

Recording the

# ***JOURNEY***

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

**FEBRUARY**

**2024**



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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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# Pastor's Page



## **“Now is the time”**

By Pastor Brandon

Okay, I grew up in church. And I'd love to tell you I was always on fire for the Lord. But that would simply be a lie. Yes, when I was in elementary school I loved to sing in choirs, I even loved the hymns with the congregation. I even loved singing solos for the church. But did I love God, did I think about following Jesus, did I feel cleansed by the Holy Spirit? Not even close! Did I even love the church, can't say yes to that either. I was more eager to get church over with on Sunday's, and go to lunch at gramma's house, and then the real fun began when we went as a family to Hershey Park!

And while in High School, I started to embrace the church a bit more. When I went to college, more than a time or two, I lost a zest for going on Sundays. I went when I felt like it. But on that front, I will say, when I went, I was always glad.

Friends, when it comes to looking to Christ and the church in today's world, it seems to me we must ask one question. Where is our priority? Now many will say church is important to them. But how important? Will we put other things aside for it? Do we expect to get something out of church, or do we expect the church to do something for us to be a part?

In 2024, as we look at ourselves and continue to center on God, I would ask all of us to be in prayer and reflect further on how we can make Black Rock just a little more of a priority in our lives. And a little more directly, how can you continue to live the love of Jesus as priority one? How is what you do each day, Jesus shining in your every activity and thought. Sometimes, that is extremely hard to think about. But consider this. You are prioritizing Jesus and the Word of God with each way you choose his will, and his way, and not succumb to something which in the end will lead nowhere.

So, there is so many good things. And I know we all believe the church itself is a good thing. But is that it? Is the church just one more thing to get involved with? Or is our walk with Jesus a true priority? Is it something we will continue to look to, to pray about, and think about as we seek to reach out to one another and be lights wherever we can.

Now is the time, dear friends. Let now be the time to prioritize, to look to Jesus. Why wait? Now is the time to look at what you do and say, what is really important to me? Let now be the time for us to deepen our faith, and to be on fire for the Lord. And let us know for God, always, now is his time to work in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit! Indeed, to God, we are always his priority. May we, as we look to God, do likewise for him!  
To God be the glory!



*Thank you*



- ♥ Thank you to our 90+ aged members (and their families) for lighting our advent candles. They were Lois Shaffer, Grace Riebling, Dick Kipple, Geraldine Eckrote, Romaine Miller, and Martha Brant.
- ♥ Thank you to Audrey Shisler for contacting and confirming with our Candle lighters.
- ♥ Worship and Fellowship team would like to thank Shirley Boldosser and Carrie Brenton for leading the Chestnut Grove Christmas Eve service. We had 36 people from the community attend.
- ♥ Sandie Keller for preparing the congregational cards for December.
- ♥ Mary Ann Robinson for serving as Worship Leader for January. And preparing the congregational cards for Jan.
- ♥ Susan Feltch for visiting for the month of December.
- ♥ Carol Jean Hoover for visiting for the month of January.
- ♥ Kim Gingerich for serving as Worship Leader for December.
- ♥ To Suzanne Werner for creating the narthex display for December, and January.
- ♥ To all who donated and signed the Congregational Christmas card, \$289.00 was raised to send to Camp Eder.

## MEAT CANNING 2024

As you start to make plans for 2024 don't forget to add time for meat canning.

The dates are April 1—4

Come help with meat canning at the Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, PA.

There are 2 shifts daily:

Shift #1 starts at 7:15 AM -12 NOON

and Shift #2 goes from 9 AM - 2 PM

Please pray about this and come help with the meat canning process and help your fellow man by providing food for those in need. This is the **46th Annual Meat**

**Canning Project**, a joint effort of the Mid-Atlantic and Southern Pennsylvania Districts of the Church of the Brethren.

The goal of the canning project for 2024 is to can approximately 17,000 pounds of chicken in 4 days of processing.

Additional information is on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

Thanks, Paul Boldosser, Black Rock's 2024 contact person.

## Meat Canning Project



**APRIL  
4 Days  
April 1-4**

Processed at:  
Christian Aid Ministries

Sponsored by:  
Southern PA &  
Mid-Atlantic Districts COB

## February Sermons and Scripture

### February 4, - Service Sunday

Lift up your eyes- Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23 - Mark 1:29-39

### Transfiguration Sunday - February 11

-Let light shine out of darkness-  
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9- 2 Kings 2:1-12 - Psalm 50:1-6

### First Sunday in Lent - February 18

You are the Lord of my salvation- Psalm 25:1-10 - 1 Genesis 9:8-17 Peter 3:18-22 - Mark 1:9-15

### Second Sunday in Lent - February 25

I will make you exceedingly fruitful -Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
- Psalm 22:23-31 - Romans 4:13-25 - Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

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| 1 Clyde Griffie<br>Megan Nawn (08)                | 14 Robert Sasscer (11)  |
| 3 Brooke Shaffer (10)<br>Julia Stonesifer ❤️      | 15 Eric Gwinn   |
| 6 David Cook, Jr.<br>Kim Lehman<br>Terry Stickles | 16 Jayda Lehr (06)  |
| 7 Jenna Meeks (08)                                | 18 Alex Brenton (11)<br>Janice Baugher                        |
| 9 John Covalt                                     | 19 Amber Smith  |
| 10 Karen Alwine                                   | 25 Christie Eisenhart   |
| 11 Todd Bollinger                                 | 26 Tiffany Licciardello                                       |
| 12 Helen Rappoldt                                 | 27 Autumn Carlstrom (01)<br>Paisley Cook (22)<br>Beth Osborne |
| 13 Bonnie Henry                                   | 28 Sharon Myers<br>Stephanie Shaffer<br>Dee Stremmel Bortner  |
|   | 29 Gabriel Smith  |

*February 12, 1999  
Jim & Angie Steckel*

*February 13, 1982  
Carl & Wanda Stremmel*

*February 13, 1993  
Gary & Patti Rappoldt*



*Bible Study*  
everyone is welcome

The Wednesday Bible Study meets at 9:30 AM by phone conference call. They are starting to study the book of Acts. If you would like to join in the study, please call this number 1-832-831-2424. Then follow the prompts to enter the ID number: 262798.

