

Recording the

# *JOURNEY* of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

# March <sup>2026</sup>



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9:00 AM Adult Sunday School  
10:15 AM Worship/(Children's SS -Bi-weekly)

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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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**Inside this Newsletter and some upcoming dates:**

- Pastor's Page
- March Sermons & Scriptures
- March 15, Congregational Business Mtg.
- March—CWS Blanket Month
- Meat Canning information
- Easter flower Order form due 3/8
- Thank you notes
- March Birthdays & Anniversaries
- Tenebrae Service, April 2 at 7 pm
- Easter Egg Hunt April 4, 9:30 am –12
- Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
- Black Rock COB Retreat Sat. April 25.
- Affirmation Sunday, April 26.
- Graduation Sunday coming May 3.

# Pastor's Page

“a heartbeat of faith”  
By Pastor Brandon

I think of how the pulsing of time happens. Clocks go tick, tick, tick. Then I think of the heart and how it pulses blood to the different parts of the human body. I think of how that operation continually needs to happen for the body to function, for time to march on for any human. And this is no more essential than for the church. We as God's people need a Pause, a heartbeat of passion, of empathy, and glory in God's purposes for us. We are to keep enjoying the time God has given us possessing a love of Jesus in all our activities in order to have life within our community.

I'm so thankful for the work of not only our ministry teams, but the kindness of so many individuals to keep our heartbeat of faith running. I remain in constant awe how our heart keeps pumping here at church. We have recently had three new members join us officially. We continue to support ministries outside of our congregation even as our resources financially have diminished as a whole. Plus, even in an age when so many are not attending worship, us in person and online attendance have not gone down a whole lot in the past few years other than through physical death. However, I also feel the heartbeat in our acapella singing, in our passion as worship leaders speak, and in the regular willingness of our ushers, our money counters, our musicians and our sound and AV people to keep us connected and moving forward. Yes, even in these changing times, our heartbeat of faith is there!

This needing a heartbeat of faith through time is a biblical necessity and instruction for us friends. We are called in the book of Ecclesiastes to remember that heartbeat will take us through the different seasons of life.

We're reminded Jesus' ministry took him to different settings, and there were times of life and times he stared death in the face. In Jesus ministry there were wonderful times of both welcome and outreach, as well as resting with people who were sick and those who emotionally were empty.

My friends, as good as our physical work and daily operations continue to be, our real heartbeat of faith is prayer, care, and the support we offer to one another. It's the very presence of God's people helping God's people, being together as we worship and praise the Lord, and also just being there for one another. That's the church through time. It's God's people, being God's people, serving God's people, and together praising God and following Jesus!

In that spirit, may our heartbeat of faith never stop. May we continue to feel the pulsing of God going tick, tick, tick. May our spirit feel an inner joy so we can glow with an inner warmth as God's people continually here at Black Rock. What is our future, God only knows! However, are we making the most of every second, every tick, every Pause God gives us, so our heartbeat of faith keeps going!

To God be the glory

# March Birthdays



01-Gloria Myers  
01-Nevin Garvick  
04- Jacob Haring  
05-Randy Myers  
05-Rose Marie Rill  
06-Jamie Hartlaub  
08-Paul Boldosser  
08-Heidi Hanson  
08-Nicole Osborne  
08-Patti Ritter  
12-Cathy Brant  
12-Mark Robinson  
12-Cordai Steckel  
13-Cody Hartlaub  
13-Jill Hoffacker  
13-Layne Killen  
14-Jake Bollinger

14-Dick Kipple  
16-Sandy Bollinger  
16-Mary Crawford  
16-Amier Steckel  
18-Galen Bortner  
18-Isla Myers  
21-Connie Forbush  
21-Chris Stonesifer  
23-Michael Garvick  
23-Tina Redding  
23-Gracie Shaub  
24-Jeanne Wah  
26-Darlene Myers  
27-Robert Crawford Jr.  
28-Duane Shaulis  
30-Melissa Dulaney  
31-Steve Forbush



01-William & Korie Kennedy  
11-Michael & Kelly Garvick  
12-Patrick & Donna Apicella  
26-Richard & Amy Lucabaugh  
26-Doug & Terry Martin  
30-Brett & Wynne Hoffacker

thank you

- ♥ Thank you to Worship Leaders for February:  
Sandie Keller and Connie McMaster
- ♥ For Decorating the sanctuary for January –March 2026  
Bonnie Henry and Jill Hoffacker.
- ♥ Thank you for preparing our Congregational Cards for  
February, Susan Feltch.
- ♥ Thank you to Skip & Jeanne Wah for volunteering to  
change the brick sign board out front, you do a wonderful  
job finding phrases and it is so appreciated.
- ♥ Thank you to Suzanne Werner for creating the Narthex  
Display for February and the Outreach team for March.
- ♥ Thanks to Audrey Shisler for being our Welcomer for  
February.
- ♥ And to Jill Hoffacker for tracking the Feb. attendance.
- ♥ Thank you to Christine Shaffer for being our phone  
visitor for the month of February.  
Reminder: Audrey Shisler is our coordinator, for the  
monthly visitors . If you would like to be a phone visitor  
please sign up on the Narthex bulletin board or if you  
have questions talk with Audrey.
- ♥ ***Thank you to all who volunteer, We all benefit from  
giving and serving each other and God is praised.***

## **We are in need of Volunteers**

Worship Greeters are needed to hand out bulletins to morning worshippers and guests prior to the service.

