

Recording the
JOURNEY
of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

December & January

2022-2023



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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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“And the Glory of the Lord”

By Pastor Brandon

An Angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. Luke 2:9

Of all the verses in the beautifully familiar Christmas account, this may seem an odd one to write about on its own. For here we have two colliding forces at play, one from the human standpoint, and the other divine. We have the glory of the Lord, and human fear.

I have always been fascinated by that from a nonvisual standpoint myself. What would the glory of the Lord being all around me look like, feel like? Perhaps my spine would quiver, perhaps I would fall to my knees, or cry out.

I think of the song, by Mercy Me, “I can only imagine”, And I just wonder, would I be able to speak at all in the presence of God?

Now if I have those questions in death in a beautiful place called heaven, I can only imagine the shepherd's situation. I mean here they are, doing their work, herding their sheep, and suddenly an angel out of nowhere appears. How can I blame them for being afraid? Would I feel any sense of fear if something completely foreign to me appeared in the sky?

It 's easy for me to say of course not. What were the shepherds thinking? Accept when you stop to think about the job of the shepherds, They are just going about their normal activities in the night. And suddenly the glory of the Lord lights up the sky and all through their being.

It makes me wonder around this Christmas and New years' time; am I truly ready for the glory of the Lord to shine around me in all ways? Don't we have an advantage over the shepherds? We know the good news. We are called to have shepherd-like glee, not fear, and be spurred on by the angel's message that Jesus is born for all the world to see and benefit forever!

But it all begins with our preparation. God obviously had a purpose for the lowly shepherds to hear the message publicly first. So, God can appear to lowly you and I in his glory at any time. Are we ready?, are we prepared?

Dear friends, allow God to surprise you as you go about your normal day. Don't fear the future. Allow his glory to shine in all you are and all you do! Share the good news with a smile, a handshake, or a song of servanthood to others. And always know, with the glory of the Lord all around us, there is indeed no need to fear!

Sermons and Scriptures

December 4- Overflowing Hope! - Romans 15:4-13

It is truly a blessing to invest our hope in the one who prepares the way for us!

Bread & Cup Communion -

Honoring our Deacons Emeritus— Isabelle Lehman, Lois Shaffer, and Rich & Joy Shaffer.

December 11- Something Better is Coming - Matthew 11:2-11

As John rested in prison, so we too wait in darkness, but the good news, heaven's light awaits!

December 18 - Shine on us! - Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

How often do we truly pray for Christ's light to shine on our path?

**December 24- Christmas Eve at 7 pm - at Black Rock COB
Chestnut Grove at 9 pm with Communion**

December 25 Christmas Day—The King made Flesh -John 1:14

January 1- -Guest Speaker, Pastor Gerry Godfrey

Sermon- "No Place to Rest"

Scripture Matthew 2:13-22

January 8 -The gift of the Journey -Matthew 2:1-12

What a blessing to offer the Lord our very best as the church in all we are and all we do.

SERIES BUILDING OF THE CHURCH

January 15 -We are all leaders! - Ephesians 4:11-16

God has chosen all of us for something special to build up his church.

January 22-We all make it happen! - 1 Corinthians 14:26-33

One by one, we all contribute and build on ideas to make the church's mission stand strong.

January 29- We must never forget why! - 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

When it comes to doing church, and being the church, we must remember the driving force behind our shared purpose!



December Birthdays



Joy Shaffer

Rozenna Hartman

Skip Wah

Terry Conover

Sarah Kilgalen

Stacey Widener

Melissa Laughman

Richard L. Shaffer

Geraldine Eckrote

Lincoln Nolt

Nate Shaub

Audrey Shisler

Rachel Myers Brownlee

Shane Wolicki

Wayne Baugher

Debora Mancha Wolicki

Dylan Davis

Kaitlyn Morgan

Todd Shaffer

December Anniversaries

Dylan & Jessie Davis

Aaron & Erin Hanson

Mike & Sally McIntire

Mel & Harriet Fleming

January Anniversarie

Jim & Bonnie Henry

Bill & Rozenna Hartman

January Birthdays

.....Mel Fleming

.....Carol Jean Hoover

.....Jodi Weaver

.....Laura Baugher

.....Shirley Shaffer

.....Jim Biddle

.....Mary Jo Crawford

.....Ruthanna Stremmel

.....Jamie Strevig

.....Gean Blemings

.....Karen Mancha

.....Shirley Boldosser

.....Randy A. Shaffer

.....Harriet Fleming

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.....Francis Myers

.....Kaden Alwine

.....Andrew Nawn

.....Brandon Grady

.....Evan Hanson

.....Karl Lehman

.....Shirley Tracy

.....Lydia Davis

.....Susan Shaffer

.....Jean Becker

.....Lisa Wentz

.....Eric Bortner

.....Madelyn Ort

.....Tony Miller

.....Nicholas Redding



Make an Ornament Workshop

The Christian Education Team is planning a “Make Your Own Ornament” workshop after worship on Sunday, December 4th.

