

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

2022
happy new year



Recording the
JOURNEY
of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

DECEMBER & JANUARY
2021-2022



God so loved the world ...

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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

"The gift of refuge" By Pastor Brandon

Pastor's Page

"Taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the one who takes refuge in him" Psalm 34:8

It's interesting at this time of year we all notice the seasons truly change. Perhaps that dreaded or blessed white stuff depending on how you view it starts to fall. Either way, the cold starts to set in, the chill of winter begins to lather the earth. But I'm struck at this time, in this season of gift preparing how warm the gift of the refuge of God really is. It's an exciting package to unwrap every day.

As I think about how a typical Christ season would look, then considering the new year, gosh, the gift of God's presence seems abundant and eternal yes, but amazing and awesome now!

I can't help wondering if the Psalmist was on to something in an age when many were oppressed and bullied and battered and abused. Their season was hurtful and hurried and far from peaceful or peace-loving. In this season of peace on earth, good will to all, in this time of looking at refreshment and resolution, don't we need the Psalmist words? In this season as the church considers both how to reach out and be renewed in leadership transition and budget restructure, don't we need to taste and see the Lord being so good.

Praise God the warmth of the one who loves us is one in which we can take refuge. But so can we provide a refuge for those needing restored and renewed spiritually, which would be all of us at certain times. What a time for us to realize the gift of refuge, providing shelter of understanding and compromise and openness and flexibility. And most of all, what a time for us to find a refuge of assurance God will both unwrap gifts and renew our time, each step, each chapter, each person who both leads and follows not only in our congregation, but as a faithful messenger of the gospel.

So in this season where the chills may set in, let's be warmed and provide warmth, all from the gift of refuge from our heavenly father. What a gift, what a renewal. In fact, the gift of refuge, it's a gift which keeps on giving, don't stop giving it whatever you do, whatever the time!
To God be the glory in Jesus' name



Attention Cookie Bakers

As you are baking Christmas cookies this year, please consider baking some extra for the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry. For several years we have been doing this and we are inviting everyone to help out.

Churches and friends in the district donate thousands of bags each year to let truckers know we are praying for them and to provide a 'taste of home' while they are out on the road.

Place 6-8 cookies in a zip-lock bag and then put that bag in a paper lunch bag which can be decorated - like stamping, stickers, coloring, or stapling parts of old Christmas cards on the bags. Bring them to church and place them in the Library by Sunday, December 12, and Shirley and Paul Bol-dosser will add labels that say they are from Black Rock COB and identify the Truck Stop Ministry. They will take them to Carlisle on Monday, December 13.

For more information about the Truck Stop Ministry of the Southern PA District, go to carlisletruckstopministry.org

The Outreach Ministry team is once again participating in the Angel Tree project which will provide Christmas gifts to children served by the Children's Aid Society. A tree with angels on it is at the back of the sanctuary. Anyone wishing to help with this project may take an angel from the tree, purchase the item suggested on the angel and return it **unwrapped** to the box close to the wishing well in the overflow area no later than December 5. If you are unable to shop for items, you may give a money donation to Shari Lehman and the item will be purchased for you. Thank you for helping make Christmas a little brighter for these children.

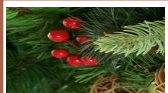




Thank You!



- ♥ Outreach Team especially Shari Lehman for creating the Angel Tree and coordinating the gifts for Children's Aid Society.
- ♥ Thanks also to those who donated Angel Tree gifts and funds to make Christmas extra special for those in need.
- ♥ Outreach team -Mary Ann Robinson and all who send Christmas cards to the Brethren Volunteer Service members.
- ♥ Monthly Phone visitors, Coordinated by Audrey Shisler Nov. Betty Laughman, and Dec. Barb Harget
- ♥ Sandie Keller for creating our Narthex Display for Oct./Nov.
- ♥ Jill Hoffacker, Bonnie Henry, Gloria Myers and Rose Rill for Decorating the church all year long and for creating our Decorations for Christmas and Narthex Display for December.
- ♥ Sandie Keller for sending encouragement cards for Nov/ Dec. and for coordinating others to do so for 2021.
- ♥ Thank you to Carrie Brenton for serving as our Leadership Team Chair for the last 4 years.
- ♥ Sandie Keller - encouragement cards for Nov. and Dec.
- ♥ Brett & Wynne Hoffacker and Suzanne Werner for Serving as November Worship Leaders.
- ♥ Mike Ritter – for Serving as December Worship Leader
- ♥ John Werner – for setting up and regulating the heat & timers.
- ♥ Thank you to our Worship & Fellowship Team Chair, Suzanne Werner for planning the Dec.26 Worship Service while Brandon will be on vacation.



