

Recording the

JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

July & August 2025



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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.

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Is today's church truly one? I think I can safely say it's not. We are divided on so many issues. We are disagreeing constantly on big and small ways to reach out or even on how we should be worshiping. Is today's church truly one at all?

This is why I love the song; we are one in the spirit. That spirit friends is a spirit of love. It does not mean the church pillars; the people are completely unified at all. It doesn't mean people should see everything the same way. It simply means we are bonded by the power of the Holy spirit. And intertwined in that spirit, should only be love. We should be bonded, even as we are different, whatever that difference may be.

One of the great characteristics at church I share with people is we are divided into so many other realms about current events and politics, yet we are truly a family at Black Rock.

Can we, as the months move forward though friends, build on that strength? Can we continue not only to be a family, but a family filled with the Holy Spirit, receiving the Holy Spirit, and feeling one in the spirit to the point we become excited about where God is leading us. Yes, it is so easy to be discouraged, but by God's grace, let us remember, that spirit which binds us together cannot be broken, therefore our oneness in that spirit, our call to be one as we follow and worship Jesus as long as we can should remain joyful and strong! Indeed Black Rock, let us truly be one in the spirit in all ways!

To God be the glory

July and August Sermons and Scripture

July 6– “Faith Working Through Love” with Dava Hensley

Galatians 5:6 b and 1 Corinthians 13:1-3; 8-13

Love is having a hard time in our world today and we are being reminded that we are to love with God’s agape love that has been demonstrated for us through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.

Pastor attending Annual Conference, Greensboro, NC.

July 13 – “And who is my Neighbor?” Luke 10:25-37 Parable of the Good Samaritan

July 20 : “Do we Come seeing?” John 9:1-7 Sermon

July 27 - “Do we Remember? 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Bread & Cup Communion.

August 3– “Where is your treasure?” Luke 12:13-21

August 10- “Are we Jesus Ready?” Luke 12:32-40

August 17– Guest speaker Ben Foley of SERVE NOW.

August 24- “For Jesus, any time is a good time!” Luke 13: 10-17

August 31- “True Honor” Luke 14:7-14



2 Martha Brant	22..... Katelyn Redding
..... Kody Garvick Lois Shaffer
3 Noah Haring	23..... Randy Brant
4 Randy L. Shaffer	Eric Lehman
5 Terry Redding	24 Pat Challenger
Matthew Nawn	Shari Lehman
8 Beth Nawn	Olivia Liccaddello
10 Korie Kennedy	Mike Ritter
11 Chloe Baugher	Mary Robinson
16..... Greg Wentz	29 Steve Brenton
17 Connie McMaster	31 Jean Kehr
18 Amy Lucabaugh	



July 9 -David and Kirsten Cook Jr. ('16)

Ben Foley of ServeNow,

Will share with us on **August 17**, during Worship. ServeNow, whose mission is to "share Christ's passion for the world by serving the most vulnerable through national churches and leaders" is now in 30 countries on every major continent, partnering with 20,000+ churches and directly serving close to 1 million people annually while also reaching over 120 million+ people a year through online efforts. Ben Foley has been leading ServeNow for close to a decade and in that time has also authored five books available on Amazon, along with a number of ServeNow's Basic Series discipleship resources. We will be having a free will offering for ServeNow on the 17th.

August Birthdays



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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1-..... Shawn Gantz | 15 Brandon Lehman |
| 2-..... Emily VanDerHeyden | 16 Barbara Harget |
| Amber Lehr | 17 Brenda Cornbower |
| 3 Julia Hoffacker | 20 Savannah Lehr |
| 5 Patrick Apicella | 22 Stevie Brenton |
| Oralee Smith | 23 Ruth Athey |
| 10 Terri Biddle | 27 Rob Stickles |
| 11 Nancy Becker | 29 Grant Baugher |
| 13 Robert Walker | 31 Richard T. Shaffer |
| 14 Kim Shaulis | |

August Anniversaries

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Aug. 5 Eric & Kim Lehman ('05) | 28 Jim & Terri Biddle ('82) |
| 17 Tom & Jackie Howdyshell (07) | 30 Steve & Carrie Brenton (08) |
| 23 Ken & Jodi Weaver ('86) | 30 Greg & Christine Shaffer (08) |
| 27 Rich & Joy Shaffer ('60) | |

Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 17th

Please have your children bring their backpack to Sunday school that day, and we will bless the backpacks and the child that will carry it through the school year.
Thank you, Christian Education Team.





thankful

FOR YOU.

