

Black Rock Church of the Brethren
3864 Glenville Road
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Recording the

JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

FEBRUARY

2026



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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



“Don’t worry, what?” By Pastor Brandon As I think about the concept of worrying, I’ve thought about it more in a faith context recently. How do the realities of a church as a business, meet my claims as a Christian to not worry about tomorrow? Jesus has clearly stated in the sermon on the mount to make sure our priorities are in order. He reminds us as disciples to worship our heavenly father, putting our full trust in his provision, allowing God’s eye to be the lamp of our body, and also reminding us to store up treasures where it really matters, in heaven with him.

And then there’s the definite reality of needing to survive and pay our bills as the church. There’s the importance of wanting to make sure souls are being fed and led to Jesus. And there’s also the joy of knowing we are doing so much good outside of our church, as we seek to support and aid others in their different ministries to further grow the kingdom, being a purposeful and positive presence in greater society.

Both are so important. Both the faith and the reality are important to name, to maintain, and to not forget as we seek a way forward as believers in Jesus, and as the church.

We are friends, called to do both, somehow knowing, even in our decisions, the Lord will be with us. In the words of an old hymn, “For I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand! ”We are called to allow our Christian values of joy to spill over into our eagerness to do what we can, and all we can for the life of the church as long as we’re able.

However, if our heart is not in it, how do we manage all that? If we say, I’m tired. Or perhaps we think to ourselves, someone else will pick up the slack and not do much ourselves, how can we expect the church’s realities to be met or our worry to go away. And then there’s the other part right, for those who do so much and do not see any change, the worry sets in even more.

Dear friends, we are reminded by Jesus to not worry about what we cannot control.

Jesus never said the problems of the world and the realities may never consume us at least in an earthly sense. He did say though, each day has enough trouble of its own. Focus on what you can, staying faithful to God, seeking after him in all ways.

As we consider what being the church here at Black Rock and beyond will continue to look like moving forward, my call would be for each of us to read Matthew 6:19-34 carefully. Let us pray over those words and ask ourselves as today's disciples and facing the realities we do in our faithful journey, how do we in fact continue to be the church! To God be the glory



Thank you



- ♥ Thank you to Esther Kipple, Suzanne Werner, Jeanne Wah, Robyn Bortner and Jill Slagle for lighting our advent candles for the 2025 Advent Season.
- ♥ Thank you to Shirley & Paul Boldosser for preparing Chestnut Grove for the Christmas Eve Service.
- ♥ Thank you to Shirley Boldosser and Carrie Brenton for leading the service of scriptures and carols enjoyed by many from the community as well as Black Rock members.
- ♥ Pastor Brandon thanks all those who helped in the leadership of the afternoon Christmas Eve Service at Black Rock.
- ♥ Sharon Myers for preparing the congregational cards for December and Sandie Keller for January.
- ♥ Worship Leaders Mike McIntire serving in December 2025 and Mary Ann Robinson for January, 2026.
- ♥ Monthly visitors Susan Felch serving in December and Carol Jean Hoover for phone visits in January.
- ♥ To Suzanne Werner for creating the narthex displays for December and January.
- ♥ Thank you to all who signed the Congregational Christmas card, and donated a total of \$270.00 to be donated to Camp Eder instead of sending individual Christmas cards this Christmas season.
- ♥ Thank you to Shari Lehman for creating this years' 2025 Congregational Christmas card.
- ♥ Thank you to the Christian Education team and all that helped Bake and decorate the Cookies and cookie bags for the Truck Stop Cookie Ministry, and to Paul and Shirley Boldosser for coordinating and delivering them to Carlisle.



February Sermons & Scripture

Feb. 1- Matthew 5:3-12

Sermon: "No matter what, we are blessed!"

(As we follow Jesus using the guidelines of the beatitudes from Jesus, we must remember in all of life's moods, we must live in him, always knowing, we are indeed blessed.)

Feb. 8- Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon: "We are precious!"

(As God's people, as followers of Jesus, we are his salt and light, very precious commodities in the world today, and thus we should be a city which should never be hidden but always spreading the gospel message of love and light so others cannot help but notice!)

Feb. 15- Matthew 17:1-8

Sermon: "Never the same"

(As we consider Jesus' exchange with Peter, James and John and the mount of transfiguration, we are called to remember that if we turn our eyes upon him, wonderful things will happen, and our lives will be changed for the better forever!)

Feb. 22- Genesis 2:8-15

Sermon: "gardens bring life or death"

(It is up to us as we live to remember God allowed Adam to be in the garden where the tree of life and the one of good and evil stood. It's up to us to choose life in our gardens of earthly existence continually as God gives us strength!)

