

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

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# JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

# MAY

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

Gosh, everyone reaches it at one point or another. The breaking point! So where is your breaking point? It's different than mine. However, when we reach it, what do we feel? We give up, we don't want to go any further, we don't want to try any more, maybe, we just don't even want to think about things any more along whatever lines we were working with.

You know, it's extremely healthy to have a breaking point to a certain extent. It truly is! It protects us from taking unreasonable courses of action. It helps our emotions stay in check. And yet, we've all reached unhealthy breaking points where we've broken down into tears or perhaps sadly, even in anger we've said things we regret!

The Lord reminds us to let our yes be yes and our NO be NO, that's in James 5:12. But the verse says something else, do not swear, not by heaven or earth or any other oath. It's important not to lose control of who we are or yell at others unnecessarily. It's also crucial to be thankful and be filled with gratitude and to rejoice as Philippians 4:4-9 reminds us. And how about Ephesians 4:32, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ forgave you. And hey, let's not forget Proverbs 11:17, a kind person benefits themselves, but a cruel person brings ruin to themselves.

How often friends when we lose our cool do we feel bad about it later? If you're like me, it's more than a time or two. It's up to us, even when we reach our breaking points in life, we remember God is still there for us and for everyone around us. Even as we reach our limit with God, God never forgets us. We are called to still love God and love others as life takes its twists and turns. even Jesus himself. Just as they all faced captivity, so God brought springs of living water to them in some way.

Likewise, we are called as a church to still work and share the love and ministry of our loving Lord as followers of Jesus, even as it feels quite often, we're at the breaking point of our time and life together! God is so good, that fact well, never has a breaking point! And praise God, therefore our goodness and kindness in him reflected to ourselves and to others never should either! To God be the glory!

# MAY SERMONS & SCRIPTURE

May 3 -Scripture: Acts 7: 55-60

**Sermon: “We are always to be ministering”**

May 10–Mother’s Day & Baby Dedication

Scripture: John 14:15-21

**Sermon: “Trust and Obey, is it really that simple?”**

(It seems such a simple recipe to follow the commandments of Jesus, knowing he will show himself to us and walk with us all life long.)

May 17- John 11:1-6, 35-44.

Sermon: “Jesus Brings Life”

(as Lazarus, the best friend of Jesus finds out, Jesus has the ability to bring life even in death.)

May 24 –John 1:29-42

**Sermon: “Are we beholding Jesus today?”**

(in all we do, are we willing like the first disciples to not only see Jesus at work, but to proclaim his presence in our lives with joy to others?)

May 31 –Matthew 28:16-20 the Great Commision.

**Sermon: “Jesus meets us, calls us, sends us.”**

Mike McIntire and Pastor Brandon (co-officiating)



**Mary Robinson** for preparing April Congregational cards.  
**Terri Biddle** for tracking the Church Attendance and serving as the Monthly visitor for April .

**Jean Kehr** for always tracking our Sunday School time and attendance and RINGIN' that bell.

**Suzanne Werner** for preparing the April Narthex display.

**Pat Challenger & Gloria Myers** for being the Welcomers.

**Sarah Kilgale**n for serving as our April Worship Leader.

**Tammy Hartlaub and Linda Myers**, for counting the offering each Sunday.

**Meat Canning 2026** -Thank you to all who helped with Meat Canning by giving donations, those who made and served meals, and helped with canning, Paul and Shirley Boldosser, Pat Challenger, Bob Crawford, Shari Lehman, Mark and Mary Robinson and John Werner.

Our total donations from Black Rock this year were \$2,620. What an impact. 9,486 two-pound cans were packed and will be distributed in our communities and around the world.

**Thank you from The Bald Mountain Baptist Church**

We are reaching out to thank you, and your church's Brethren Disaster Ministries Team, for your hard work, love, and compassion shown to our community this week. What a beautiful picture of the body of Christ coming together to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need! We were delighted to have Paul and Shirley Boldosser visit with us on Sunday. We pray for the Lord's safe keeping and blessings on this team, your church family and its ministries.

Sincerely, Angel Bryan, Ministry Assistant,  
Bald Mountain Baptist Church.



### **Summer Special Music-**

Please consider sharing your talent by providing special music during the summer months. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to select a Sunday. We thank you very much for enhancing our worship service with a vocal or instrumental selection.



### **Honoring our Graduates**

**On Sunday May 3 by the Christian Education team.**

**Cordai Steckel** graduated from Aynor High School on January 20, 2026. He attended Marine Basic Training, and graduated on May 1, 2026. Cordai is the son of Angie and Jim Steckel, grandson of Connie McMaster and great-grandson of Martha Brandt.

