

Recording the
JOURNEY
of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

MARCH 2024



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Adult Sunday School: 9:00 AM

Worship: 10:15AM

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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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- Upcoming Easter service March 31, 10:15 am

I love baseball season. And one of the biggest dates on the calendar occurs for me sometime during the last week of March. What is that, you ask? Well across the country, it's baseball's opening day. Oh yes, Spring training has already occurred, when teams are deciding who will be on their teams for the upcoming season and finalizing rosters. But the opening pitch, the opening swing, where wins and losses count, oh yes, it sends a chill up and down my spine even now as I write this, just thinking about it. But it's not just the game, it's the entire day. As a lifelong Orioles fan, I love tuning into the radio coverage all day of the home opener where the local media will analyze the team for the upcoming season. How interesting also to hear the players who get to run down the orange carpet either for the first time, or for many years describe that unparalleled bliss they feel and share with the fans at Camden Yards. And of course how awesome to hear the actual opening ceremonies the team holds before first pitch of opening day as they introduce the entire staff and team. Just in general when baseball arrives, spring is in the air, the grass feels a little greener, everything all around and within me is being refreshed!

Well, this all got me thinking as I'm considering the start of another baseball season, how about our faith, how about the church. Just like baseball with opening day rolling around every year, in the church, we get an opportunity to attend church every week in some way if we want. We get the opportunity to read our bible, to check in on those struggling in some way, to be meshed into the family of God anew. There are always opportunities for us to feel like we're truly being refreshed.

And as Lent is underway, and Easter is just around the corner, as we're walking with Jesus, recalling what he went through in a short few days, I wonder, how was he being refreshed? Well, he was ministering, he was making a difference, he was seeing God at work just in what he was doing and where he was going.

Even if Jesus was tired, God was opening him to being refreshed. Even if Jesus faced persecution, he was being refreshed. Even as Jesus was dying, he was being refreshed once and for all.

Such is the case for us, dear friends. We must consider, even as our lives roll by, another spring hits, another opportunity opens, and God allows us the chance to feel like we're being refreshed. My Prayer would be you truly are able to feel the crack of the bat, hope springing eternal in your journey as you walk with Jesus no matter where you're at in some way. As earth and heaven link, if the hope of Jesus' love is living in and around you always, you'll truly feel once and for all, like you're being refreshed!

To God be the glory

March Sermons

Third Sunday in Lent - **March 3**
Simply Sweeter- Psalm 19:7-10, 14

Fourth Sunday in Lent - **March 10**
Jesus is our guiding light!- John 3:14-21

Fifth Sunday in Lent - **March 17**
A Clean Slate -Psalm 51:1-10

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Palm Sunday, Liturgy of the Palms - March 24
A lot has to happened! - Mark 11:1-11

Tenebrae Service, at 7 PM, Thursday - March 28

Easter Sunday, The Complete Story - March 31
An Early Morning Encounter –Skit
The Hallelujah Chorus

March Birthdays

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| 1-Nevin Garvick
Gloria Myers | 16-Amier Steckel |
| 5-Randy Myers
Rose Marie Rill | 18-Galen Bortner
Isla Myers
Wanda Stremmel |
| 6-Jamie Hartlaub | 21-Connie Forbush
Mark Robinson
Chris Stonesifer |
| 8-Paul Boldosser
Heidi Hanson
Nicole Osborne
Patti Ritter | 23- Tina Redding
Gracie Shaub |
| 12-Cathy Brant
Cordai Steckel | 24-Romaine Miller
Jeanne Wah |
| 13-Cody Hartlaub
Jill Hoffacker
Layne Killen | 26-Darlene Myers
27-Robert Crawford Jr.
28-Duane Shaulis
Nolan Hanson |
| 14-Jake Bollinger
Dick Kipple | 31-Steve Forbush |
| 16-Sandy Bollinger
Mary Crawford | |

March Anniversaries

- Patrick & Donna Apicella (2010)
- Michael & Kelly Garvick (1995)
- Brett & Wynne Hoffacker (1996)
- Richard & Amy Lucabaugh (2022)
- Doug & Terry Martin - (1993)
- Steve & Debora Wolicki- (1991)



- *Thank you to our February Worship Leaders,
Alex and Stevie Brenton.
- *Thanks to our decorators for January –March Bonnie Henry and
Jill Hoffacker
- *Thank you to Suzanne Werner for preparing our Congregational
Cards for February and serving as the Welcomer as well.
- *Thank you to Skip & Jeanne Wah for continuing to volunteer to
change the brick sign board out front.
- *Thank you Sandie Keller for tracking attendance for February.
- *Thank you to Audrey Shisler, our monthly visitor for February.
- *Thank you to our volunteer accompanists Robyn Bortner,
Esther Kipple, Jeanne Wah and Suzanne Werner.

