

Black Rock Church of the Brethren
3864 Glenville Road
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Recording the
JOURNEY
of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren
October 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

Pastor's Page

“Always Hallelujah!”

By Pastor Brandon

What does the word hallelujah really mean anyway? It's an exclamation of praise! It's an attitude of soaring heightened praise to God which never comes down. It's raising the rafters with joy and thanksgiving to hail our heavenly father who gives and grants us so much.

The best hallelujah our congregation gives of course is every Easter Sunday when we sing the Hallelujah chorus from *Handles Messiah* at the end of our service, an opportunity which is open to everyone. And indeed, everyone participates in the hallowed harkening of our hallelujahs. Not everyone goes up front, but all stand, and those online feel the presence of God even through the computer. Black Rock, in that one moment, is raising the roof with an unbridled thunderous hallelujah to our great God!

And so, as we continue into our time of budgeting and considering our next steps forward as a community in 2024 and heading into 2025, are we still able to raise the hallelujah? Are we still, amidst the sincere questions of what can we do? What can we afford? What's going to happen in the next ten years to our church? Where's the help coming from because many of us just can't do much anymore? How can we still sing hallelujah and still mean it?

Friends, truth be told, with our Lord's favor, the same attitude which is present in our midst every Easter morning should be carrying us. I've seen the spirit alive too. I've seen it as you celebrated with me this past year the opportunity together, we were given on the Annual Conference stage in Grand Rapids. I've seen it also though in the school bags sown by Sharon Myers, Steve Forbush, and others so kids can have a comfortable place for storing their school supplies for the coming year.

I've seen it as you have continually poured out prayer for persons both long term and short term who are struggling in some way. And I've even seen it in a leader's retreat last May when people pitched in with practical solutions of how we might continue to move forward viably and practically and not get burned out. Yes, in so many ways, our hallelujah is strongly still singing!

So, let's continue to consider in our life together how we can raise the rafters to a great God whose supply of love and grace will never end. Let us hail our heavenly father, harkening the hallowed hallelujah even when all seems unclear and uncertain. And why? Because God continually has us here, so better to praise him, than to forget him. And most of all, we can sure influence not only others, but ourselves, drawing closer to the heavenly throne of grace if we truly sing hallelujah, thereby remembering, it's only by God's grace, we can do anything at all. So, why wouldn't we worship him, and let our whole being say, "hallelujah". After all, shouldn't that be our mantra? Not just at Black Rock, but as people of God, anytime, anywhere, shouldn't it always be. To God be the glory!

October Sermons and Scriptures

October 6—All Children Come

Mark 10:13-16

October 13—Do you really see Jesus?

Hebrews 4:14-16

October 20—Who's most important? Mark 10:35-45

October 27—Open my eyes, Let me see!

Mark 10:46-52



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 | |
| 16 Suzanne Werner | 18 Dustin & Amber Shaw '14 |
| Mike McIntire | 20 Robert & Terry Stickles '85 |
| 18 Vicki Forbes | Eric & Dee Stremmel/Bortner '89 |
| 21 Lynette Haring | Nate & Beth Osborne '90 |
| Autumn | |
| Licciardello | 21 John & Suzanne Werner '78 |
| 23 Matthew Ecker | |
| 24 Madison Bortner | 22 Mike & Patti Ritter '94 |
| 25 Kase Ort | |
| 26 Florence Crawford | 31 Terry & Tenna Conover '75 |
| 30 Gary Rappoldt | |



- ♥ Thanks to everyone who contributed to the school kits project. We sent 142 kits to New Windsor. With the help of Sharon Myers, and Steve Forebush working on the bags, and Skip and Jeanne Wah for transporting the kits for us.
- ♥ Thank you to Shari Lehman who put together the narthex display for the school kits project. For July and August.
- ♥ Thanks Skip & Jeanne Wah for maintaining the Marque Messages.
- ♥ Thank you to Sandie Keller for creating the Narthex display about Love Feast and Communion this month.
- ♥ Thank you Deacons Angela Gwinn and Darlene Myers for preparing the congregational cards and Suzanne Werner for recording our attendance for September.
- ♥ Thank you to Robyn Bortner, Esther Kipple, Jeanne Wah and Suzanne Werner for their continued dedication to voluntarily providing beautiful music for our services year after year.
- ♥ Thank you to Jim Biddle for his direction of the Choir and Carrie Brenton's ability to jump in and substitute as needed.
- ♥ 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, Sandie Keller 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.
- ♥ Thank you to Reg Baugher and Duane Shaulis for serving as co-head ushers year after year.
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- ♥ Thank you to Pat Challenger and Gloria Myers for serving as Worship leaders for September.

Camp Eder

46TH
ANNUAL

FALL FEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
10AM-4PM

MEAL SERVED 11AM-3PM

LIVE AUCTION 10:30AM

Schedule for Children's Sunday School:

October 6th and October 20, November 3 and 17.

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





**We invite you to come out this fall for an
OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING**

Sunday, October 20, at 3 pm

**At the Chestnut Grove Meetinghouse
5008 Chestnut Grove Road,
Spring Grove, PA 17362**

On RT 516, south of Jefferson

Led by Pastor Brandon Grady

of the

Black Rock Church of the Brethren

UPCOMING
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**CHURCH
BUSINESS
MEETING**

Black Rock Church of the Brethren Congregational Business Meeting

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Immediately following Worship.

CBM Packets will be available on October 13
on the table in the Gathering Place.

Save the Date: Sunday, December 8



Put December 8 on your calendar as the day to bring cookies to Black Rock for the Carlisle Truck Stop Cookie Collection. There will be a flyer on the bulletin board and more information in the November Newsletter. Decorated paper bags will be provided by Diana Shaulis, so the cookies will just need to be put in a zip lock bags. Shirley and Paul Boldosser will collect the cookies on December 8th and then take them to Carlisle on December 9th.



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Sunday, November 3, 2024

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

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Camera	Welcomer	DECORATORS	Attendance	Monthly visitor	Congregation-cards.	Worship Leaders
Schedule Worship & Fellowship						Deacons Pastor			
Oct. 6	Esther Kipple	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Carrie Brenton	Dick Shaffer	Robyn Bortner, Sandie Keller and Connie McMaster		Bonnie Henry	Audrey Shisler	Cheryl Leppo
Oct. 13	Suzanne	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Jodi Weaver						
Oct. 20	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Wynne Hoffacker						
Oct.27	Suzanne	Randy/Amy	Beth Osborne						