FEBRUARY

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| 1 | Clyde Griffie | 15 | Eric Gwinn |
| | Megan Nawn | 16 | Jayda Lehr |
| 3 | Brooke Shaffer | 18 | Alex Brenton |
| | Julia Stonesifer | | Janice Baugher |
| 6 | David Cook, Jr. | 19 | Amber Smith |
| | Kim Lehman | 26 | Tiffany Licciardello |
| | Terry Stickles | 27 | Autumn Carlstrom |
| 7 | Jenna Meeks | | Paisley Cook |
| 9 | John Covalt | | Beth Osborne |
| 11 | Todd Bollinger | 28 | Sharon Myers |
| 12 | Helen Rappoldt | | Stephanie Shaffer |
| 13 | Bonnie Henry | | Dee Stremmel Bortner |
| | | 29 | Gabriel Smith |



February 12, 1999
Jim & Angie Steckel



February 13, 1993
Gary & Patti Rappoldt



February 13, 1982
Carl & Wanda Stremmel



Bible Study
everyone is welcome

The Wednesday Bible Study meets at 9:30 AM via phone conference call. If you would like to join in the study, please call this number 1-832-831-2424. Then follow the prompts to enter the ID number: 262798.

MEAT CANNING 2026

Meat canning this year is April 6-9.

Watch for the Shift calendar to be posted on the bulletin board soon. Also keep in mind chicken prices keep increasing so if you are able please donate to the district meat canning fund.

Come help with meat canning at the Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, PA.

There are 2 shifts daily:

Shift #1 starts at 7:15 AM -12 NOON

and Shift #2 goes from 9 AM - 2 PM

Please pray about this and come help with the meat canning process and help your fellow man by providing food for those in need. This is the

48th Annual Meat Canning Project, a joint effort of the Mid-Atlantic and Southern Pennsylvania Districts of the Church of the Brethren.

Additional information will be on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

Thanks, to Paul Boldosser, Black Rock's 2026 contact person.

We are hoping to send our meat canning donations in at the end of February so they can purchase chicken and supplies ahead of the canning in April.

Meat Canning Project



2025

**APRIL
4 Days
April 21-24**

Christian Aid Ministries

Sponsored by:
Southern PA &
Mid-Atlantic Districts COB



“The Chosen” series bible study

Carrie Brenton is planning on leading the new bible study, "The Chosen".

This new class will now start on Sunday, February 15, at 9 am.

Everyone is invited to meet in the Gathering Place at the back of the sanctuary.

Note: there is a free app. available, search your app store for The Chosen, the Icon looks like a black square with 3 fish in it, (2 gray fish and 1 aqua fish). With this app you can watch the Chosen series by seasons and episodes, All for free.

Carrie asked a questions from the book to challenge us a while.

(No need to purchase a book, but please bring a notebook and pen to write down the questions from the book so we can discuss.

**Question: What do you think of Jesus?
Was he a good man?**

**A teacher of nice and pleasant things?
Or Something more?**

What is your opinion of Jesus based on?

Easter Flowers Orders to fill the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning.

**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: _____

Church World Service Blankets

**DON'T FORGET
TO DO GOOD
AND TO SHARE
WITH OTHERS**

Starting Feb 22nd through Mar 22nd,
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 in the 2/22 bulletin
and in the Gathering Place.

Please put them in
the offering plate. Thank you!



February 2026

Every Sunday Morning:
9 am Adult Sunday School
10:15 am Worship/Children's Sunday school 2/1 + 2/15

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Deacon Mtg.	2	3	4	5	6 8:30 am First Friday Ladies Breakfast	7
8	9	10	11	12 8:30 a-BR at PAL	13	14 Valentines Day
15 “The Chosen” Bible study 9 am March Journey Deadline.	16 7 p Staff Reltions team mtg.	17 7 p– LT mtg. Shrove Tuesday	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21 Basement reserved.
22-CWS Blankets	23	24	25 11:30 a Ladies lunch at Hoss’s	26	27	28

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Camera	Welcomers	DECORATORS	Attendance	Monthly visitor	Congregatiion cards	Worship Leaders
Feb 1	Jeanne Wah	Jodi Weaver	Randy Hoffacker	Audrey Shisler	Bonnie Henry & Jill Hoffacker	Jill Hoffacker	Christine Shaffer	Susan Felтч	Sandie Keller & Connie McMaster
Feb. 8	Robyn Bortner	Carrie Brenton	Alex Brenton						
Feb. 15	Suzanne Werner	Wynne Hoffacker	Brett Hoffacker						
Feb. 22	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Jodi Weaver						