

Recording the

# *JOURNEY*

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

*June*

2022



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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

By Pastor Brandon

As the summer months hit, we at Black Rock and for that matter in most churches feel a change, sometimes there's less people, more running here and there, vacations, teams don't meet as often. Yet I wonder, can we still feel a sense of warmth even so? God wants us to make sure we are the same vibrant body no matter if two or one hundred are gathered in his name. That warmth transcends in forgiveness, love, grace, and mercy which radiates every day even in the cold days and moments of life from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This month, as we are continuing our compelling Vision series of the Church of the Brethren, I would remind us we should have a warmth to share and pray with people know matter whether they are in church or not. Even if we may be busy, are we too busy for the one who warms are souls to give us the kind of light we so desperately need, even if we don't always realize it.

Remember what Jesus said in John's gospel, he came to have life, so we might have it abundantly, (John 10-10.) Even as the busyness of the summer sets in. Even as we may be able to do more things outdoors. Even as we may not as easily want to be inside or quiet, let us remember the source of the one who brings light and life and warmth to begin with!

So look around, notice the bright flowers, the sun's rays, the green grass, the glittering water. And notice how very good it is, something Moses tells us God created that way in the creation story in Genesis 1. And may we notice that warmth in the way we live and share Christ's love with others even in the times we might not feel that warmth ourselves, when all we may receive from others may be a cold shoulder.

Let us as a community, as a congregation, possess a noticeable warmth people cannot help but experience when they are in and around us individually or as a church. Then we will truly be bringing honor and glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!  
To God be the glory

# Sermons

## **June 5 (Graduation Sunday)**

Scripture- Ephesians 2:13, 15-18

Sermon- Jesus Christ, he's what we're all about!

Description- Our church must have eyes of faith seeking only the will of God through the presence of Christ in our midst to have any chance of a lasting and strong message.

## **June 12 -Scripture- James 2:1-4**

Sermon- Relationship based neighborhood engagement.

Description- Our neighbors are everywhere; will we choose to connect?

## **June 19 -Scripture- Ephesians 4:11-13**

Sermon- Developing a culture!

Description- By what we do and how we act, we are either building up the body of Christ or tearing it down.

## **June 26 -Scripture 1Peter 2:4-10**

Sermon- Calling and Equipping God's people.

Description- By the light and message of Christ, all of us can be called, and all of us can call others!



**Thank you** to Nicole Osborne for organizing the National Youth Sunday Service Thanks to Stevie and Alex Brenton, for sharing their gifts and talents for this special service.

**Thank you** -The Outreach Team would like to thank everyone who helped with the hygiene kits. Eighty kits were packed and delivered. Thanks so much for all your donations. And a special thanks to Skip Wah for delivering them to New Windsor for us.

**Thank you** to the Outreach team and to those who helped as they reached out to our community and made personal touches as they welcomed those donating used clothing. Thanks to all who helped load the clothing into trucks to be taken to Community Aid,. We will update you when we find out the proceeds of this project.

**Thank you** to Sandie Keller for preparing the Deacon Congregational cards for May.

**Thank you** to Deacon, Susan Felch for collecting our attendance for the month of May.

**Thank you so much** for the prayers, phone calls & gifts given to us during Paisley's time in the hospital. We really appreciate everything you do. The Cook Family

**Thank you to my church family & friends** for your prayers and cards during Ellis' illness and since his passing. We want to thank Brandon & Ben for sharing their voices in song and the tribute given in the message at the service. A special thank you for the kitchen committee for serving the luncheon. Thank you Jodi for all the help given in getting everything set up.  
Ellis Myers Family



## Honoring Our Graduates On June 5th 2022

**Brooke Bollinger**, daughter of Todd and Sandy, graduated from York College with a degree in Biology with a concentration in cells and molecules. Plans to research.

**Julia Hoffacker**, graduated on April 30, 2022 from University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor of science in Nursing. She is coming back home and has a job with Gettysburg Hospital to start in June after taking her nursing boards.

**Matthew E. Nawn**, son of Matt and Beth is graduating from Hanover Senior High School. His future plans are to attend Villanova University on a NROTC scholarship and major in electrical engineering. After college, he plans to make a career in the United States NAVY.

**Tyler Osborne**, son of Nate and Beth Osborne, graduated in December 2021 from Penn State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education. His plans are to teach students in an elementary classroom.

