

Recording the

JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

MAY 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

Pastor's Page

I waited patiently for the Lord. He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. Psalm 40:1-2

Well, we've done it, we've made it through another spring mostly, and now are turning toward the summer. We've completely graduated from the grimy winter to feel fresh breezes and cool air and the warmth of the sun. And yes, those insects tell us the dawn of a season has past and is well underway.

So I wonder, how bout the season of our faith. We've been sensing new direction as a congregation and are continuing to worship, yet still wondering how long this Pandemic will be part of our lives. And wasn't it the same question David faced in the Psalms when he faced captivity and struggle, when he preached to the Israelites a need for patience but still a deep desire for preaching and pledging their faith in God anew.

What does he say, the Lord is patient with us and hears our cry? Struggles are different in varying times, but though they look different, their questions carry the same weight. For hundreds of years the Israelites were in bondage. So why are a few years and potentially a restructured culture where a few things are different for us in a still entitled America such a travesty?

Dear friends, God wants us to find and feel a sense of being the church, blossoming and blooming anew for the Lord. We also are challenged to be patient as we interact with COVID, but not react by turning away from God or anyone else. We must be praying together, reaching out together, serving together, and struggling together. Sometimes, answers just aren't going to be clear, COVID or not. How do we make ourselves a viable presence in the surrounding community? How do we serve those in need of physical things as well as the gospel? How do we seek our way forward as members continue to go home to our Lord and yet we still face the same ups and downs of the normal operations of practicing congregational life in an anything but normal time?

It's my prayer we feel God being patient as we wait patiently with him. He's hearing us cry out somehow. Let's not forget, no struggle is too great for him. We will be brought through the muddy swamps which swarm us and put on a rock and he will help us stand in a good place. And our place is right on this hill at Black Rock. But maybe that firm place is also a place wherever we are knowing our Lord is there, so whatever our sickness, whatever our symptoms, whatever our struggle, we've got someone to help us through. Let's be patient. Our rock is his rock. And no matter what, it's always where we should stand!

To God be the Glory

Pastor Brandon

Sermons

In person on Sunday Mornings and Worship videos available
Online at: **www.blackrockchurch.org**

You may also join us on Zoom Sundays at 10:10am at:

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Meeting ID: 869 1028 4372

Passcode: hello

May 2 National Youth Sunday

May 9-Mother's Day

Scripture John 15:9-17 Title- - Love each other.

Description: It seems such a simple instruction, yet we all need the reminder to love.

May 16 Ascension Sunday

Scripture 1John 5 9:13 Title- Do you and I have life?

Description- As we believe in Jesus, are we always making sure we know this life is not the end, but something far better awaits!

May 23- Pentecost

Scripture- John 15 26-27, 16:12-15

Title- We always have help.

Description- Jesus never leaves us alone. He's given us someone to lean on, so we need not be afraid.

May 30 Baby Dedication

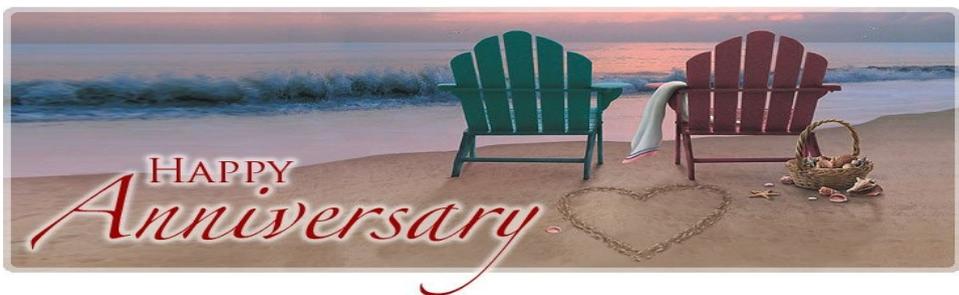
Scripture-Romans 8:12-17

Title- Are we truly led by the Spirit?

Description- No matter where we go in life, Jesus' spirit is there leading us.