Nicole Osborne will be leading this activity. We will begin making the ornaments promptly at 11:30 am and plan to finish with this activity at around 12:30 pm. Pre-packaged snacks and water bottles will be available during this event. Children are welcome with an attending adult. If you are interested in attending this workshop there is a sign-up sheet hanging on the narthex bulletin board. We ask that you sign up by November 27th so that we know the number of supplies to have on hand for this craft activity.

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

TO BE HELD AT BLACK ROCK IN DECEMBER

Where- Pastor Brandon’s office at 9 AM

As I’ve really enjoyed sharing with people in special and intimate conversation, it is my joy to announce a special Sunday school class during the month of December. We will be discussing the themes of Advent: hope, joy, peace and love during the regular Sunday school hour. This class is open to all ages so I hope as many as would like will make plans to join me for sharing in talking about how those themes are very relevant today and what they mean for Black Rock and our faith journey individually and together! I look forward to our fellowship time together.

Pastor Brandon



Truck Stop Ministry:

Attention cookie bakers: We are planning on supporting the Carlisle Truck Stop Cookie Ministry again this year. If this is new to you, the Truck Stop Ministry is an outreach program of the Southern Pa COB District. It supports chaplains to help and counsel with truck drivers. And there is a chapel there for worship also. You should look this ministry up online and learn more. Each year at the Carlisle Truck Stop they collect cookies to share with truck drivers who might not get to spend much time with their families, and to distribute to holiday travelers. At Black Rock, Sunday, December 11 is the day to bring your cookies. Please pack them in zip lock bags. If you want, you can also place that bag in a brown paper bag. However, we will pack them in brown bags and boxes as needed. If you bring the bags to church on Sunday December 11, Please place them in the Library so they aren't confused with the cookie exchange in the fellowship hall. The cookies will be collected by Paul and Shirley Boldosser and delivered to Carlisle on Monday, December 12. If the cookies are large, like sugar cakes, pack them 4 to a bag. Smaller cookies can be packed 6 or 8 to a bag. We also add the Truck Stop Ministry info and a label saying that they came from Black Rock COB. You are encouraged to include a printed note or scripture tracts.

Thank you



**SOUNDS OF THE SEASON CONCERT FEATURING
BONITA GRADY, PASTOR BRANDON AND BEN GRADY**

WHEN: Sunday December 11, at 1:30 PM

Offering: to go to Black Rock Outreach Ministries

Per special request dear Black rock friends, my stepmother Benita Grady will be joining my brother Ben and I for a special Christmas program the second Sunday of December. We will be holding the concert following the carry in luncheon, at 1:30 PM in the sanctuary. Bonita is an accomplished pianist and has played in many settings over the years in York County, including providing an organ concert before the Annual Glenn Rock carolers event on Christmas Eve. Bonita has played for us several times at Black Rock, and regularly plays for our worship also on Christmas Eve. Half the concert will be just Bonita playing solo numbers as many have asked her to come back and do such a thing. The other half will be Ben and myself joining Bonita in a trio of vocal and instrumentation we used to do on a regular basis. For ten years, we were in a group called Out of the Darkness with five persons. Now we have the scaled down version, and are excited about sharing together and being with you all in this special time of celebrating the joy of Christmas. Hope you will make plans to be with us!

**ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE TO BE HOSTED BY PASTOR
BRANDON AND HIS FAMILY SUNDAY DECEMBER 18th**
Black Rock Church Parsonage from 2-4 PM

It was very sad for a couple years due to the COVID19 pandemic I was unable to hold a fellowship gathering at the parsonage. This year, it's my joy to announce we will be renewing that time of gathering and Celebration during the Christmas season. I am excited to welcome you for two hours come and go as you would feel so led. There will be so refreshment, as well as some music provided by Pastor Brandon and his family, as well as just another time for our community to fellowship and be together! My family and I would love for you to make plans to be with us as we usher in the Christmas week in style!

