

Recording the

# JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

April

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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

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When I think of sound as a nonvisual person so many things come to mind. Really, my life is defined by sound, what I hear, what I don't hear. And yet, there's so much joy I feel, so much I experience. You name the area. But it's mainly in the songs of God's creation. The songs of the Spirit could either be in animals or humans. The songs can seem wonderful or wistful, they can seem upbeat or contemplative. Either way, they are still beautiful sounds created by God's spirit in the great song of life!

As much as God created sight, he also created sound. I think of the beautiful hymn, for the beauty of the earth and one particular line of the hymn, for the mystic harmonies linking sense to sound and sight, Lord of all to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise. Gosh friends, in the throes of springtime, there are so many songs alive as the sun warms our hearts, as the birds stir a little earlier, as the wind rushes a little more or seemingly a little fresher. And well, people's spirits seem to soar just a bit more skyward.

But the most joyful sound of all is the great song of life as Jesus saves. It's the Christ who continues to sing the song to us of creation given and salvation offered. It's the song extended of grace and truth which enlivens our hearts and orders our steps. And it's the song of forgiveness which allows sin to suddenly stop and a sunny spirit to shine!

So, friends, we have heard as the church each spring that joyful song, that joyful sound. Whether on ebbing seas or flowing tides, whether in deep canyons or seemingly bottomless pits, the church still must hear the joyful sound that Jesus saves! It's the only song which will really sound like a springboard into what's next for us, for the church, and for us to have a presence in turning hearts of despair into tears of joy in our world.

So just remember, you have heard the joyful sound. The silence may set in, but the song still can sing. The music can start. The springboard of our Savior sings us into new life, new hope, new direction, and most of all, into joy which lasts! Are you still indeed hearing the joyful sound, Jesus saves wherever you are in life!

To God be the Glory



**April 2024  
Scriptures &  
Sermons**



**April 7 -A Truly Happy Sign!  
John 20:26-29**

**April 14 - God is Always Listening,  
Psalm 4**

**Recommitment Sunday, April 21**

**April 21 - A Commitment of Love,  
1 John 3:16-23**

**Bread & Cup Communion**

**April 28 - A Living Legacy,  
Psalm 22:25-31**



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| 2  | Zachary Osborne | 22 | Ken Wildasin    |
| 4  | Luella Davis    | 23 | Reg Baugher     |
| 5  | Terry Martin    | 26 | Jacob Rappoldt  |
| 9  | Oakley Cook     | 28 | Steve Wolicki   |
| 11 | Tanner Meeks    | 29 | Tammy Hartlaub  |
| 14 | Paige Baugher   | 30 | Wynne Hoffacker |
| 15 | Kim Gingerich   |    |                 |

*Happy Anniversary*

- 5 Terry & Tina Redding ('86)
- 15 Reg & Janice Baugher ('78)
- 20 Matt & Beth Nawn (2002)
- 25 Paul & Shirley Boldosser ('70)
- 29 Clyde & Karen Griffie ('78)

### **CAMP EDER APRIL 10, SENIOR DAY-**

**April Senior Day at Camp Eder** will be on Wed., April 10th. Check in/Breakfast at 9:30 am, then at 10 am, Elva Hurst will be presenting a live **Chalk talk** celebrating Easter via chalk, music, and story.

Lunch at noon menu: ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, salad, cookies & ice cream.

**Please RSVP by 4/3**, to: Mike Kovacs-717-642-8256



THANK YOU

- Bonnie Henry and Jill Hoffacker, Decorators for January—March.
- Thank you to Sandie Keller and Connie McMaster for serving as our Worship Leaders for the month of March.
- Thank you to Sandie Keller for preparing the Encouragement cards for March.
- Thank you to Reg and Janice Baugher for serving as Welcomers for March.
- Thank you to Susan Feltsch for tracking our March Worship Attendance and Jean Kehr for tracking the Sunday school attendance and ringing our SS bells each week.
- Thank you to Tammy Hartlaub and Linda Myers for faithfully counting our offering each week.
- Thank you to our AV techs, Amy Hoffacker, Randy Hoffacker, Karl Lehman and Carrie Brenton. And our camera operators, Carrie Brendon, Beth Osborne, Wynne Hoffacker and Jodi Weaver.
- Thank you to everyone who gave snack, candy and prize donations for the Easter Egg hunt.
- Thank you to all those who donated their time, and funds to the 2024 meat canning project.



