

Recording the
JOURNEY
of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

DECEMBER & JANUARY
2020-2021



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

“Don’t Worry!”

By Pastor Brandon

It’s interesting, another year, another adventure is soon upon us. And I wonder, are we worried? Usually, a new year brings freshness and perspective. But it seems to me this year we’re worried about when things may return to normal. And yet what if they don’t. Well, we’re worried about that too. It’s almost as if we’re in a pool and seem to drown no matter where we turn.

And yet, Jesus’ light reminds us of his birth, his coming, his guiding, his very presence among us, with us. His star burns just as bright now in our hearts, guiding us, the same way it guided the wisemen to Bethlehem, the same light which shown around the shepherds, the same light which Jesus offered the disciples in the storms. All those journeys were long and uncertain in time and length. Yet Jesus was always there, and so he is for us now.

And in another place in the gospel of Matthew, Jesus says, who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life. So maybe things won’t return to normal for a while, if ever? Are we always going to live in fear, in wondering, in wishing we could have what may not ever be? Jesus wants us to still minister and bless our world even in times where inside, we may worry a bit. We cannot do anything about what’s happening, but we can do a lot about what’s happening in us, among us, and with us. Let’s worry about what we can control, not stop doing so because we’re worried about what we can’t!

It’s my prayer we feel the guidance of the Holy Spirit moving into 2021, leading us on our journey with Jesus. May we give thanks to Jesus for always being there for us, even if it’s tough for us always to see him. May we realize, yes, we may not be able to do much, but by God’s grace and glory, we can and will be able to do more than we thought we ever could with him at our side. Therefore, we really don’t need to worry about a thing! To God be the glory in Jesus Name

Sermons and Scriptures

December 6 Scripture -Isaiah 40:1-11 Title- Proclaim Peace
Description- Let's remember to bring people together and share the peace of Jesus where we can.

Bread & Cup Communion

December 13 1Thessolonians 5:16-23
Christmas Program. A Nativity Story.

December 20 Scripture Luke 1:26-38 Title- Coming hope!
Description- There is a hope in Jesus' birth like no other.

December 24 (4 pm Christmas Eve) , Isaiah 9:2-7)
Title-Welcome the King.
Description-The birth and arrival of the Christ Child changes everything!

December 27 Isaiah 60: 1-3; & 61:10-11
Title "Arise, Shine, & Rejoice"

January 3 Scripture- John 1:1-9 Title- True light.
Description- It all begins and ends with Jesus the light of life!
Bread & Cup Communion

January 10 Scripture- Acts 19:1-7 Title- True Baptism.
Description- We are baptized every day somehow with the power of the Holy Spirit!

January 17 Scripture- 1Samuel 3:1-10 Title- A true call.
Description- Are we truly listening when God calls or not?

January 24 Scripture- Mark 1:14-20
Title- Truly following?
Description- Are we joyful, willing disciples of Jesus every moment, every day?

January 31 Scripture- Mark 1:21-28
Title- True teaching.
Description- How do we respond to Jesus' instructions today?



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

January Anniversaries

12– Dylan & Jessie Davis Wedding 2020

13. Aaron & Erin Hanson-08
 16. Mike & Sally McIntire 78
 28 -Mel & Harriet Fleming-68
 30- Joe & Connie McMaster-85

- 6- Jim & Bonnie Henry-18
 21–Bill & Rozenna Hartman 78
Mr. and Mrs. Dylan Davis
398 Cedar Road.
New Oxford, PA 17350

January Birthdays

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| 1.....Mel Fleming | 18Harriet 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 (2018) |
| 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 (2018) |
| 12.....Donald Shaffer | 29.....Tony Miller |
|Randy A. Shaffer | 30.....Nicholas Redding |
| |Cody Ort |

Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be placed on the baptistry for
Christmas Sunday, Dec. 20 Send this form to the church
with your check made payable to:
Black Rock COB by Sunday, **Dec. 13th**

Number of RED poinsettias (\$11. ea.) _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

Deadline for Orders due is Sunday, December 13th,

Orders may be handed to Jill Hoffacker

in the Gathering Place Dec. 6th or Dec. 13th

Merry Christmas!



SHARING OUR FAITH AS BLACK ROCK

Sing to the Lord all the earth, proclaim his salvation day after day!

1Chronicles16:23

As we continue the work of Jesus in this time and place dear sisters and brothers, I invite you to sincerely consider what your faith in Jesus has meant for you. The gospel reminds us to tell others, and to share his wonderful acts within us to bless others. It's my joy to help us proclaim our Lord's salvation and work within us day after day.

In 2021, each Sunday, we are going to be having a 1 to 3-minute sharing from different individuals. The question is simple. What does Jesus mean to you? How has God blessed you? Why is being a Christian important to you? You may answer any or all these questions with your sharing.

It's important for all of us to note, I'm not expecting us to have any great words or scriptures trotted out. You can simply share your story. And even if you do not feel comfortable sharing on Sunday mornings, perhaps you'd be able to submit articles for the journey, (if so, no more than one page please.) Maybe you might decide to record a video and submit that to be shared. Either way friends, let's bring our kingdom alive by proclaiming what our Lord Jesus means to us! Who knows who we might bless by our words? Perhaps someone who hears your story will feel a light of Christ working and touching them they otherwise may not. A sign-up sheet at church, plus an Email invitation will go out. Please feel free to let the office know you'd be willing to be on the list to share on Sunday mornings and we will work those sharing's into our service. Names will be collected from now through December 20 as we plan our first three months of the year. For each month thereafter, we'd like to have your names by the fourth Sunday so we can plug you into services, either in person or via video. For the journey, the same deadline will apply as per normal journey articles each month. If you don't feel comfortable going up front, you can share from your seat certainly. Also, if you'd like your story shared but don't feel comfortable sharing it verbally yourself, feel free to have it written down and we will have someone read the words for you in our worship service. The hope is we will have at least one sharing each Sunday throughout the year.