# June Birthdays

1	Dillon Shaffer		
2	Grace Wildasin		
3	Lilah Shaub (07)		
5	Patti Rappoldt		
10	Nathan Osborne	17	Marcy Shive
11	Selena Barlow	18	Weston Vanderheyden (18)
	Cindy Kipple	19	Barbara Bortner
	Camryn Widener	22	Ashlee Gwinn
12	Tina Alwine		Brittany Meadows
	Robyn Bortner		Grace Riebling
13	Emily Lehman	27	John Dusman
	Kipp Wentz		George Hamm
14	Amy Hoffacker	29	Morgan Ecker (12)
15	Jason Werner		



# 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 Black Rock Church, in the Gathering Place.

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 chicken noodle or beef vegetable soup**

**12-18 oz box of Rice Krispies, Cheerios, or Honey Nut Cheerios**

**100% Fruit Juice boxes**

**7.3 oz.Box of Mac & Cheese**

**14 oz jar of pizza sauce**

**18 oz jar of peanut butter**

**64 oz bottle of apple Juice**





## Gathering Time Instructions

- ☐ You will need to fill the Keurig with water from the gallon jug of distilled water (coffee pods, tea bags, cups, creamer, sweetener and distilled water will be provided). Make sure pots are plugged in and extension cord is turned on.
- ☐ Please provide a cold drink, ½ to 1 gallon juice, ice tea, etc. and water (cups will be available).
- ☐ Also, please provide a small treat of your choice expecting to serve approximately 50 people. One or two cookie choices or pretzels or crackers are suggested. (trays, baskets, and small paper plates, napkins, plasticware and serving utensils are provided). If you need special serving utensils, they are available in the kitchen. Please wash and return them.
- ☐ For a special occasion cake may be served. You will need to provide any extras required to serve the cake.
- ☐ Please set out the treats before the start of Church, or during announcements so that they will be available at the end of Church and before Sunday School. Please do not work in the Gathering Place during the Church service.
- ☐ You will need to clean off the table and clean up the area at 10:30. Be sure extension cord is turned off and Keurig is unplugged. Take any items you brought with you. Do not leave any food or drink in the Gathering Place.



**Summer Sunday school session:  
WHAT DID YOU HEAR? WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

A talk back time to share about the morning in worship.

One of the greatest qualities about Black Rock is connection. And I was thinking, how wonderful to build on that connection as, for the summer months, we are undertaking our three-month trial time of having worship before our gathering time and Sunday school hour. Also, I'm aware we have many wonderful thinkers and persons who ask great questions and of course we all come from diverse backgrounds.

Given all those factors, I am delighted to announce I will be offering a time during each Sunday, beginning when our trial schedule begins on June 5 during the Sunday school hour for anyone who would like to share any thoughts or have discussion on the topic raised in worship that particular morning. I am especially fascinated to do this during our first five weeks of the schedule as we will be finishing up our Denomination's Compelling Vision series and I'd love to get some conversation going from our congregation's perspective as to how we might further consider our role as Black Rock sisters and brothers in the call to be disciples of Jesus as that vision invites us to do. Following the gathering time, I will be in the sanctuary up front at 10:30 AM for anyone who'd like to participate in this time. If we have a few takers, we will go to my office, but if there are say, more than five or six, we'll stay in the sanctuary for the hour.

I look forward during this time for us to share with each other, to raise questions, to perhaps develop some ideas, and also to engage scripture and life experience to consider how God will continue to work in and through us as Christians, as a congregation, and in our own hearts as we serve our Lord and Savior who makes all things new and makes us one! This will not be a lecture format, but one of sincere discussion and sharing throughout. Please, if you have not attended Sunday School before or even if you have, consider joining us for what I hope will be an incredibly special time of conversation. I hope, during our time together, we will all feel a sense of intimate connection and spiritual growth.

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Pastor Brandon

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			1 9:30 a Bible Study	2	3 8:30a First Friday Women's break-fast	4
5-Graduation Sunday at 9am Deacon Picnic 12p	6	7	8 9:30 a Bible Study	9 8:30 a PAL	10	11 Properties Church Work Day 9am -12 noon
12 9am Worship	13	14	15 9:30 a Bible Study	16	17	18
19 9am Worship	20	21 7pm L.T mtg.	22 9:30 a Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9am Worship	27	28	29 9:30 a Bible Study	30 8:30 a PAL	Summer Worship Time 9 am Gathering Time 10 am Adult Sunday school 10:30 am	

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Zoom and Video	Greeters	Decorators	phone visitor	Congr. cards.	Worship Leaders	
Schedulers						Worship & Fellowship		Deacons	Pastor
June 5	Suzanne Werner	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Jodi Weaver	John & Linda  Covalt	Bonnie Henry  &  Jill Hoffacker	Shirley  Shaffer	Sharon  Myers	Shirley Boldosser	
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