

Recording the

JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren



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

I often think of people in church talking about not just the way church used to be, but what other churches are doing. And on one hand, that's highly informative and healthy. It's nice to tap into other people's ideas, to grow together and to capture a bit of each other's thoughts in programs and ideas. Yet there's a uniqueness to every family of faith. And at Black Rock, I'm struck by the unique perspectives and people which comprise our family. I often consider how diverse we are and how some may say, well another life, another congregation might be easier or more centered. Yet here's what I come to as I celebrate four years officially now in my time as pastor here at Black Rock. I wouldn't want any other life! I'm right where I'm supposed to be. And I wish all people could say that.

True, people can say there's no money in ministry. But I say, yes, there's riches of all kinds in the ways people share, and I'm blessed to make enough to not only pay my bills but help others at least a bit. Yes, a minister's life may be full of deadlines and demands, but how is that different from any ministry for anyone?

Friends, on this dawning of spring, can you and I give thanks for where God has each of us on the journey? True, not everything's worked out or making sense, or even fully defined. And here's sad news. It never will be.

When Jesus' disciples entered Jerusalem, they knew what might happen, but not how things would look. When the Israelites left their homeland, they were hoping they would be led to freedom, but they weren't exactly sure how and if it would happen. And when Jesus knew he was to be put to death, I'm sure even he wasn't sure how painful the events would be or how the crowd, some being his strongest supporters, would respond.

Yet all those persons overcame the uncertainties and gave thanks to God. They all found a sense of joy on the other side of sorrow. They all remembered God made them special, and their struggle was absolutely supposed to happen defining their journey further entrenching themselves close to God!

And so, we too are drawn into that relationship. Another life may be easier, less risks involved for sure. But it's not as rewarding or filling. So where are you and I in our life and faith? Are we grateful for where God has us? Are we grateful for who we are? Do we know God has our back no matter what, and will we not try to be anyone or anything else? To God let's just be us and let the rest in his hands. Everything will be all right! To God be the glory

Sermons

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

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86910284372?
pwd=eVJTNE8yOVY0cmdkK1cvMG5hekVzdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86910284372?pwd=eVJTNE8yOVY0cmdkK1cvMG5hekVzdz09)

Meeting ID: 869 1028 4372

Passcode: hello

May1—Youth Sunday

May 8-Mother's Day

Scripture Romans 1:1-4

Sermon- Together as the Church of the Brethren

From the beginning, we were a denomination built on the
gospel of God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

May 15

Scripture 1John 1-3 Sermon— Passionately live and share!

In our faith and as the church, we should be eager to share not
only through word but in action how Jesus continues to live
through us!

May 22- Pentecost

Scripture- John 1:1-2, 12-14

Sermon— Radical Transformation

From the beginning of God's Word as our foundation, we
were never the same!

May 29

Scripture-2Corinthians 5:18-19 Sermon-Holistic Peace

As we are one of the Historic Peace Churches, each of us are
called to live out the ministry of reconciliation as members of
the body of Christ.

2022 Summer Lunch Program

Black Rock will once again participate in the Summer Lunch Program. We will be collecting food items from May 22 to June 26. Please bring your food items to our church. Diana Shaulis will transport these items to St David's Lutheran Church each week for distribution. You may also give monetary donations to Diana. If you choose to give a check, please make it payable to St. David's Lutheran Church Summer Lunch Program.

Here is this year's Summer Lunch Program list:

15 oz baked beans

64 oz 100% apple juice

12-18 oz Rice Krispies, Cheerios,
or Honey Nut Cheerios

14.75 oz canned pasta

granola bars

14 oz jar pizza sauce

100% fruit juice boxes

10.75 oz chicken noodle or
beef vegetable soup

18 oz jar of peanut butter

7.3 oz box mac & cheese



Honoring Our Graduates

We will honor our graduates on Graduation Sunday, June 5, during the worship service. We would like the names of anyone graduating from high school, college, and post graduate studies. If anyone in our church family is graduating, please forward the following information to the church office by Monday, May 16.

Name of Graduate, School attended, degree earned and future plans. Please invite your graduate to join us on June 5, in worship in celebration of their accomplishments

Black Rock Church of the Brethren

Financial and Attendance snapshot for the **First Quarter of 2022**



The Average Sunday Worship Attendance was 64
1st Quarter, Year to date Budget was \$62,005.50
1st Quarter, Regular Offering total was \$50,412.84
1st Quarter, Total Revenue was \$54,435.94



Jeanne Wah for preparing the Congregational cards for April.

Carrie Brenton for creating the Narthex display for April.