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| 1 | Betty Laughman | 18 | Jean Dusman |
| 2 | Scott Henderson | 22 | Aaron Hanson |
| 5 | Kenneth Nusbaum Jr. | | Eric Hanson |
| 6 | Linda Myers | | Elizabeth Rill |
| 7 | Dawnyel Henderson | | Diana Shaulis |
| | Colten Smith | 24 | Cheryl Leppo |
| 8 | Riley Smith | 29 | Skyler Lehr |
| 10 | Carrie Brenton | | Barry Stremmel |
| | Jessie Davis | 30 | Joyce Wilson |
| | Kelly Garvick | 31 | Delilah Hanson |
| 14 | Brooke Bollinger | | |
| | Merv Wunderlich III | | |
| 17 | Amanda Brant | | |
| | Susan Felch | | |
| | Paul Schlegel | | |



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| 19 | <i>Chris & Jackie Penn '01</i> |
| | <i>Todd & Stephanie Shaffer '90</i> |
| 20 | <i>Matthew & Rachel Brownlee 16</i> |
| | <i>Robert & Tamara Sasscer '00</i> |
| 26 | <i>Nathaniel & Kelly Shaub '01</i> |
| 30 | <i>Jason & Lisa Konopinski '04</i> |

2021 Summer Lunch Program Pandemic continues

The Summer Lunch program will once again be different this year. We would like to collect the items listed below. If you are able to purchase items, we are asking for you to bring them to St. David's Lutheran Church during the weekly donation drop-off time. Every Tuesday evening during the month of May from 5-6 p.m., you can drive up to the fellowship hall and we will collect the items from you at the curb.

Black Rock members may drop items off at our Church starting now. You may put your items in or near the wishing well in the back of the sanctuary.

As before, don't feel you need to donate everything on the list. Purchase whatever you choose from the list below. All donations are appreciated.

Thanks again for your generosity!

Your Outreach Team - Sharon Myers, Mary Robinson, Mike and Patti Ritter, Shari Lehman, and Sandie Keller

2021 Summer Lunch Donation Requests

Canned Items

15 oz. can
baked beans
10.75 oz. can
chicken noodle soup or
beef vegetable soup
14.75 oz.
canned pasta

Boxed Items

12-18 oz. box of cereal
Rice Krispies, Cheerios,
or Honey Nut Cheerios
Ramen Noodles
Small boxes of raisins
3 oz. box of strawberry
or orange jell-o

Boxed Items

3.4 oz – instant Chocolate pud-
ding
Box of granola bars
100% Fruit-
Juice boxes
Box of Mac & Cheese

Plastic/Glass Items

14 oz. jar
of pizza sauce
18 oz. jar
of peanut butter
64 oz. bottle
of apple juice



"That is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

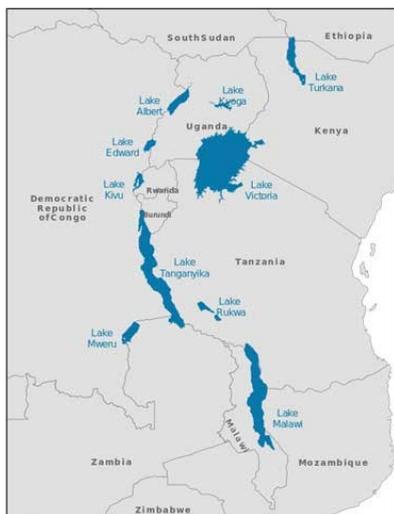
—2 Corinthians 5:19-20

Global Mission Prayer Guide

April 23, 2021

Churches of t Africa Great Lakes region request prayers:

For economic stability to allow jobs and business opportunities so people can support their families. For the faithfulness of the leaders and members to hold to biblical and denominational standards. May the churches be good stewards of their resources and gifts. May those who have made decisions for Christ become part of the church and grow in their faith as they go forward in God's redeeming power.



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Haiti

Prayers that the Delmas church, the mother congregation, can find and purchase a good property for their church.

Venezuela

Prayers for Robert, the head of the Brethren in Venezuela.

Pray for his recovery from illness and that his family remains healthy.