- ♥ A special thanks to all who donated to the summer lunch program this year.
- ♥ Thanks to **Diana & Duane Shaulis** for coordinating the summer lunch program, and transporting donations each week.
- ♥ **Thank you to the Outreach team** for the Narthex display, showing items to be collected for the Summer Lunch Program that helps feed our local children over the summertime when they aren't in school.
- ♥ Thank you to **Jill Hoffacker** for serving as the monthly visitor by phone for the month of June.
- ♥ Thank you to **Carol Hoover** for preparing our Congregational cards for the month of June.
- ♥ Thank you to **Audrey Shisler** for being Welcomer for June.
- ♥ Thank you to **Richard T. Shaffer** who recycles our Aluminum donations for funds used to help send B.R. kids to Camp Eder.
- ♥ Thank you to **Jim Biddle** for Leading Worship for the month of June.
- ♥ Thank you to **Mary Robinson** for tracking the church attendance for the month of June.
- ♥ Thank you to the **Worship and Fellowship team** and the Alesia Band and Director, Jim Biddle who made our church picnic enjoyable.

Outreach Highlights

July– Summer Lunch Program continues thru July.

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 /pkg.)

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

pkgs. .of Ramen Noodles, (Chicken flavor)

Cans of Chicken Noodle soup, or canned pasta

Boxes of instant pudding.



August is Blanket Month

Blanketing the world in love is easy when people of faith unite through the Church World Service (CWS) Blankets and Kits ministry. Together, we can offer comfort, hope and warmth to our neighbors during their most challenging times. Imagine the impact of your compassion. Each blanket serves as a tangible expression of God's love—sharing warmth on a chilly night, relief in a crisis and a reminder that someone truly cares. Join other generous donors and share tangible expressions of love with our neighbors in need: Provide a CWS Blanket to someone in need.

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Annual Clothing and Shoe Drive



September 13th 10 am—1 pm

The Outreach Team is requesting that you "clean out your closets" of any "gently" used clothing and shoes that you would be willing to donate to our Community Aid Clothing and shoe drive which will be held at the church.

Canaan's Land Bluegrass

Will be at
The Black Rock
Church of the Brethren



Coming to ...
Black Rock Church of the Brethren
September 21, 2025

Canaan's Land Bluegrass
will be providing the Worship Service.
Please come and join us for Worship
at 10:00 am that morning.
There will be a love offering taken
later in the service.

Date s	Accompa- nist/ Choir	AV tech	Camera	Welcomers	DECORA- TORS	Attendance	Monthly phone visitor	Congrega- tional cards.	Worship Lead- ers				
Sched- ulers						Worship & Fellowship				Deacons		Pastor	
July 6	AC Sunday	Karl Lehman	Jodi Weaver	Pat Challenger Gloria Myers	JULY Bonnie Henry & Jill Hoffacker		Jean Kehr	Suzanne Werner	Carrie Brenton				
July 13	Jeanne Wah	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Carrie Bren- ton										
July 20	Suzanne W.	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Beth Os- borne										
July 27	Suzanne W.	karl Lehman	Wynne Hoffacker										
Aug. 3	Esther Kip- ple	karl Lehman	Jodi Weaver	Suzanne Werner	AUGUST Bonnie Henry & Jill Hoffacker				Savannah Lehr				
Aug. 10	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Beth Os- borne										
Aug. 17	Suzanne W.	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Wynne Hoffacker										
Aug. 24	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Carrie Bren- ton										
Aug. 31	Suzanne W.	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Jodi Weaver										

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		<div>Office Closed</div> <div>Pastor @ Annual conference, Greensboro, NC</div>				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<div>Pastor at Annual conference</div>						
13	14	15	16	17 8:30 a-BR @ PAL	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Bread & Cup Communion	28	29	30	31		

August 2025

August is Blanket Month at Black Rock for Church World Service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:30a 1st Fri. Ladies Breakfast Dth	2
3 9 am Worship & Fellowship Mtg.	4	5	6	7 8:30 a- BR @ PAL Jodi @ GLS	8	9 TBHC 9-1 pm BBQ & Car Show
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Jodi off		
17 Guest Ben Foley, ServeNow	18	19 L.T. mtg. 7:00 p	20	21	22	23
Pastor Brandon Vacation						
24	25	26	27 11:30a Ladie's Lunch at Hoss's in	28 8:30 a- BR @ PAL	29	30
31	Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 17 in Sunday school					