

Recording the

# JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

April

2022



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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 family of care.**

By Pastor Brandon

The call came when I was ready to do a memorial service. Not the call on the phone, the call of a test. I had Covid, I was feeling horrible about it. I was ready to do a memorial service, preparations had been made for a big party afterwards, and then the bump in the road. Actually, many the Sunday before said they thought I didn't look good and thought I might have it. Well I told the family I could do a virtual service. And then the family's response came. We're delaying the memorial service. We want you to have time to rest. I could share so many examples friends of care within the Black Rock family. But this is one which stands out. Over and over again, I have seen even in these times, the care we show for one another. I find myself awed still we as a family are serving one another with a love Jesus so desires for his people.

And it makes me wonder, why can't the love transcend to everything and everyone in the world. I've heard some say Black Rock is a cold congregation. Really? Why? Is it because some who come into these walls on Sundays don't feel warmth, welcomed? Is it because we have our own groups, like any family of faith, in which we congregate to the point guests may feel left out? Or is it because we are so distracted by what's going on in our own lives, we are simply set on getting through worship or whatever we're doing, in order to get to the next thing in our day?

Of this I am sure friends either way! None of it is intentional. I have seen the care which overflows from this body when it's together, and when it's not. Even in the times in which we're being tested by our weather patterns on some weeks and especially the Covid variant, we are still there for one another.

My prayer would be we continue that care. Let's remember the hope John utters when he records the miracles of Jesus. Let's remember the fruits of the Spirit recorded in Galatians 5. Let's recall Jeremiah's call along with Christ's claim in the great

commission God has impressive plans for us, we must go out and make disciples of every nation!

And so, it's up to us to go, go to that new person in worship. Go to that person we know is ailing. Go to that person on our prayer list and ask about them. Go to that person who's on our minds and we're just thinking about. And most of all, let's reach out in word and love with the same care we show for one another, to a world when we intersect with it in any way. When people are with us, may they feel cared about and loved, not by us, but by Jesus! If we extend that sort of care from Christ, then we'll be adding to the ultimate family of care, the family of God, followers of Christ, the kingdom of heaven, where everything is love, and everyone is cared about and for!

To God be the glory

## **April Scriptures & Sermons**

**April 3–** Philippians 3:4-14 **Do we really want Christ?**

Paul pressed on toward a goal in serving Christ.

Do we want that reward as well?

**April 3 -Congregational Business mtg. following Worship**

**April 10– Palm Sunday, and Palm Parade**

Luke 19:28-40 **Why all this?**

Why celebrate? Why wouldn't we?

**April 14, Thursday, Tenebrae Service** at Black Rock 7 PM

**April 17-Easter SonRise Service** Chestnut Grove 6:30 AM

**April 17-Easter Sunday, Luke 24:1-12**

**From nobody, to everybody.**

We started with nothing before Christ rose, but everyone sure benefits now and always from his resurrection!

**April 24** Revelation 1:4-8 **Do we say Amen with our lives?**

John and Jesus described and lived the joy of being renewed eternally.



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| 2  | Zachary Osborne   | 22 | Ken Wildasin     |
| 4  | Luella Davis (20) |    | Crystal Shaffer  |
| 5  | Terry Martin      | 23 | Reg Baugher      |
|    | Katie Renfro      | 26 | Jacob Rappoldt   |
| 9  | Oakley Cook (18)  | 27 | Zane Miller      |
| 11 | Tanner Meeks      |    | Rebekah Anderson |
| 16 | Ellis Myers       | 28 | Steve Wolicki    |
| 16 | Sarah Schwartz    | 29 | Tammy Hartlaub   |
|    |                   | 30 | Wynne Hoffacker  |

# Happy Anniversary

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|----|--------------------------|-------|
| 5  | Terry & Tina Redding     | ('86) |
| 15 | Reg & Janice Baugher     | ('78) |
| 20 | Matt & Beth Nawn         | (02)  |
| 24 | Larry & Pam Wise         | (04)  |
|    | Paul & Shirley Boldosser | ('70) |
| 29 | Clyde & Karen Griffie    | ('78) |



# THANK YOU

- Shari Lehman for the Hygiene kit Narthex Display for March:
  - Gloria Myers and Rose Marie Rill, Decorators for March & April
  - Thank you to our Audio visual team for serving during our Worship services, Karl Lehman, Amy Hoffacker, Randy Hoffacker, and videographers, Carrie Brenton, Wynne Hoffacker, Beth Osborne, Jodi Weaver and Michael Woodward.
  - Thank you to Suzanne Werner for doing the Encouragement cards for March.
  - Thank you to Isabelle Lehman for being our March phone visitor.
  - Thank you to Tammy Hartlaub and Linda Myers for faithfully counting our offering each week.
  - Thank you to our PAL, Clothing Bank and HACC volunteers
  - Thank you to The Worship and Fellowship team and all the organists and pianists, for the many years of volunteering to make our Worship Services absolutely beautiful and meaningful in our praise and worship of our God.
  - Thank you to my Outreach team -Shari Lehman, Sharon Myers, Patti Ritter and Mary Robinson for being so faithful, creative, helpful and energetic. I am blessed to have all of them on my team!
- Sandie Keller

**ANNUAL BABY DEDICATION SERVICE**  
**TO BE HELD AT BLACK ROCK CHURCH**  
Mother's Day, May 8, 2022  
**BLACK ROCK WELCOMES LITTLE CHILDREN**



**Bring Your Children to be dedicated**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

If you'd like to dedicate your child this year, please let us know two weeks before the service date, that would be Monday, April 25. This will allow us to plan. Pastor Brandon will meet with all the families May 8th at 9 AM in his office to go over the details before the service. Be blessed everyone, and to God be the glory for his gift of life!