Honduras

Prayers are needed for the health and safety of the people. COVID-19 cases have been peaking in recent weeks. The president of the country has also been charged with drug trafficking and other crimes in the US and his brother was sentenced to life imprisonment in the US.

Praise God for the work of Project Global Village (PAG) assisting with rebuilding following the 2020 hurricane.

South Sudan

We pray for the people of South Sudan, as they face food insecurity, violent conflict, corruption, and flooding. We also pray for our Peace Center that it may continue on the current property.

India

Prayers for the churches in India as they face a new surge of COVID-19.

Nigeria

Prayers for the upcoming Annual General Church Council Conference (Majalisa) of Ekklesiyar Yan-uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) on April 26-30, which will be a full conference with all usual attendees but with strict COVID-prevention measures in place.

Finally, prayers for discernment as US staff and volunteers consider traveling to visit global partners. Gratitude for all of those who volunteer and donate to support Brethren around the world.

**SATURDAY,
MAY 15, 2021
9 AM – 11 AM**

RAIN OR SHINE!



**FREE, CONTACTLESS RESIDENTIAL
COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT**

BLACK ROCK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**3864 GLENVILLE ROAD
GLENVILLE, PA (NEAR LINEBORO, MD)**

SHREDDING PAPER ITEMS: DOCUMENTS, MAIL, PHOTOS, MAGAZINES, ETC.

- Professional shredding service on-site by The Shred Mill
- Staples and small paperclips do *not* have to be removed
- No large binder clips or electronics can be accepted
- **LIMIT:** Total of 5 boxes or large bags per household, please
- Plastic bags and cardboard boxes are not shredded, but will be returned to customers after the contents are emptied into the mobile shredder

CUSTOMERS REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLE ON THE CHURCH PARKING LOT –
open the trunk or advise the operator where to find the containers of materials
to be shred . . . the operator will get the boxes/bags

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Honoring Our Graduates

We will honor our graduates and their hard work on Graduation Sunday, June 6, during the 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

High School: Name of Graduate, High School attended and plans after graduation

College: Name of Graduate, where they attended, degree earned and plans after graduation

Post Grad: Name of Graduate, where they attended and their plans for the future

Invite your graduate to join us on June 6, in worship in celebration of their accomplishments.



Thank you for your calls, cards and prayers surrounding my eye surgery. Betty Laughman.

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

Thank you to Beth Osborne for creating the Narthex display for April.

Thank you to the Outreach team for collecting and shopping for items and delivering the Clean up buckets to New Windsor.

May 2021

Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

9:00a Adult SS. 10:15a Worship Each Sunday Morning
 Administrative Assistant-new hours– M-Th 7:30 am-3 :30pm + Fri. 7:30-am-1 pm remotely

2. National Youth Sunday w/Children's story	3	4	5 9:30a John Bible Study	6 National Day of Prayer 9a PAL	7	8
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Pastor Brandon on vacation

9 Mother's Day	10	11	12 9:30a John Bible Study	13	14	15 Community Shred Event 9AM-11AM
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16 Journey Deadline Children's Church	17	18 7p Leadership Team mtg. tbd	19 9:30a John Bible Study	20	21	22
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23 Pentecost Children's Story	24	25	26 9:30a John Bible Study	27 9a PAL	28	29
30	31					Memorial weekend

Dates	DECORATORS	Accompanist	AV tech	Zoom and Video	Monthly phone visitor	CD Ministry mailings	Congregational cards
MAY 2	BONNIE HENRY & JILL HOFFACKER	ESTHER KIPPLE	KARL LEHMAN	WYNNE HOFFACKER	GLORIA MYERS	VACANT- CALL SHARON MYERS OR THE OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER	SUSAN FELTCH
MAY 9		ROBYN BORTNER	AMY/RANDY HOFFACKER	BETH OSBORNE			
MAY 16		MARTHA BRANT	KARL LEHMAN	CARRIE BRENTON			
MAY 23		JEANNE WAH	AMY/RANDY HOFFACKER	WYNNE HOFFACKER			
MAY 30		SUZANNE WERNER	KARL LEHMAN	JODI WEAVER			