## **Recommitment Sunday, April 21**

All are welcome for the Worship Service on April 21, which will be a very special service. Reviewing and renewing of the vows we made when we accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior. This service will be similar to the rededication service which was held in January. Due to bad weather Pastor Brandon and the Deacon team felt the service should be offered again. We sincerely hope all will partake of the most holy gift of God's love for us.

Morning Worship is at 10:10 am

Bread & Cup Communion will be offered



**WE INVITE YOU TO  
A HYMN SING**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 3 PM**

**CHESTNUT GROVE MEETINGHOUSE  
AT 5008 CHESTNUT GROVE ROAD,  
SPRING GROVE, PA 17362**

**ON RT 516, SOUTH OF JEFFERSON**

**LED BY PASTOR BRANDON GRADY**

**OF THE**

**BLACK ROCK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**



## **ANNUAL BABY DEDICATION SERVICE**

**TO BE HELD AT BLACK ROCK CHURCH**

**Mother's Day, May 12, 2024**

**BLACK ROCK WELCOMES THE LITTLE CHILDREN**

Bring Your Children to be dedicated so they may be enfolded into our midst Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

Dear friends, it's such an exciting time In the life of any congregation to dedicate young disciples. If you have a child you would like to be dedicated into this community, we would be delighted to do that for you. please let us know two weeks before the service date, that would be Monday, April 29, This will allow us to plan. I will ask to meet with all families ahead of time the day of the service at 9 AM in my office to go over final details. Be blessed everyone, and to God be the glory for his gift of life!

Pastor Brandon

*The Friends of*



# CROSS KEYS VILLAGE

The Brethren Home Community

Black Rock Church of the Brethren Keyperson: Pat Challenger

<u>Membership Type</u>	cost of <u>Individual</u>	or	<u>couple</u>
<b>Bronze</b> Membership	\$10.00		\$ 20.00
<b>Silver</b> Membership	\$50.00		\$100.00.
<b>Gold</b> Membership	\$100.00		\$200.00

The collection of the membership dues is welcome at any time during the year, but we wish to emphasize the early months of **February, March and April.**

**Checks should be made payable to: The Friends of CKV**

Those who would prefer to use a credit card may go to [www.crosskeysvillage.org/donate/friends](http://www.crosskeysvillage.org/donate/friends).

## **Honoring Our 2024 Graduates**

We will be honoring our graduates this Spring. Please let us know the names of those graduating from high school, college, and post graduate studies.



Please forward the following information or details and a picture if you like, send that digitally to the church office by April 22, 2024.

**Name of Graduate,**

**School attended and plans after graduation.**

# April 2024



Meat Canning week April 1-4

Black Rock donated \$2,320.00 for 2024, along with volunteers that will provide a snack and lunch and several processing volunteers for 4/02/2024.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office closed	2	3. 9 a-Bible Study conference call	4	5. 1st Fri. Ladies Breakfast at Dutch Country	6
7	8	9	10 9 a- Bible Study	11.8:30 a - PAL 7:30 p Alesia Band Practice	12	13
14. 11:30 am Christian Ed mtg.	15	16	17 9 a-Bible Study	18	19	20
21. Communion & Recommitment Sunday Journey Deadline	22 3 p-Outreach team meeting	23	24 9 a- Bible Study 11:30 a- Ladies lunch at Hosses	25 7:30 p Alesia Band Practice	26	27
28. Hymn Sing at 3 pm Chestnut Grove	29	30	*No Leadership team meeting in April. *Church Retreat May 4	*Outreach team will be collecting items for the Summer lunch program in May and June.	SAVE THE DATE: Church Picnic on June 15 at the Manheim Park.	

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Camera	Welcomers	Decorators	Attendance	Visitor	Card ministry	Worship Leaders
Worship & Fellowship						Deacons		Pastor	
Apr. 7	Esther Kipple	Karl Lehman	Beth Osborne	Susan Feltch	Sandie Keller, Connie McMaster & Robyn Bortner	Mary Ann & Mark Robinson	Linda Covalt	Robyn Bortner	Ken Wildasin
Apr. 14	Robyn Bortner	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Carrie Brenton						
Apr. 21	Suzanne Werner	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Wynne Hoffacker						
Apr. 28	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Jodi Weaver						