Deacon Emeritus Recognition

December 4th during our Morning Worship Service we will be honoring our Deacon Emeritus members, Isabelle Lehman, Lois Shaffer and Rich and Joy Shaffer
Please join us for this special time.



Angel Tree -

The Outreach Team is sponsoring an Angel Tree for Children's Aid Society. We will be collecting gifts until Dec 4. Please remember they are to be new and unwrapped. Thanks in advance for your help.

Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be placed on the baptistry for Christmas Sunday, Dec. 25 Make checks payable to: Black Rock COB .

Number of **RED** poinsettias (\$12.50. ea.) _____

In honor

of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

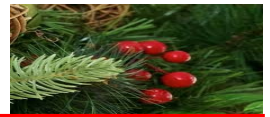
Deadline for Orders is Sunday, December 18th, Order forms may be handed to Jill Hoffacker, Mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate.

Merry Christmas!





Thank You!



- ♥ Outreach Team for creating the Angel Tree and delivering the gifts to Children's Aid Society. Thanks also to those who donated the gifts and funds to make Christmas extra special for those in need.
- ♥ Outreach team -Mary Ann Robinson and all who will send Christmas cards to the Brethren Volunteer Service members.
- ♥ Monthly Phone visitors, Coordinated by Audrey Shisler Oct. Jean Kehr, Nov. Betty Laughman and Dec. Susan Felch.
- ♥ Shirley Boldosser, Shari Lehman and Beth Osborne who organized and participated with the Sunday school groups for the additions for our Worhsip Service on December 11th.
- ♥ Thank you to all who have served our congregation in 2022.
- ♥ Jill Hoffacker-for sending encouragement cards for November.
- ♥ Nicole Osborne – for creating the Congregational Christmas Card
- ♥ Carol Jean Hoover for sending encouragement cards for Dec. & Sandie for sending cards for Jan. and for coordinating others

Sunday, Dec. 4- Bread & Cup Communion
Deacon Emeritus Recognition



Sunday, Dec. 11- Christmas Expressions
during Worship. Followed by a Christmas Carry-in-meal & cookie exchange, at 11:30 am
Truckstop ministry cookie donation deadline is the 11th as well, please place cookies in the church Library.
Then at 1:30 pm –Sounds of the Season Concert by Bonita Grady along with Pastor Brandon and brother Ben Grady

Sunday, Dec. 18- Parsonage open house 2-4 pm


Saturday, Dec. 24 -Christmas Eve. at Black Rock 7 pm
Christmas Eve Chestnut Grove 10 pm
with Communion.

Christmas Sunday Worship Dec. 25—Merry Christmas!

December 2022

Watch for the January 2023 calendar in the bulletin



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please join us December 4th as we Welcome Jim Biddle's Brass Group during Worship as they play several numbers and accompany our Sunday hymns.				1	2 First Friday Breakfast at Dutch Country	3 . 9 am communion Prep.
4 —Bread & Cup Com. Honor Emeritus Ornament making 9:30 Storytime 	5	6. 7 pm Leadership Team mtg.	7	8	9	10 Basement Reserved 10 am -1 pm
11 -Christmas Carry-in lunch/Cookie exchange 11:30am Adult Choir sings	12	13	14	15- 8:30 am PAL	16	17
18 - 9:30 Storytime 2-4 pm- Parsonage Open House	19	20	21 Staff Luncheon	22	23	24 Christmas Eve. 7 pm- BR CIOB 9 pm- Chestnut Grove mtg. house
25 Christmas Day Adult Choir sings	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
Pastor Brandon on Vacation						

Dates	Accompanist/ Choir	AV tech	Zoom and Video	Welcomers	DECORATORS	Attendance	Monthly phone visitor	Congregational cards.	Worship Leaders
Worship & Fellowship						Deacons		Pastor	
Dec. 4	Robyn Bortner	Karl Lehman	Carrie Brenton	Tom & Jackie Howdysshell	Bonnie Henry Jill Hoffacker Gloria Myers Rose Rill	Suzanne Werner	Susan Feltch	Carol Jean Hoover	Kim Gingerich
Dec. 11	Jeanne Wah	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Wynne Hoffacker						
Dec. 18	Suzanne Werner	Karl Lehman	Beth Osborne						
Dec. 25	Esther Kipple	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Jodi Weaver						