

Black Rock Church of the Brethren
3864 Glenville Road
Glenville, PA 17329

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Recording the

JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

October 2025



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Adult Sunday school: 9:00 am Worship: 10:15 am

Children's Sunday school at 10:15 am Oct. 12th + 26th

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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

Pastor's Page

A healing faith"

By Pastor Brandon

I wasn't expecting those three weeks. That's what happened after I returned in early July from the Church of the Brethren's Annual Conference. Suddenly, I couldn't function. First it was a cold which left my energy drained. Then it was a stomach bug of some kind which almost seemed worse. Finally, it was leg pain which really made it difficult to move. Gosh, as I was experiencing all three of those things, it became increasingly frustrating. I just wanted a sense of relief. I realized how much I do, in fact take things for granted, even though I say so many times I shouldn't. Suddenly, the ordinary tasks I did during a given week for personal stuff and professional obligations just became impossible. I didn't want to eat at several points, (and hey, you know things must be bad then!)

Anyhow, as I was going through that stretch, I still needed to preach. I still wanted to care for people. I still wanted to provide stability for people who were experiencing loss and struggle in their lives. I didn't want my stuff to impede my ability to be a healer, a comforter.

Well friends, this whole experience got me thinking how wonderful it is, the healer of our every ill never gets sick. Oh, he may be sick of some things we are doing as people to turn away from him and not show his love to others where we should be. But really, Jesus never takes time away from us. Jesus never gets sick of our missteps. He is always there to provide that sense of uplift and energy even as we may feel empty or lethargic.

The Apostle Paul reminds all the churches he ministers with to allow the grace and peace of Jesus to be with us always. Specifically, he reminds the Philippians to let the joy of the Lord be in you, and may that joy be complete!

He reminds the Colossians to over all the virtues of kindness, compassion, humility, gentleness and patience, to put on Jesus' love which binds them all together. And he even tells the Galatians you are all one in Christ Jesus. In Hebrews we are invited to constantly put on the new self that is Jesus. And even in Ephesians, we are told we are to live with one another always in the bond of peace formed in the prince of peace!

Dear friends, even as the world around us, even as the church, even as we as Christians may not always seem well. Even as we may think our resources, time, energy or even solutions are just completely dried up, here's the healer of our every ill, the light of each tomorrow bringing us peace beyond our fears and hope beyond our sorrows! Yes indeed, on Christ the solid rock we stand. All other ground is sinking sand! The hurt and the helplessness may be present, but the helper and healer brings faith which is greater!

To God be the glory!

October Sermons and Scriptures

**October 5 – “Deep Faith” Luke 17:3-6
Love Feast and Communion**

October 12 - “All is well” Luke 17:11-19

October 19- “Never Lose Heart” Luke 18:1-8

October 26- “A Jesus Life” Luke 18:9-14



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 2 Katie Weaver | 3 Arthur & Heidi Hanson '80 |
| 3 Justin Hoffacker | |
| 6 Angela Gwinn | 5 Bob & Mary Crawford '06 |
| 10 Kristin Alwine | 6 Robert & Tiffany Licciardello 06 |
| Karen Griffie | |
| 14 Sandie Keller | 16 Randy & Jill Hoffacker '82 |
| John Werner | 18 Dustin & Amber Shaw '14 |
| 16 Suzanne Werner | 20 Robert & Terry Stickles '85 |
| Mike McIntire | Eric & Dee Stremmel/Bortner '89 |
| 18 Vicki Forbes | Nate & Beth Osborne '90 |
| 21 Lynette Haring | 21 John & Suzanne Werner '78 |
| Autumn | |
| Licciardello | 22 Mike & Patti Ritter '94 |
| 23 Matthew Ecker | |
| 24 Madison Bortner | 31 Terry & Tenna Conover '75 |
| 25 Kase Ort | |
| 26 Florence Crawford | |
| 30 Gary Rappoldt | |



