **Title- How can all things be new?**

Description- As members of the body of Christ, how can we be renewed even as years roll by, and the future may be unclear?



**Thank you** to Nicole Osborne for organizing our youth to present the service on May 2 for National Youth Sunday. Thanks to Stevie and Alex Brenton, Lilah, Gracie, and Cole Shaub for their participation and to Julia Stonesifer for sharing special music.

**Thank you** to all those who helped with the Shredding Event and thanks to Susan Felch, Brett Hoffacker, Mark and Mary Robinson, and Mike and Patti Ritter who made contacts with our community. Thanks to Mike and Patti Ritter for coming up with this idea. . Many benefited from this Free community event and we received donations totaling \$205.

**Thank you** to the Outreach team for collecting our donations for the Summer lunch program to help local families to have healthy meals available over the summer. And a special thank you to Duane and Diana Shaulis who take the donations to St. David's church to be distributed.

**Thank you** to the Properties team and Mark Robinson for securing a quote for the resurfacing of the front steps. This will be done soon.

**Thank you** to Susan Felch for preparing the Deacon Congregational cards for April and May.

**Thank you** to our Deacons for sending cards as well.





## **Honoring Our 2021 Graduates Congratulations.**

**Ryan Shadle**— son of Crystal Shaffer, grandson of Tom and Jacqueline Howdyshell. Ryan is graduating from South Western HS. He is looking for full time employment in the construction field.

**Cole Shaub** son of Nate and Kelly Shaub , grandson of Rose Marie Rill. Cole is graduating from Spring Grove HS. Cole was active in Varsity Soccer, Mock Trial, German National Honors Society, NHS, Link Crew, History club, and Club Soccer. Cole will have the honor of being one of the Graduation Speakers at his graduation ceremony. Cole plans to attend Lehigh University to major in Bioengineering with a possible minor in Behavioral neuroscience.

# June Birthdays

- 1 Dillon Shaffer
- 2 Grace Wildasin
- 3 Lilah Shaub (07)
- 5 Patti Rappoldt
- 10 Nathan Osborne
- 11 Selena Barlow
- Cindy Kipple
- Camryn Widener
- 12 Tina Alwine
- Robyn Bortner
- 13 Emily Lehman
- Kipp Wentz
- 14 Amy Hoffacker
- 15 Jason Werner



- 17 Marcy Shive
- 18 Weston Vanderheyden (18)
- 19 Barbara Bortner
- 22 Ashlee Gwinn
- Brittany Meadows
- Grace Riebling
- 27 John Dusman
- George Hamm
- 29 Morgan Ecker (12)

# June Anniversaries



- 1— John & Linda Covalt
- 1- Galen & Barb Bortner
- 3— Greg and Lisa Wentz
- 8— Duane and Diana Shaulis
- 12—Francis and Sharon Myers
- 13—Dick and Esther Kipple
- 15- Skip & Jeanne Wah
- 15- Karl & Shari Lehman
- 16— Steve & Connie Forbush
- 18—Brian & Melissa Garvick
- 20—Gerald & Oralee Smith
- 21—Eric & Angela Gwinn
- 25—David & Cheryl Leppo
- 25- Sebastian & Amber Sprenger
- 29— Randy & Cathy Brant





The Summer Lunch Program We have been given a list of foods to choose from to donate. Collection boxes will be placed at St David's Lutheran Church on Musselman Road and at Black Rock Church.

If you choose to take your food to Black Rock, the box is located between the front doors. You may put donations in there anytime. Duane and Diana Shaulis will pick the food up from our church each week and deliver it to St David's.

If you want to take your donations to St David's directly the box will be outside the entrance to the sanctuary in June from 5 to 6 PM only. Do not take anything there except for these specific dates and times.

The food will be distributed through June and possibly into July, depending on the amount of donations received.

Here is the list you can choose from. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Please don't feel you need to buy everything on the list. Whatever you feel you can manage will be fine.