Outreach team for collecting and shopping for items for the Hygiene kits. And to all those who donated items and funds for the kits and shipping.

Christian Education team for organizing an Easter Activity. Thank you to all who donated Candy and funds and for those who filled the eggs with the treats. Thank you especially to Beth Osborne and Pastor Brandon Grady for leading the Story time and songs. To Nicole Osborne for her energy in organization, advertising and for sharing her bunnies for the photo time. to Tyler Osborne and for leading the seed planting activity and all those who had a hand in leading the crafts and the egg hunt.

Worship and Fellowship team and others for organizing the Easter Sunrise Service at Chestnut Grove, to those who cleaned the building and those who led the service. It's nice for our members and friends from our community.

Used Clothing Drive



On May 14, 2022 the Outreach team will host a used clothing drive. We will be accepting clothes and shoes only from 9AM to 2PM THAT DAY ONLY. Bring your clothes to Black Rock Church that day and we'll deliver them to Community Aid in Hanover. The proceeds will be used by the Outreach Team to support our Church World Services projects.

So clean out your closets! Gather up all those unused clothes! Bring them to Black Rock on May 14th from 9-2 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.

The Women's Retreat at Camp Eder

will be held on June 13 & 14th. Please see the bulletin board for registration forms and additional details.

Looking forward to seeing old friends and making new.

Mary Ann Robinson, Outreach Team.



73rd Annual Women's Camp Retreat Camp Eder ~ Fairfield, PA June 13th & 14th, 2022

Our Guest Speaker Roni Gingrich Roni Gingrich is a Jesus follower, blogger, and encourager to everyone she comes in contact with. She has been married to and doing life with husband, Chris, for over thirty-six years. They are parents of three grown kids, and grandparents to one grand-girl, who totally stole their hearts when she was born three years ago. Roni loves connecting people with Jesus. Each and every morning, she shares the Truth of God's Word and the Hope of Jesus on her "Living Salt, Light, Love" blog. She also serves as a core group leader for King Street Church's Restoration & Recovery ministry, RESET. Roni believes there's always direction to be found in the Word of God that speaks directly to our journey and to the mountains we face. She is very excited for the opportunity to share the little lessons of life God has taught her in BIG and powerful ways.

CWS Kits

Sharing your love with others



The Outreach Team is extending our hygiene kit collection through April to allow everyone more time to collect items. We will be packing the kits May 9th and they will be blessed during Worship May 15th.





1	Betty Laughman	18	Jean Dusman
6	Linda Myers	22	Aaron Hanson
7	Colten Smith		Eric Hanson
8	Riley Smith		Elizabeth Rill
10	Carrie Brenton		Diana Shaulis
	Jessie Davis	24	Cheryl Leppo
14	Brooke Bollinger	29	Skyler Lehr
	Merv Wunderlich III		Barry Stremmel
17	Amanda Brant	30	Joyce Wilson
	Susan Feltch	31	Delilah Hanson
	Paul Schlegel		



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

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1-National Youth Sunday	2 CE mtg. 7pm conf. call	3	4-Bible Study, by conf. call.	5	6- 1st Friday Break-fast, Dutch Country	7
Pastor Brandon on vacation						
8 -Mother's Day Adult Choir sings	9	10	11	12	13	14
15- Blessing of the Hygiene kits	16	17	18	19- 8:30 a PAL Jodi Off	20	21
22- Journey Deadline Adult Choir sings	23	24- 7 p Leadership Team mtg.	25	26	27	28
29- My 2 cent offering.	30	31	New Summer Service hours for June, July and August- 9 am Worship/10 am Gathering Time/10:30 am Sunday school time.			
Memorial weekend						

Dates	DECORATORS	Accompanist	AV tech	Zoom and Video	Monthly phone visitor	Greeters	Worship Leader	Congregational cards
MAY 1	BONNIE HENRY & JILL HOFFACKER	JEANNE WAH	KARL LEHMAN	CARRIE BRENTON	Gloria Myers	Shirley Shaffer	Ken Wildasin	Sandie Keller
MAY 8		SUZANNE WERNER	AMY/RANDY HOFFACKER	JODI WEAVER			Ben McMaster	
MAY 15		ROBYN BORTNER	KARL LEHMAN	WYNNE HOFFACKER			Ken Wildasin	
MAY 22		ESTHER KIPPLE	AMY/RANDY HOFFACKER	CARRIE BRENTON			Ben McMaster	
MAY 29		JEANNE WAH	KARL LEHMAN	JODI WEAVER			Ken Wildasin	