

Recording the

# ***JOURNEY***

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

## **NOVEMBER**



**2024**



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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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**Highlights in the November “Journey”**

- ◆ Pastor's Page
- ◆ Sermon topics and scripture
- ◆ Birthdays,& Anniversaries
- ◆ Thank you's
- ◆ Celebration of Life Service Nov. 3
- ◆ Angel Tree Project for Children's Aid Society
- ◆ Bucket Project
- ◆ Truck Stop Ministry Cookie collection
- ◆ Children's Sunday School during worship.
- ◆ Poinsettia Orders Due Nov. 10th
- ◆ November Church Calendar



## **November Sermons and Scripture**

### **November 3- Celebration of Life Service**

**“Love Leaves No Room for Doubt” Mark 12:28-34**

**Congregational Business meeting** –following worship

**Deacon Reorganization Team Meeting**– *following the CBM in the Library, bring a packed lunch for yourself.*

### **November 10– Baptism during Worship.**

**“Are you passing the smell test?” Mark 12:38-44**

**November 17 -“The Real Church” Mark 13:1-4, and Hebrews 10:22-25**

**Nov. 24- “Are We Coming Rejoicing?” Psalm 126**

When I think of the word abound, I think of the words, a bunch. And usually, that bunch doesn't just exist now, it's presence will exist tomorrow, the next week, the next year, and forever. It's interesting to think of qualities in a church abounding. Come to think of it, What does, I wonder? Do the same people abound? No, they come and go. Even if the same people are present every week, dynamics and emotions in the gathered community will be different. Do pastors abound? No, they come and go. It might be over a longer period for some and shorter for others, but the same ministerial leadership in churches will not go on forever. Does the church leadership team stay the same, how about the people serving on the teams? What about the building, does it remain the same? At Black Rock, is our structure the same as it was in the mid 1700's as it is today? For that matter, how about is it the same since 1963 when the new sanctuary was instituted? And what of the church parsonage, is the house in which I currently hold residence the same today as it was when it was first built in 1959?

Truth be told friends, I think we can all safely say, no matter what it is, unless it is maintained, nothing can keep going. That can be people, places, or things. And hey, even experiences just can't abound. You won't have the same experience ten years ago, as you do now, even if you do it annually, some features of it will be different.

But imagine something abounding, there's a bunch of it, whatever it is, and a bunch of it continually, there's an endless supply! And that, my friends, it is what the very definition of what God's love and passing on it's features should be all about.

Throughout Christendom through all time, in some form, we should be praying for one another as Christ's work is accomplished. Paul is praying for that love to abound for the Philippian church in the first chapter of his letter to them in verses 9-10. I can just feel his prayer alive today. It will be alive when we're all dead, and the next generations behind us continue the mantra. We must be praying for one another, and for the church at large, that as believers, our love should be given and received by all in bunches. And those bunches should go on and on and on!

They should, in fact, keep going until the day Christ returns as those verses tell us. I think of Paul telling the Romans to offer our bodies as living sacrifices, in other words, beacons of love.

## *Pastor's Page Continued...*

I think of John saying, my friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. And of course, I think of Jesus saying, this is my first commands, that you love God, and love others.

Imagine friends, if our love would abound just as the scriptures said. Would there be any disagreement? I think probably yes, but that love would triumph every time. The bunches of love would hide the small handfuls of anger or bitterness.

So, as we live as people, as Christians today, what truly abounds as we pick up where our ancestors left off. What will abound in our wake? Will the things which the world cares about which can never abound consume God's abounding love which lights up everything and everyone! Praise God, I hope not now or ever will that be the case! To God be the glory!

# **Schedule for Children's Sunday School**

November 3 and 17.

Children's SS will be held during church,  
10:10 AM until the end of worship.



