

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.

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“When we arrive?”

By Pastor Brandon

Summer is a time of transition of the weather for sure. But it's also a time when many of us travel. We all have adventures, vacation spots, landmarks, mainstays, places which mean something to us we want to visit each year, or at the very least a couple times in our lives. For that matter, We all have opportunities to have experiences, to interact with family or go with friends to events or out to eat to connect on a weekly or monthly basis? We all have our traditions which allow us to feel transported to life's big postmarks, the special times we either have physically or mentally circled in our calendar.

But you know, in order to travel from Holiday to Holiday, to go from a special meal this week, to my special meal with the same person next week, or even from the time I go on vacation now, to the next time in several months or next year, a lot has to happen for me to arrive at those times. I must weed through a lot of ordinary moments to enjoy the extraordinary ones.

So, my question? Isn't the church, the season of faith we experience together the same way? Yes, we have our special times, we enjoy each week we gather. We read these posts each week Online. But doesn't a lot have to happen to transport us through a week, through the just okay moments. When we arrive at them, how, exactly, do we arrive?

Just as we plan our travel from place to place, from week to week, from celebration to celebration, so must our spiritual journey be cared for as we are transported between spiritual highs. We must rest in the valleys, the real lows of life.

That's why the good shepherd leads us every day. He feeds us. He continues to enliven us. That's why Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit must be drawn on constantly,

otherwise it's so easy for our faith to be taken for granted just like any other blessing we have.

Remember, as Jesus moved through his ministry, he kept things fresh. So too in marriages, in life in general, and in the ordinary of everything, we must look to the Lord of everything. How are we arriving? And when we do arrive at each moment, are we prepared to embrace it, fully enjoying it?

Black Rock let's never see our walk with the Lord as ordinary. Let's never take it for granted. It's truly a blessing to move from day to day, from moment to moment. And as we walk together as the family of God, how awesome it is to lean on not just each other, but God's blessings of prayer, support, and energy so we can face whatever life may throw our way. Our good shepherd leads us. When we arrive at life's different ages, stages, places, are we ready for not just the extraordinary, but the ordinary? Truth be told with Jesus in our heart and if we truly have the heart of God in us, nothing we do should ever be ordinary, but blessed in his sight!

To God be the glory

Sermons

June 2—Making the Sabbath Holy, Deuteronomy 5:12-15

June 9—Worship: Program of Music by Sam Waltemeyer

June 16—A Real Relationship, Luke 15:11-32

June 23— Ultimate Calming, Mark 4:35-41

June 30— Romans 12:1-10, Guest Speaker, Allen Miller, former pastor of Conestoga COB in Leola, PA .

(Allen is a mentor to Pastor Brandon Grady)

Worship Leader, Jesse Miles, (former Interim Pastor for Black Rock) a Special Anointing Service for Brandon as he prepares to preach at Annual Conference in July.

Thank You!

Jill Hoffacker for preparing the May Congregational cards and for serving as our Monthly visitor

Suzanne Werner for tracking the Church attendance.

Jean Kehr for tracking our Sunday School time and attendance.

Outreach team for creating the Summer Lunch Program Narthex display for May and June

Tom and Jackie Howdysell for serving as Welcomers for May

Jim Biddle for serving as our Worship Leader for May.

Animals in the Bible

When: Saturday, July 20,

Time: 10:00 am - 12: 00 pm

Where: Black Rock Church



*****Pizza lunch will be served at the end.*****

List of items we need

1 package of Blue solo cups

3 packages of cotton balls

1 package of medium sized googly eyes

2 packs of medium glue dots

We will also collect monetary donations for items that we need until July 7, 2024.



Honoring Our 2024 Graduates

Jake Bollinger earned his Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Lebanon Valley College. He starts classes again this summer and has two more years to get his doctorate in Physical Therapy. He played four years of college lacrosse and is deciding whether to play a fifth and last year.

Ashlee Gwinn Graduated from Harrisburg Area Community College this past winter, December of 2023. She Received her RN degree.

Layne Killen is graduating from Sunshine Daycare and will be attending Kindergarten in the Fall.

Savannah Lehr has graduated and received an outstanding dental assistant award from HACC. She plans to work on going further with her career and attain her Expanded Function Dental Assistant Certification in the Fall.

Jayda Lehr is Graduating May 31 from South Western High School and plans to attend HACC in the Fall.