The Friends of



CROSS KEYS VILLAGE
The Brethren Home Community

Black Rock Church of the Brethren Keyperson: Pat Challenger

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



**Easter Fun at Black Rock Church-
On Saturday, March 30th at 9 AM**
please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt,
activity, Storytime, and snacks in the
fellowship hall. Questions?
Please contact: Brittany Nolt,
Sarah Kilgalen, or Christine Shaffer



**Helping Hands Needed to Fill the eggs-for the Easter Egg
Hunt Event-following
Worship, Sunday, March 24.**

The Christian Education team will be meeting downstairs in
the fellowship hall to fill plastic Easter eggs for the Easter
egg hunt. If you would like to join us after worship to fill
eggs, please meet us downstairs for some fellowship!

The more the merrier!

We appreciate your help-thank you!



Easter Candy and Snack Donations-
for the Easter Egg Hunt event the Christian Education Team
would appreciate small, wrapped candy, for the eggs that we
will be hiding. We ask that the candy donations be wrapped
candy, no peanut products, and no hard candy or gum please.
We would also accept donations of Pre-packaged snacks, wa-
ter, or juice boxes, by Sunday, March 24. There will be a box
in the back of the church labeled Easter Activity
donations for you to place donations in. If you would rather
give a monetary donation, please place it in the offering or
mail to the church office to be deposited with the Sunday,
March 17th offering and mark for the Easter Activity/Egg
hunt. Please add your name and/or envelope # for credit to
your giving statement. Thank you for your support!
Christian Ed: Brittany Nolt, Sarah Kilgalen, Christine Shaffer



Blanket the
world in

love



CWSBLANKETS.ORG

March is CWS Blanket Month.

The Blanket program was created to give a tangible response to those facing a difficult time. Last year, CWS distributed 32,785 blankets. Envelopes to give to this cause will be inserted in the bulletins and located in the back of the sanctuary. \$10 will purchase a blanket and remind the recipient that they are not alone!!!

RUTH'S HARVEST-of HACC

Ruth's Harvest began 10 years ago as an outreach initiative that supplies weekend meals for children in several of our local elementary schools in the Hanover Area. Each child receives a package containing 2 breakfasts, 5 entrees, vegetables, fruit 3 snacks, and a beverages for the weekend.

Currently the Ruth's Harvest team assembles 200 Weekend packages from October through May of each school year.

We are spotlighting this outreach to give church members the opportunity to get involved with our Ruth's Harvest Mission. While we do receive and welcome monetary donations, we are seeking contributions of food items from our local churches. We have set up a schedule we thing might work best to facilitate participation.

- ♥ January: individual cans of tuna
- ♥ February: Single serve packages of Macaroni and Cheese.
- ♥ March: Single serve of any Chef Boyardee Ravioli, Spaghetti, or other pasta entrée
- ♥ April: Single serve soup (Chicken Noodle, Chicken and stars, Cup of Noodles).
- ♥ May: single serve Cereal, Granola bars, Oatmeal.

Canned items we prefer have easy open tops if possible. We welcome snacks such as individual sizes of fruit roll-ups, chips, popcorn, or pretzels, etc.

Please label your donations: Ruth's Harvest and bring them to church or deliver them to Hanover council of churches, 136 Carlisle St. Hanover, PA 17331

Meat Canning Project



2024

4 Days
April 1-4
See bulletin board for details

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March 2024

9 am Sunday school, 10:15 am Worship, 11:15 am Choir Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Bible Study-9:30 Conference call each wk. 1-832-831-2424		1. 1st Friday Break- fast. 8:30a	2
3 CWS-BLANKET KICK OFF. M & W mtg. 9 am CE mtg. 11:15 am	4	5	6. 8:30 staff mtg. 9:30 Bible Study by phone	7	8	9
10 Daylight savings Spring Ahead	11	12	13. 8:30 staff mtg. 9:30 Bible Study	14 7:30 pm Alesia band practice-fh	15	16
17 Congregation Business mtg 11:15 am	18	19 No Leadership mtg.	20. 8:30 staff mtg 9:30 Bible Study	21 8:30 am PAL	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 11:15 am Egg filling event	25	26	27 8:30 staff mtg. 9:30 Bible Study	28. Tenebrae 7 pm Service	29. Good Friday	30. Easter Egg Hunt 9 am
31. Easter Sunday 10:15 am Worship						

Dates	Accompanist	AV techs	Video	Welcomers	DECORATORS	Attendance	visitor	Card Ministry	Worship Leaders
March 3	Esther Kipple	Amy/Randy Hoffacker	Jodi Weaver	Reg & Janice Baugher	Bonnie Henry & Jill Hoffacker	Susan Feltch	Jodi Weaver		Sandie Keller & Connie McMaster
March 10	Robyn Bortner	Karl Lehman	Beth Osborne						
March 17	Suzanne Werner	Amy/Randy Hoffacker	Carrie Brenton						
March 24	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Wynne Hoffacker						
March 31	Robyn/Suzanne	Amy/Randy Hoffacker	Jodi Weaver						