### Celebration of Life Service:

On behalf of our Worship and Fellowship team, I am Inviting you to the Celebration of Life service. If you have mourned the loss of anyone from November 2023-2024 , please share that person's name with us at church. Names will be read, and a bell will be rung, forming our traditional Celebration of Life moment on the first Sunday in November on the 3rd as we remember these servants and saints in our morning worship service. Please either note the individual's name you would like to lift up in the book located at the back of the sanctuary, or call or Email the office by Oct. 30. Pastor Brandon

### NOTICE-



Please attend the  
Congregational  
Business Meeting,  
November 3,  
immediately  
Following Worship.



The Outreach Team thanks you all for the money donated toward the Buckets project. We packed and shipped buckets and will be doing a monetary donation to Hurricane Helene Emergency Disaster Fund at Elgin. We will update you with quantities of buckets and money in the next couple weeks.

Again, thank you so much!  
The Outreach Team: Sandie, Sharon, Mary, Shari, and Connie



The road to  
recovery starts with  
**a helping hand**





# Poinsettias for Christmas

Please complete and give this form along with Check or money to Jill Hoffacker or put in Offering.  
Orders will be taken until Sunday, November 10th

**Cost: \$10.50 each**

Please mark below the # of Poinsettias ordering beside each color:

\_\_\_\_\_ Red

\_\_\_\_\_ White

\_\_\_\_\_ Marble/ pink

\_\_\_\_\_ Glitter/red



Red



White



Marble



Glitter

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_



It's almost time to start baking cookies for the **Carlisle Truckstop Cookie Collection**.

There is a flyer on the bulletin board about it. The cookies are distributed to truckers at local truck stops and truck depots and handed out to truckers and holiday travelers. Christmas cookies are a way to let truckers know that we appreciate them. They say "remember that what you do for the least of these... you do for Christ." You should take some time and go to the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry website and learn about the ministry all year long.

*Bring your cookies to Black Rock-December 8.* Put 5 or 6 cookies in a zip lock bag. You don't need to put them in a paper bag. Diana Shaulis had a wonderful idea to decorate the bags with the story of the Christmas candy cane and was working on that. The Shaulis family will be decorating the bags to honor the memory of Diana, and finish what she started. She was always a big supporter of the Truck Stop Cookie Ministry.



## **2024 Angel Tree Project**

The Outreach Team will be sponsoring an Angel Tree again this year for Children's Aid Society. As soon as the team gets the gift suggestions from Children's Aid Society, the tree will be placed in the Gathering Place. Watch for the Angel Tree in November. Gift Deadline: Dec. 9th  
\*Remember gifts are to be new and unwrapped.  
As always, thanks in advance for your help.



# November 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

**9 am Adult Sunday School**  
**10:10 am -Children's Sunday School Nov. 3 & 17th**  
**Worship at 10:10 am**

*Wed. October 30-*  
*8:30 a Ladies lunch at*  
*Hoss's Hanover*

*1 First Fri Break-*  
*fast, Dutch Contry*

*2*

**3** *Celebration of Life*  
*Service,/Congregation*  
*Business mtg./*  
*Deacon mtg./ Daylight*  
*savings ends fall back*

*4*

*5*

*6*

*7 8:30 am PAL*

*8*

*9*

*10* *Baptism/*  
*Poinsettia Deadline*

*11*

*12 7 p-Staff*  
*Relations team Mtg*

*13*

*14*

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*16*

*17—Dec/Jan*  
*Newsletter Deadline.*

*18*

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*28*  
*Thanksgiving Day!*  
*8:30 am PAL*

*29*

*30*

Dates	Accompanist /	AV tech	Camera	Welcomers	Decorators	Attendance	Monthly	Congregation-	Worship Leader
Nov.3	Esther Kipple Adult Choir	Karl Lehman	Carrie Brenton	Greg, Christine Brooke Shaffer	Robyn Bortner		Greg, Christine Brooke Shaffer	Carol Hoover	Greg, Christine and Brooke Shaffer
Nov.10	Jeanne Wah	Randy /Amy	Jodi Weaver		Jill Hoffacker, Bonnie Henry, Sandie Keller				
Nov. 17	Suzanne Adult Choir	Karl Lehman	Wynne Hoffacker		Connie McMaster				
Nov. 24	Jeanne Wah	Randy /Amy	Beth Osborne						