SAVE THE DATES



**Sunday, Dec. 5– Bread & Cup Communion,
11:30am -Ornament Workshop**

Sunday, Dec. 12– Christmas Tree decorating during Worship

Sunday, Dec. 19– Christmas Sunday

**Thurs., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve. Service
7 pm at BlackRock Church
9 pm Chestnut Grove meeting house**

Sermons and Scriptures



December 5 -Luke 1:68-79 , Title- A coming joy!

Description- The news Luke records of ultimate freedom and salvation is the best news of all in the coming child.

December 12- "The Gift of Joy" Meditation- Do we Enjoy the gift?

December 19 -Micah 5:2-4 , Title- A Great Joy!

Description- It is truly great for us to think about the greatness of Jesus!

December 24 (Christmas Eve) -Black Rock 7 pm Service

Luke 2:8-20 , Title- Sight unseen, great reward!

Description- The child was promised, and on faith, everyone rushed to Bethlehem where their faith was rewarded forever!

Chestnut Grove 9 pm Chimes and Scriptures service

December 26 "What Are You Waiting For" (Pastor on Vacation)

A service of Scripture, Carols, and Prayers



January 2- Ephesians 3:14 Title- We are, because God is!

Description- From the beginning of time we must remember to whom we have always belonged.

January 9 Scripture Acts 8:14-17 Title- Receiving the Holy Spirit.

Description- All of us have moments when we are baptized by the Spirit of God!

January 16 Scripture John 2:1-11 Title- God's glory in full display.

Description- There's always a reason to celebrate when God provides!

January 23 Scripture- Psalm 19 Title- Ultimate certainty.

Description- There's nothing we can cling to in the world, thank goodness we have a rock and redeemer!

January 30 1Corinthians 13:1-8 Title- So hard, but so special!

Description- God's love wasn't supposed to be easy, yet it's something we all appreciate and need.



December Birthdays



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| 2 Lin Carlson | 16 Nate Shaub |
| Joy Shaffer | Audrey Shisler |
| Jeff Wildasin | Gerald Smith |
| 3 Rozenna Hartman | 19 Rachel Myers Brownlee |
| Ian Penn (2009)* | Shane Wolicki |
| 4 Skip Wah | Delaney Licciardello (2010) |
| Braxtin Covalt (2015)* | 21 Matthew Garvick |
| 8 Terry Conover | 22 Wayne Baugher |
| Sarah Kilgalen | 24 Debora Mancha Wolicki |
| 12 Stacey Widener | 26 Sally McIntire |
| 13 Melissa Laughman | Dylan Davis |
| 14 Richard L. Shaffer | 28 Kaitlyn Morgan |
| 15 Dominick Licciardello (2001) | 29 Todd Shaffer |
| 16 Geraldine Eckrote | 30 Randy Fuhrman |

December Anniversaries

- 12– Dylan & Jessie Davis 20
 13. Aaron & Erin Hanson-08
 16. Mike & Sally McIntire 78
 28 -Mel & Harriet Fleming-68
 30- Joe & Connie McMaster-85

January Anniversaries

- 6- Jim & Bonnie Henry-18
 21–Bill & Rozenna Hartman 78

January Birthdays

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| 1.....Mel Fleming | 18 Harriet Fleming |
|Carol Jean Hoover |Francis Myers |
| 3.....Jodi Weaver | 19.....Kaden Alwine |
| 4.....Laura Baugher | 21.....Andrew Nawn |
|Shirley Shaffer |Brandon Grady |
| 5.....Jim Biddle |Evan Hanson |
|Mary Jo Crawford | 23.....Karl Lehman |
| 6.....Ruthanna Stremmel |Shirley Tracy |
| 7.....Jamie Strevig | 24.....Lydia Davis (18) |
| 8.....Gean Blemings | 27.....Susan Shaffer |
|Karen Mancha |Brian Garvick |
| 10.....Shirley Boldosser | 28.....Jean Becker |
| 11.....Lisa Wentz |Eric Bortner |
|Winter Penn |Madelyn Ort (18) |
|Randy A. Shaffer | 29.....Tony Miller |
| | 30.....Nicholas Redding |



Help Decorate Black Rock's Christmas Tree

Take home an easy-to-assemble Christmas ornament (found near both church entrances) to assemble and return on Dec. 12 to hang on our tree during the worship service.