**Hygiene kit collection extended until Sunday May 1st**

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (No fingertip, bath, dish, or micro-fiber towels.)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package (Found at discount dealers like sallybeauty.com.)  
Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth  
No pocket combs or picks  
Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable
- One fingernail or toenail clipper  
(Either one is acceptable. Remove from packaging.)
- One bath size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids



## “RISE AND SHINE!” 2022

Easter SonRise Service at Chestnut Grove Meeting house.

It is our pleasure to announce the return of the Chestnut Grove meeting house Easter sunrise service. We will gather at 6:30 AM Easter morning, April 17, this is before the sun rises at approximately 6:52 am This is something Black Rock has traditionally done, and we're looking forward to once again ministering to one another and the community at large as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. Come and enjoy sharing in word and song as we recall the quietness of the first Easter, the light coming out of the darkness, the empty tomb, and the dawning of sin being forgiven and wiped away once and for all! Come ready to share some memories of Easter, recall some familiar hymns, and hear a short meditation centering on the theme, as the world's sun rises, how the son of God continues to rise every day in our hearts and lives. Hope you'll make plans to rise, shine, and smile, offering your presence and participating in this special time of worship! Don't worry, the service will be no more than forty-five minutes, giving you plenty of time to change clothes if your local enough or perhaps grab a bite to eat before our regular Easter Sunday school and worship time! The service will be led by Carrie Brenton and Pastor Brandon. We look forward to being with you early Easter morning!

To God be the glory



# EASTER EGG HUNT

## **Easter Fun at Black Rock Church-**

On Saturday, April 16th at 10AM please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt and other fun Easter activities, such as crafts, bubbles, and snacks. You will have an opportunity to pet a real Easter Bunny and have your picture taken with him! All ages are welcome! Questions? Please contact Beth Osborne.

### **Easter Candy Donations**

for the Easter Egg Hunt event the Christian Education Team would appreciate small wrapped candy donations by Sunday, April 10th for the eggs that we will be hiding. We ask that the candy donations be wrapped candy, no peanut products, and no hard candy please. There will be a box in the back of the church labeled Easter candy donations for you to place the candy in. If you would rather give a monetary donation please give the money to Beth Osborne by Sunday, April 3rd. Thank you for your support!



### **Helping Hands Needed to Fill the eggs-for the Easter Egg Hunt Event-**

following worship Sunday, April 10th the Christian Education team will be meeting downstairs in the fellowship hall to fill plastic Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt. If you would like to join us after worship to fill eggs (and for some fellowship!), please meet us downstairs. The more the merrier! We appreciate your help-thank you!





# CROSS KEYS VILLAGE

The Brethren Home Community

Black Rock Church of the Brethren Keyperson: Gloria Myers

<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>cost Individual or couple</u>	
<b>Bronze</b> Membership	\$10.00	\$ 20.00
<b>Silver</b> Membership	\$50.00	\$100.00.
<b>Gold</b> Membership	\$100.00	\$200.00

The collection of the membership dues is welcome at any time during the year, but we wish to emphasize the early months of **February, March and April.**

**Checks should be made payable to: The Friends of CKV**

Those who would prefer to use a credit card may go to [www.crosskeysvillage.org/donate/friends](http://www.crosskeysvillage.org/donate/friends).

## Honoring Our

## 2022 Graduates



We will honor our graduates on Graduation Sunday

Please let us know the names of those graduating from high school, college, and post graduate studies. please forward the following information to the church office by April 17.

High School: Name of Graduate, High School attended and plans after graduation

College: Name of Graduate, where they attended, degree earned and plans after graduation

Post Grad: Name of Graduate, where they attended and their plans for the future

# April 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Each Sunday</b> 9am Adult Sunday School, 10:15am Worship - 11:30am Choir practice  Coming up on May 1, National Youth Sunday					1- 8:30 am First Fri. Breakfast Dutch Country	2
3-5th Sunday in Lent Congregation Business Mtg. 11:30am	4-Christian Ed. Mtg. 7pm via phone.	5	6- 8:30am Staff mtg 9:30 am Bible study call	7 8:30am PAL	8	9
10 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> , Palm Parade 11:30am Fill the eggs activity	11 7pm– Outreach Mtg. via phone conf.	12 Jodi Vacation Day 7pm– Staff Relations mtg.	13 -8:30am Staff mtg 9:30 am Bible study call	14- <b>7 pm Tenebrae Service</b>	15- <b>Good Friday</b> Office closed	16 <b>10 am Easter Egg hunt and Activities.at BR</b>
17 -6:30a Sunrise service at Chestnut Grove <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> May Journey Deadline	18—Office Closed	19 BR provide lunch for Meat Canning 7p– Leadership mtg.	20-8:30am Staff mtg 9:30 am Bible study call	21	22	23
Meat Canning week April 18-21						
24	25	26	27-8:30am Staff mtg 9:30 am Bible study call 11:30a-Ladies Lunch at	28 –8:30 PAL  Olive Garden	Pator Brandon Grady on Vacation April 28-May 7	
29	30					

Dates	Accompanist/ Choir	AV tech	Zoom and Video	Greeters	DECORATORS	Monthly phone visitor	Congregational cards.	Worship Leaders
Schedulers	Worship & Fellowship					Deacons		Pastor
April 3	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Jodi Weaver	Ken Wildasin	Gloria Myers & Rose Marie Rill	TBD	Jeanne Wah	Beth Osborne
April 10	Suzanne/Adult Choir	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Wynne Hoffacker					
April 17	Robyn Bortner	Karl Lehman	Carrie Brenton					
April 24	Esther Kipple	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Jodi Weaver					