Thank you to Janice Baugher for coordinating our volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the Narthex Bulletin Board to select a month when you would be willing to serve.

Please contact Janice Baugher with any questions.

**Please see the bulletin board for many other  
Volunteer opportunities too!**



Mark your calendars for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2026

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Christian Ed team will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Black Rock Church of the Brethren.

We will have some crafts to do, some songs to sing and an egg hunt (of course). Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so we can plan accordingly.



Once again, we will be asking for **candy donations** (please no candy with nuts or peanut butter due to food allergies) or if you prefer you can make a cash donation to a team member: Christine Shaffer, Sarah Kilgalen, Savannah or Shirley Boldosser.

Graduation time will be upon us soon.

The Christian Ed team would like to celebrate those graduating from High School and College. If you have a child or grandchild that is graduating and would like us to recognize them, please give us the following information:

Name, School, Plans for College or Work

Please let Jodi in the office or Christine Shaffer know by Friday, April 17, 2026.

**Graduation Sunday will be May 3, 2026**

during our worship service. Thank you.



March 1 through March 22, the Outreach Team will be accepting donations for Church World Service Blankets which are still only \$10. These blankets serve multiple uses for those in need including warmth, shelter and comfort. A heart will be placed on the sample blanket in the back of the sanctuary for each \$10. collected. Monetary Donations can be placed in the special envelopes that will be available in the bulletin and on the Gathering Place table and put in the offering plate. Thank you.

## **Sermon Topics and Scripture for March**

### **March 8– Sermon: Something great!**

(God is promising to bless us, just as he did from the beginning of time. He is ready to do something great with us and for us just as he did for Abraham!) **Genesis 12:1-3**

### **March 15– Sermon: A Spring of Living Water**

(It is Jesus who renews us, just as he offered the Samaritan woman at the well not only water, but life continually!) **John 4:5-15.**

**March 22– Sermon: True Worship** (it is only Jesus who deserves our true sense of worship above anything or anyone else!)  
John 4:19-26

### **March 29 Palm Sunday –**

#### **THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY**

**Meditation**– by Pastor Brandon (based on Psalm 118-24-29)

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

**Sermon: The Event Itself. Guest Pastor Doug Veal**

# Meat Canning Project



**2026**

**Four Days  
April 6, 7, 8  
+ 9**

Processed at:  
Christian Aid Ministries

Sponsored by:  
Southern PA &  
Mid-Atlantic Districts COB

**Meat canning 2026  
The Shift calendar is  
posted on the bulletin  
board.**

**Monday is already full  
Please sign up or contact  
Paul Boldosser for who  
else is going and dates  
and times.**

**Also keep in mind  
chicken prices keep  
increasing so if you are  
able, please donate to  
the district meat canning  
fund. You may use a  
special giving envelope  
and mark it meat canning  
and drop it in the offering  
plate.**

**Easter Flowers Orders to fill the Sanctuary  
on Easter Sunday morning, April 5th.**

**Honor or memorialize someone special in your life  
by giving this completed form to Jill**



**Hoffacker or Bonnie  
Henry with cash or a  
check made payable  
to Black Rock COB**



**The deadline to  
place your order is  
Sunday, March 8th.**

**Pick up flowers on Easter Sunday, April 05, 2026**

**Orders for Easter flowers are coming from Miller Plant Farm  
choices are:**

**Daffodils 4.5 inch pot. Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 6.35**

**Lilies 5-6 blooms. Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 13.00**

**Tulips 3 bulb assorted colors. Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 6.35**

**Primrose assorted colors. Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00**

**Order deadline is March 8**

**In honor of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_**

# March 2026



Meat Canning donations –may be given thru April of 2026 Please make your check payable to Black Rock church. MEMO: MEAT CANNING.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:15am Worship / Children's SS class.	2	3	4 9:30 Wed. Bible Study conf. call. # 832-831-2424 id:262798 Annual Conference Registration Begins	5	6 8:30 am First Friday Ladies Breakfast	7
8 10:15am Worship Easter Flower Order Deadline	9	10	11 9:30 Wed. Bible Study conf. call	12	13	14
15 "Chosen" B.S. 9 am CBM –11:15 am 10:15 am Worship/ Children's SS	16	17 	18 9:30 Wed. Bible Study conf. call	19	20	21
22 10:15 am Worship	23	24	25 9:30 Wed. Bible Study conf. call 11:30 Ladies Lunch at Hoss's	26	27	28
29 My Two Cents <b>PALM Sunday</b> Worship /Children's SS	30	31	<b>APRIL</b>	April 2— 7 PM Tenebrae Service	April 3- Good Friday	April 4 - Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am-12 pm

Dates	Accompanist /Choir	Sound Tech.	Camera	Welcomers	DECORATORS	Attendance	Visitor	Care cards	Worship Leaders
March 1	Jeanne/Choir	Tom Howdyshell	Randy Hoffacker	vacant	Bonnie Henry & Jill Hoffacker	Susan Feltch	Audrey Shisler	Terri Biddle	Ken Wildasin
March 8	Robyn Bortner	Jodi Weaver	Randy Hoffacker						
March 15	Suzanne/Choir	Wynne Hoffacker	Brett Hoffacker						
March 22	Jeanne Wah	Carrie Brenton	Alex /Stevie						
March 29	Suzanne Werner	Micha Roth	Amy Hoffacker						Brandon Grady/ Doug Veal