Andrew Nawn, son of Matt and Beth Nawn, is graduating from Hanover Senior High School. He will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in the fall of 2024 to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

June Birthdays



1	Dillon Shaffer		
2	Grace Wildasin		
3	Lilah Shaub		
5	Patti Rappoldt		
6	Aria Hardman		
10	Nathan Osborne	15	Jason Werner
11	Selena Barlow	18	Weston Vanderheyden
11	Camryn Widener	19	Barbara Bortner
12	Tina Alwine	22	Ashlee Gwinn
12	Robyn Bortner	22	Grace Riebling
13	Emily Lehman	27	George Hamm
13	Kipp Wentz	29	Morgan Ecker
14	Amy Hoffacker	29	Vondalee Luckenbaugh



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*
- 12-John and Sarah Kilgalen*
- 13–Dick and Esther Kipple*
- 15- Karl & Shari Lehman*
- 15- Skip & Jeanne Wah*
- 16– Steve & Connie Forbush*
- 21-Eric & Angela Gwinn*
- 29– Randy & Cathy Brant*
- 29– Brian & Kaitlyn Morgan*





SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM 2024

It's hard to believe that some schools are already out for the summer. As in past years, the Outreach Ministry Team is promoting the Summer Lunch Program that provides lunch items to local families in need while their children are home through the summer months.

We have begun collecting food items this year and will continue until June 30. There is a box in the Gathering place near the wishing well for your donations. If you would like to make a monetary donations please give cash or make checks payable to Summer Lunch Program and give to Diana Shaulis.

Items needed this year are as follows:

- 15 oz. baked beans,**
- 12-18 oz. Rice Krispies, Cheerios, or
Honey Nut Cheerios**
- 14 oz. jar pizza sauce**
- 18 oz. jar peanut butter**
- 64 oz. bottle 100% apple juice**
- boxes of granola bars**
- 100% fruit juice boxes**
- fruit or applesauce cups (6/pkg)**
- 7.25 oz. boxes of Mac & cheese**
- packs of individual boxes of raisins.**



CHURCH SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday, JUNE 15, 2024

5:00 PM

AT THE MANHEIM ADVENTURE PARK

4565 Camp Woods Rd

Glenville, PA 17329

There will be a cake walk and the Alesia Band, under the direction of James Biddle, providing music for us again at our annual Church Picnic.

We are asking that you please sign up on the bulletin board at church so we can plan accordingly. We are asking people to sign up to bring designated items to the picnic which include: hotdog rolls, baked beans, potato salad, vegetable salad, chips, dessert, gallons of iced tea or lemonade. We also have a column for persons who are willing to bake a cake or a pie for the cake walk.

In the event that it would be raining in the afternoon, we will hold the picnic in the church basement.

The park is located at
4565 Camp Woods Road that can be reached from Glenville Road via
St. John's Church Road or from
Manheim Road off of 216.



Sam Waltemeyer will be providing an inspirational program of music on Sunday, June 9 for our 10:15 am worship service. (Pastor Brandon is on vacation.) We will be collecting a free-will offering at the end of the service to thank Sam for providing this program. Please invite family and friends to come and hear his inspirational music.

Sam is a pianist by ear from south-central Pennsylvania. His journey with piano began completely by ear playing hymns and songs one note at a time. During high school, he took lessons from the renowned Reverend Robert Harris.

Sam believes that any talent he has is a gift from God and has a desire to share music with others.

Music, without a doubt, is a universal language, and should be available to those who wish to hear it.

Sam's ministry serves as a tribute to the faithfulness and love of God and the power of both centuries-old and contemporary music.

Special Music Needed:



Special Music during the Summer months. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the narthex bulletin board to share your gift of music with us on a Sunday morning during June, July and August. We look forward to hearing from you.

June 2024

Walking Group: Brett & Wynne Hoffacker will be leading a walking group after church on the Second Sunday of the month at Codorus State Park. We will meet at church and decide together where we would like to eat. Bring your own picnic lunch. Walk as far as you like at your own pace. The dates are Sunday, June 9, July 14, and August 11.*****

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: 9 am Sunday School and 10:15 am Worship Service, Each Wednesday: 9:30 am-Bible Study-conference call						1
2 9 am Membership class Deacon Picnic @BR Walking Group starts	3	4	5*Bible Study	6	7. 8:30 am First Friday Ladies breakfast	8
9. Guest, Sam Waltemeyer Pastor Vacation	10	11	12*	13. 8:30 am serve PAL @ HACC	14 Flag Day	15. 5: pm Black Rock Church Picnic
16.Journey deadline Father's Day	17	18	19*	20	21	22
23	24	25	26* 11:30 am Ladies Lunch at Hoss's	27	28	29
30. Guest Speaker Allen Miller My 2 cent offering						

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Camera	Welcomers	Decorators	Attendance	Mo.Visitor	Congr. Cards	Worship Leaders
June 2	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Jodi Weaver	Shirley Shaffer	Sandie Keller, Connie McMaster & Robyn Bortner	Sandie Keller	Diana Shaulis	Susan Feltch	Audrey Shisler
June 9	Suzanne Werner	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Carrie Brenton						
June 16	Jeanne Wah	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Carrie Brenton						
June 23	Esther Kipple	Karl Lehman	Wynne Hoffacker						
June 30	Robyn Bortner	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Jodi Weaver						