

Black Rock Church of the Brethren
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JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

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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

“Blessed quietness:
By Pastor Brandon

I love one of the hymns in our hymnal which beautifully describes the image of quietness. Lately I've come to really appreciate the silence. I know, people are going to say, well Brandon, you're an extravert, you're a pastor, you love being around people. Well yes, I am, and I do! But I also enjoy the time when I can be alone, when I can recharge. I feel the quiet spirit of God anointing me, refreshing me in the silence.

The hymn is number 301 in our blue hymnal, and it reads in the refrain as follows. “” Blessed quietness, holy quietness, what assurance in my soul. On a stormy sea, speaking peace to me, how the billows cease to role.””

Gosh friends, I think of the church, the state it's in, where we're considering our role in the twenty-first century moving forward and I wonder, don't we need this? Could we not tap into this blessed quietness from Jesus even as we go about our activities, our ministry to the world? Could we not seek the blessed quietness even as we wonder who we are going to call as our next moderator, our new leaders for the coming year? Could we not seek that blessed quietness even as we wonder how we continue to be a presence for God in this desolate area?

My Friends, the assurance of God allows us the blessed quietness in faith to know he's always anointing us and there for us. Let us not forget Jesus assures his disciples so many times he will be with them, that his peace and presence is right with them, right in their heart. He even tells doubting Thomas at one point to touch his hands and side in a locked room for crying out loud!

My Friends, Jesus is calling us to reach out, to feel him touching us, offering his peace, offering us his hands, his feet, his side. Jesus is offering us that blessed quietness of his spirit, so we might always be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

So, in the continued journey of our faith as the Black Rock Family, let us never forget that anointing, refreshing sense of silence from God is amazing! Even as all seems quiet here in the countryside, may we remember that blessed quietness is truly a gift from God in our faith. It's the blessed quietness of the perfect presence of Jesus calling us to center on him and to love him, and most of all to live him as best we can while we can!

To God be the glory

Sermons

June 1- John 14:8-14 "Active Believing"

**June 8- Psalm 96:1-6 and 11-12
Celebration of the Gift of Music**

June 15- John 16:12-15 "Enter the Spirit"

**June 22- John 20:19-26
"Do we always feel Jesus' peace?"**

**June 29- John 21:15-19
"It's all about being a Jesus follower"**



Thank You!

Audrey Shisler for preparing May Congregational cards .

Susan Felth for tracking the Church attendance.

Jean Kehr for tracking our Sunday School attendance.

Outreach team for creating the Summer Lunch Program
Narthex display for May and June.

John & Linda Covalt for serving as Welcomers for May

Beth Osborne and Micha Roth for serving as our
Worship Leaders for May .

Linda Covalt for being our May monthly visitor.

Thank you for helping with the 2025 Meat Canning.

Thanks to **Sandie Keller, Mary Ann & Mark Robinson**
for serving the food on Tuesday for the folks helping with
meat canning. Those helping with the canning from Black
Rock on Tuesday were **Pat Challenger, Rich Shaffer,**
Duane Shaulis, Kim Shaulis, and John Werner. Serving
Tuesday and Wednesday were **Paul and Shirley**
Boldosser. 1/3 of the chicken went to Southern PA Dis-
trict, a 1/3 went to the Atlantic Northeast District and a 1/3
went to North Carolina for victims of disasters.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



“Fruit of the Spirit” VBS

Hey Black Rock family and friends,

When: Saturday, June 21

Time: 10 am - 12 pm

Where: Black Rock Church for children of all ages.

*****Pizza lunch will be served at the end.*****

While we explore the fruit of the spirit, from

Galatians 5:22 & 23, we will have stories, games, a craft, videos, singing, a fruity snack, a water table activity. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Don't forget to invite your grandkids, and your friends and neighbors.

June Birthdays



1 Dillon Shaffer
2 Grace Wildasin
3 Lilah Shaub
5 Patti Rappoldt
6 Aria Hardman
10 Nathan Osborne
11 Selena Barlow
12 Tina Alwine
12 Robyn Bortner
13 Emily Lehman
13 Kipp Wentz
14 Amy Hoffacker

15 Jason Werner
18 Weston Vanderheyden
19 Barbara Bortner
22 Ashlee Gwinn
22 Grace Riebling
27 George Hamm
29 Morgan Ecker
29 Vondalee Luckenbaugh



June Anniversaries



1— John & Linda Covalt
1- Galen & Barb Bortner
3— Greg and Lisa Wentz
13—Dick and Esther Kipple
15- Karl & Shari Lehman
15- Skip & Jeanne Wah
16— Steve & Connie Forbush
18-Brian & Melissa Garvick
21-Eric & Angela Gwinn
29- Randy & Cathy Brant
29- Brian & Kaitlyn Morgan





SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM 2025

The Outreach Committee will be collecting the items listed below through July in the box at the back of the sanctuary. Monetary donations can be given to members of our Team: Connie McMaster, Sandie Keller, Sharon Myers, Shari Lehman or Mary Ann Robinson. Thank you

Items needed:

Canned Items- 15 oz. baked beans.

**Boxed Items- 12-18 oz of Rice Krispie,
Cheerios**

or Honey Nut Cheerios

Boxes of granola bars

**100% fruit juice boxes, fruit or
applesauce cups (6 to a package)**

7.25 oz boxes of Macaroni & Cheese

Packages of individualized boxes of raisins

Plastic/Glass Items- 14 oz. jar of pizza sauce

64 oz. bottle of 100% apple juice

18 oz. jar of peanut butter.



CHURCH SUMMER PICNIC
SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025
5:00 PM
AT THE BLACK ROCK CHURCH
OF THE BRETHREN

There will be a cake walk and the Alesia Band, under the direction of James Biddle, providing music for us again at our annual Church Picnic.

We are asking that you please sign up on the bulletin board at church so we can plan accordingly. We are asking people to sign up to bring designated items to the picnic which include: hotdog rolls, baked beans, potato salad, vegetable salad, chips, dessert, gallons of iced tea or Lemonade.

We also have a column for persons who are willing to bake a cake or a pie for the cake walk.



Special Music Needed:

Special Music during the Summer months. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the narthex bulletin board to share your gift of music with us on Sunday mornings during June, July and August.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Worship and Fellowship Team.



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are on our Website at
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June 2025

Childrens' Sunday School class June 8 & 22

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Deacon Picnic	2	3	4 9:30 am conf. call Bible Study most Wednesdays	5 BR COB @ PAL	6 8:30a 1st Friday Ladies Breakfast	7 5 pm BR COB Church Picnic
8 Music Appreciation Sunday/Pentecost	9	10– Jodi Back in the office	11	12	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21 VBS 10-12 noon
22 Journey Deadline For July/Aug.	23	24	25 11:30 am- Ladies lunch At Hoss's	26 BR COB @ PAL	27	28
29	30 Pastor at Annual Confer.					

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Camera	Welcomers	Decorators	Attendance	Mo.Visitor	Congr. Cards	Worship Leaders
June 1	Jeanne Wah	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Carrie Brenton	Audrey Shisler	Connie McMas-ter & Robyn Bortner		Jill Hoffacker	Carol Jean Hoover	Jim Biddle
June 8	Esther Kipple	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Wynne Hoffacker						
June 15	Suzanne	Carrie Brenton	Brenton boys						
June 22	Robyn Bortner	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Beth Osborne						
June 29	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Jodi Weaver						