**Megan Nawn** will be graduating from Hanover High School. She will be attending Villanova University in the fall, where she will be a member of the Naval ROTC unit and will major in nursing. Megan is the daughter of Matt and Beth Nawn, granddaughter of Dick Shaffer and great-granddaughter of Lois Shaffer.

**Matthew Nawn** graduated in December from Villanova University with a degree in electrical engineering. He is currently serving in the United States Navy. Matthew is the son of Matt and Beth Nawn, grandson of Dick Shaffer and great-grandson of Lois Shaffer.



1—Betty Laughman  
6—Linda Myers  
7 - Matty Nawn  
10 - Carrie Brenton  
    Kelly Garvick  
14—Brooke Bollinger  
17—Amanda Brant  
    Susan Felch

18 - Norma Jean Dusman  
22 - **Elizabeth Rill 90th**  
24—Cheryl Leppo  
29—Skyler Brant  
    Barry Stremmel



*19-Todd & Stephanie Shaffer*

*20-Matthew & Rachel Brownlee*

*26-Nathaniel & Kelly Shaub*

**Black Rock Church of the Brethren  
is providing tuition assistance  
for Camp Eder again for the  
2026 summer camp season.**



**Black Rock will pay half,  
up to \$175.00 of tuition  
for each of our Black Rock campers.  
Summer camp catalogs are on the table in the  
Gathering Place or visit: [www.campeder.org](http://www.campeder.org)**



**CHURCH PICNIC  
and the ALESIA BAND**

**Saturday, JUNE 13, 2026 at 5 pm**

**AT BLACK ROCK CHURCH**

**IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**3864 Glenville Road, Glenville, PA 17329**

There will be a sign-up sheet at church for items  
to donate for the meal.

The Alesia Band will again be providing a concert for us,  
under the direction of James Biddle. We hope you will  
plan to attend as we fellowship together. .

# SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM 2026

Black Rock will be participating with the summer lunch program again this year. As before, bring your donations to our church. There will be a box in the back as usual. Duane Shaulis, Missy Dulaney and Kim Shaulis will again be transporting it for us. We will be starting in May and continuing until they have enough for the summer. The list appears to be similar to last year.

## **Canned items:**

15 oz baked beans

10.75 oz chicken noodle or beef vegetable soup

## **Boxed items:**

12-18 oz Rice Krispies, cheerios, honey nut cheerios

Boxes of granola bars

100 percent fruit juice boxes

Fruit or applesauce cups, six to a pack

7.25 box Mac & cheese

Packages of single serve raisins

## **Plastic or bottled items:**

14 oz pizza sauce

18 oz peanut butter

64 oz apple juice



**“ZOOM IN!!”**

**‘Seeing God’s Greatness All Around Us’**

**Psalm 34:3 Magnify the Lord’s Greatness**

**Vacation Bible School**

**Saturday June 13, 9:30 am—12:00 pm**



**We’ll explore finding God in the little things through songs, Bible verses, stories, a magnifying station, a water table activity, a craft, games, videos, snack time, and ending with a family pizza party.**



9 am Adult Sunday School  
 10:15 am Worship and/Child's  
 SS every other Sunday.

8:30 am-Wednesday Office staff mtg.  
 Wednesday Bible Study,  
 9:30 am-10:45 am each Wednesday  
 1-832-831-2424 ID# 262798

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Notice, Updated time to Ladies lunch at 11:30 am and Deacon Picnic moved to June 28th</b>					1 8:30 am 1 st Friday Ladies Breakfast	2
3 Graduation Sunday 9 am W & F mtg.	4	5	6	7 8:30 am BR at PAL at HACC	8	9
10 Mother's Day Child Dedication	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Staff Relations mtg.	19 Leadership team mtg.	20	21	22	23
24 Pentecost Journey deadline	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Ladies lunch 11:30 am @ Hoss's	28 8:30 am BR at PAL at HACC	29	30
31	<b>Reminder: The Deacon Picnic is Sunday, June 28th</b> Immediately following Worship. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair.					

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Camera	Welcomers	Decorators	Attendance	Mo.Visitor	Congr. Cards	Worship Leaders
May 3	Jeanne Wah	Carrie Brenton	Brenton boys						
May 10	Robyn Bortner	Karl Lehman	Shari Lehman	Jill Hoffacker	Robyn Borner & Connie McMaster	Sandie Keller	Jodi Weaver	Audrey Shisler	Beth Osborne
May 17	Jill Slagle	Tom Howdyshell	Randy Hoffacker						Micah Roth
May 24	Suzanne Werner	Wynne Hoffacker	Brett Hoffacker						
May 31	Jill Slagle	Micah Roth	Amy Hoffacker						Beth Osborne