- 15 oz can baked beans**
- 10.75 oz can of noodle or beef vegetable soup**
- 14.75 oz canned pasta**
- 12-18 oz box of Rice Krispies, Cheerios,  
or Honey Nut Cheerios**
- Ramen Noodles**
- Small boxes of raisins**
- 3oz box of strawberry or orange Jell-O**
- 3.4 oz box of instant chocolate pudding**
- Box of granola bars**
- 100% Fruit Juice boxes**
- Box of Mac & Cheese**
- 14 oz jar of pizza sauce**
- 18 oz jar of peanut butter**
- 64 oz bottle of apple Juice**

As always, the Outreach Team thanks you for all you do to help others in need. God Bless you all.



## **Hanover Area Council of Churches**

### **Special Needs**

#### **PAL**

Single serve fruits  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Dish towels/rags, pot holders

#### **Changing Lives Shelter**

Deodorant (Men & Women)  
Disposable cleaning Gloves (Med & Lg),  
Lysol Spray, Ajax , Clorox Wipes,  
Ziploc storage bags (Gallon size)  
Bed Pillows

#### **Clothing Bank**

Family sized toiletries  
Sheet sets all sizes  
Bath Towels  
Men's L & XL white tshirts  
Bread wire ties

#### **Ruth's Harvest**

Single serve entrees,  
cereal,  
juice boxes,  
snacks or veggies  
(all single serve)

**HACC** We accept donations

Mon-Fri 8am -12:30pm

Sat 8am -12:30pm or by appointment.

Call 717- 633-6353 to schedule a drop off.



# THE RUNNING TRACE

Summer Reading Plan

Loving and following Jesus is like being a runner, the Bible says. And a special "prize" waits at the end of the race! When you're tired or your faith feels weak, trust Jesus to give you strength.

With this Summer Reading Plan, you can complete a box every day or every other day. Read the Scripture and complete each activity to grow closer to Jesus. When you reach the finish line, start over for more practice. Invite a friend or family member to "run" with you!

START

**1 Corinthians 9:24-26**  
Run in place as long as you can. Think of ways you "run" for Jesus.

**Deuteronomy 31:1-8**  
(focus on vs. 6)  
How does it feel to know God always runs with you?

**Hebrews 12:1-3**  
Find out what "perseverance" means. Why do runners need that?

**Jeremiah 10:23**  
Pray that God always directs your steps.

**Proverbs 3:5-6**  
Run backward, then in circles, then with eyes closed. Why are "straight paths" simpler?

**Psalms 18:32**  
Memorize this verse.

**Isaiah 41:10**  
Make a paper baton. Practice relay handoffs & discuss God's helpful hand.

**Matthew 18:10-14**  
Think of a time you "wandered off" — and how Jesus found you.

**Psalms 119:32**  
Why do we need to follow rules — and God's commands?

**1 Peter 2:21**  
Play Follow the Leader with friends & family.

**Jonah chapter 1**  
(or a book about Jonah) What happens when Jonah runs from God?

**Matthew 24:13**  
Write the verse with sidewalk chalk. "Stand firm" by it and say it aloud.

**Luke 15:11-32**  
(or a book about it)  
Why did the son run away? What makes his father run?

**John 20:1-10**  
Act out Easter morning, with runners sharing the good news.

**Acts 8:26-40**  
Why did Philip run? How do you share Jesus with others?

**Galatians 5:7**  
Make an obstacle course. What gets in the way of faith?

**2 Timothy 2:5**  
Make a crown to remember your victory in Jesus.

**Philippians 4:13**  
Write or tell someone your strengths.

GO!

We did it!

FINISH

**Revelation 22:20**  
Pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

**2 John 8**  
Play Tag, then "reward" yourself with a cold drink or treat.

**2 Timothy 4:7**  
Draw or make a finish line and run through it.

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10**  
Show muscles and say, "When I'm weak, I am strong."

**Philippians 3:13-14**  
Make a sign that reads "Press on!"

**James 1:12**  
Brainstorm ways to support and cheer other runners.

**1 Timothy 4:8**  
Do jumping jacks, stretches and physical training.

**Hebrews 10:36**  
Talk about the promises God keeps to us.