Ornament kits will be available to through Dec. 5th. We ask that you return the ornament you assembled on December 12th. During the worship service we will have a time where individuals may hang their ornaments on the sanctuary Christmas tree. Please write your name on the back of the ornament so that it may be returned to you after Christmas. Questions? Please contact Beth Osborne or Patti Ritter

Make a Christmas Ornament Workshop

The Christian Education Team is planning a “Make Your Own Christmas Ornament” workshop after worship on Sunday, December 5 for all ages (children welcome with accompanying adult).

Nicole Osborne will be leading this activity in the fellowship hall 11:30-12:30. Snacks and bottled water will be available. Please sign-up by November 29 on the sheet hanging on the narthex bulletin board.

Note: This ornament is not the same as the pre-packaged ornament kits available near church entrances.

Questions? Contact member of Christian Ed. Team


Jim Biddle is looking for those who play instruments, and who would be willing to share their talents. Please contact Jim for more information or to volunteer email or call Jim at biddleja@yahoo.com (717)-542-9271



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
2. 10:15a Worship Bread & cup Communion Commission Leaders	3 Mondays are Pastor's Day off	4 .
9 10:15a Worship	10. Pastor's Day off	11
16 Adult Choir sings 10:15a Worship	17 Pastor's Day off	18
23 10:15a Worship February Journey Deadline	24 Pastor's Day off	25
30 10:15a Worship My2 Cents Offering	31. Pastor's Day off	2022

Date	Accompanist	AV techs	Zoom/Video
1/03	Robyn Bortner	Randy/ Amy H.	Carrie Brenton
1/10	Martha Brant	Karl Lehman	Beth Osborne
1/17	Jeanne Wah	Randy/Amy H.	Jodi Weaver
1/24	Esther Kipple	Karl Lehman	Wynne Hoffacker

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
5 8:30a Staff Meeting 9:30a Bible Study 7p Adult Choir	6	7	1
12 8:30a Staff Meeting 9:30a Bible Study 7p Adult Choir	13 8:30a Provide-A- Lunch	14	15
19 8:30a Staff Meeting 9:30a Bible Study	20	21	22
26 8:30a Staff Meeting 9:30a Bible Study	27	28	29
Ruth's Harvest	<u>HACC-Needs</u> Provide A Lunch		*Changing Lives Shelter
Single serve entrees, Single serve fruits or veggies To help call 717-633-6353	Sauerkraut Single size of green beans Sweet peas or Mixed veggies Dish soap <u>Clothing Bank</u> Family sized toiletries Men's White T-shirts XL 2X Men's underwear Womens underwear sz.6,7+8 Men or Wms ankle socks Baby wipes		*Deodorant Men or Wms Disposable gloves M/L Lysol spray, or Clorox wipes Gallon zip storage bags New Twin Sheet sets and new bed pillows

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 No Bible Study 6:30p Bell Choir' 7 p– Adult choir	2 8:30a Provide A Lunch	3 9a HACC Clothing Bank- Help any Friday	4 Basement Reserved 11-4
			Jodi out of office-Nov.30-Dec.2 accepting emergency calls		Pastor Brandon-Vacation Nov.26-Dec.3	
5 Bell Choir plays Second Sunday. in Advent 10:15a-Worship Bread & Cup Communion 11:30a Ornament Workshop CAS Angel Tree deadline	6.	7	8 8:30a Staff Meeting 9:30a Bible Study via phone conf.call 7 p– Adult choir	9	10	11
12. Third Sunday. In Advent 10:15a Worship /Tree Decorating Cookie collection day Adult Choir sings	13 Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Cookie Distribution	14 7pm Staff Relations Team meeting	15 8:30a Staff Meeting 9:30a Bible Study via phone conf.call	16	17 .	18 Basement Reserved all day
19 10:15a Christmas Sunday	20	21 No Leadership Team meeting in December	22 8:30a Staff Meeting 9:30a Bible Study via phone conf.call	23 8:30a Provide A Lunch	24 Basement reserved 11-2 7 p Christmas Eve at BR 9p-Chestnut Grove	25 Christmas Day
26 10:15a Worship	27 .	28	29 No Bible Study	30	31. New Year's Eve.	
Pastor Brandon on Vacation Dec. 26-Jan. 1						

Date	Accompanist	AV tech	Zoom/Video	Congregational Cards	Monthly Phone Vistor
12/5	Suzanne Werner	Randy H/Amy H.	Wynne Hoffacker	Sandie Keller	Barb Harget
12/12	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Carrie Brenton		
12/19	Robyn Bortner	Randy H/Amy H.	Jodi Weaver		
12/26	Martha Brant	Karl Lehman	Mike Woodward		