- ♥ Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Church World Service, “Blanket the World in Love” offering for August. The Outreach team reports there was \$2,260. dollars collected and sent to purchase 226 blankets for those in need.
- ♥ Thank you to Suzanne Werner who donated and displayed the Hope banner for the narthex display for September.
- ♥ Thanks Skip & Jeanne Wah for maintaining the Marque Messages.
- ♥ Thank you Deacons Angela Gwinn and Darlene Myers for preparing the congregational cards and Mary Robinson and Susan Feltch for recording our attendance for September.
- ♥ Thank you to Jim Biddle for his direction of the Choir and Suzanne Werner for preparing and playing our music.
- ♥ Thank you to those who have shared their musical talents during our worship services this summer.
- ♥ Thank you to Bonnie Henry, Jill Hoffacker, Robyn Bortner, and Connie McMaster for using their talents to decorate our sanctuary for every season, throughout the year..
- ♥ Thank you to Tammy Hartlaub and Linda Myers for serving as the money counters week after week, and year after year along with their family members.
- ♥ Thank you to Reg Baugher and Duane Shaulis for serving as co-head ushers year after year.
- ♥ Thank you to Cheryl Leppo and Suzanne Werner for serving as Worship leaders for September.
- ♥ Thank you to Canaan’s Land Bluegrass for providing a special Worship Service of music and ministry for Black Rock COB on September 21.

Camp Eder Fall Fest



Saturday, October 18th
10 AM—4 PM

Pit Roasted Pork & Turkey Meal

\$15 adults, \$8 kids (12 + under)

Auction starts at 10:30 am

Live Music & Craft Vendors

Camp Eder Apple Butter

Kid's Games & Candy Treasure Hunt

Food Court & Bake Sale

Live Demos all day



Black Rock Church of the Brethren Congregational Business Meeting

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Immediately following Worship.

CBM Packets will be available on October 5
on the table in the Gathering Place.

Soup Sunday



The Worship and Fellowship Team has scheduled October 19 as "Soup Sunday" a carry-in soup lunch to be held following the Congregational Business Meeting.

For planning purposes, we would appreciate it if you would sign up on the Narthex Bulletin Board to let us know if you can attend and what you can contribute to the lunch.

We are asking for donations of soup, salad or a dessert. Contributions are not required but are greatly appreciated.



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Therefore brethren, in view of God's mercy, I urge you to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship. Romans 12:1

Black Rock sisters and brothers, this has been another year of change for sure, yet, sadly, one thing which has not changed is the transitioning of loved ones.

Here at Black Rock Church, we hold those people close to our hearts. We are praying those memories are just as strong and our celebration of persons joining the cloud of witnesses, those living sacrifices God truly loaned to us for a while will surround us more than ever by the power of the Holy Spirit.

On behalf of our Worship and Fellowship team, I am encouraging you if you have mourned the loss of anyone from November of last year to this year, to share that persons 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 as we honor these servants and saints in our morning worship service. Please either note individual names you would like to lift up in the book located on the back table in the sanctuary, or Email the office or Pastor Brandon and we will make sure to include those special loved ones that are very close to your heart. The people you'd like us to remember do not have to be past members of Black Rock, they might simply be family or friends you've lost this past year you'd like us to join with you in remembering and celebrating by the grace and glory of God! We look forward to this incredibly special time of reflection and memory in a few short weeks.

To God be the Glory! -Pastor Brandon



**The Outreach team is asking for
your support for some of the littlest angels
this Christmas.**

**The Children's Aid Society,
"Angel Tree"**

**The Angel Tree will be up on
Sunday November 2nd.
We will be accepting donations until
Sunday, November 30th.**

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Camera	Welcomers	DECORATORS	Attendance	visitor	Cong. cards	Worship Leaders	
Sched- ulers	Worship & Fellowship					Deacons				Pastor
Oct. 5 Love feast	Esther Kipple	Randy/Amy Hoffacker	Wynne Hoffacker	Duane Shaulis	Robyn Bortner and Connie McMaster	Jackie Howdyshell	Bonnie Henry	Bonnie Henry	Audrey Shisler	
Oct. 12	Jeanne Wah	Randy/Amy Hoffacker	Jodi Weaver							
Oct. 19	Suzanne Werner	Karl Lehman	Carrie Brenton							
Oct. 26	Jeanne Wah	Randy/Amy Hoffacker	Beth Osborne							