Let's follow Jesus in 2021. I'm so excited to hear what he's been doing for all of us. I'm excited to hear stories about how our Lord is blessing us in the past, as well as right now. Be well dear friends' and may he always mean the world to us. After all, he is our world! To God be the glory in Jesus' name Pastor Brandon



Thank You!



- ♥ Thank you to our Worship & Fellowship Team Chair, Suzanne Werner for planning the Dec.27 Worship Service
- ♥ Outreach Team especially Linda Covalt, 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 sent Christmas cards to the Brethren Volunteer Service members.
- ♥ Monthly Phone visitors, Coordinated by Audrey Shisler Nov. Betty Laughman, and Dec. Barb Harget
- ♥ Shirley Boldosser who directed the Christmas program, Beth Osborne who did the video taping and to all who helped and participated.
- ♥ Shari and Karl Lehman for creating our Narthex Display for December.
- ♥ Thank you to all who have served our congregation throughout the year
- ♥ Shari Lehman - encouragement cards for November
- ♥ Mike Ritter – for creating the Congregational Christmas Card
- ♥ John Werner – tree trimming
- ♥ Mark Robinson – Zoom meeting setup for Outreach Ministry Team to hold meetings
- ♥ Sandie Keller for sending encouragement cards for Dec. & Jan. and for coordinating others to do so.

Sunday, Dec. 6– Bread & Cup Communion

Sunday, Dec. 13– Christmas Program, “A Nativity Story”

Sunday, Dec. 20– Christmas Sunday

Thursday, Dec. 24 -Christmas Eve. 4 PM

Service at Black Rock Church

**NO Christmas Eve.service at
Chestnut Grove –Canceled**



Christmas Program, Sunday, December 13, 2020

"A Nativity Story"





You are invited to enjoy our Christmas program, "A Nativity Story" on Sunday, December 13. During Worship at 10:15 am Or if you are not at church or on Zoom, a video copy of the program will also be available to watch. The program will include children and adults portraying the people in the nativity story all in videos. We will also hear the story through scripture and song. We hope that this story will put you in the Christmas Spirit with the true meaning of Christmas in your heart, after a very unusual and trying year. Merry Christmas!





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The Outreach team announced that the Congregational Christmas card is available in the Narthex for folks to sign who would like to make a donation in support of Camp Eder's programs. Folks who'd like to add their names but who won't be coming to Black Rock due to COVID concerns can either mail a contribution to the church payable to Black Rock COB Memo: Cong. Christmas Card or contact Sandie Keller or the church office to make a pledge and your name will be included.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 9a Staff Meeting	3	4 9a HACC Clothing Bank- any Friday	5.
6. 2nd Sun.of Advent 10:15a- Bread & Cup Communion Cookie collection day Carlisle Truck StopMin. CAS Angel Tree deadline	7. Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Cookie Distribution	8 .	12 9a Staff Meeting	10 9a Provide A Lunch	11	12  <u>Congratulations</u> <u>Dylan Davis &</u> <u>Jessie Myers</u> <u>Wedding Day.</u>
13 3rd Sun. of Advent 10:15a Worship / Christmas Program A Nativity Story	14	15 No Leadership Team mtg for Dec.	16 9a Staff Meeting	17	18 .	19
20 10:15a Christmas Sunday	21	22	23	24 4 p Christmas Eve at Black Rock NO -Chestnut Grove service	25 Christmas Day Pastor Brandon on Vacation	26
27 10:15a Worship	28 .	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Pastor Brandon on Vacation Dec. 25-Jan. 2	
				9a Provide A Lunch	Best Wishes for a Happy New Year	

Date	Accompanist	AV tech	Zoom/Video	Congregational Cards	Monthly Phone Visitor
12/6	Suzanne Werner	Randy H/Amy H.	Wynne Hoffacker	Sandie Keller	Barb Harget
12/13	Robyn Bortner	Randy H/Amy H.	Carrie Brenton		
12/20	Martha Brant	Karl Lehman	Jodi Weaver		
12/24	Jeanne Wah	Randy H/Amy H.	Carrie Brenton		
12/27	Esther Kipple	Karl Lehman	Wynne Hoffacker		

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY
			
3. 10:15a Worship Communion Commision Leaders		4	5 .
10 10:15a Worship		11	12
17 10:15a Worship February Journey Deadline		18	19 *No LT mtg.
24 10:15a Worship		25	26
31 My2 Cents Offering 10:15a Worship 11:30a Deacon Training		2021	
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
1/31	Suzanne Werner	Randy/Amy H.	Beth Osborne

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
		1	2
6 9a Staff Meeting	7	8	9
13 9a Staff Meeting	14	15	16
20 9a Staff Meeting	21 9a Provide-A- Lunch	22	23
27 9a Staff Meeting	28	29.	30
CWS- Due to the increasing need Outreach Team is planning to sponsor clean up buckets– details coming for January and February			
HACC Needs	Provide A Lunch	*Changing Lives Shelter	
<u>Ruth's Harvest</u> Single serve entrees, cereal, juice boxes, snack or veggies (all single serve)	Sauerkraut Large Cans of green beans Sweet potatoes Pasta Sauces Single serve fruits Canned pears Scalloped potatoes boxes Corn bread mix Beef and chicken broth Ziploc sandwich Baggies	*Large Trash Bags Paper Towels Toilet Paper Disinfectant Wipes/Spray Umbrellas or Ponchos <u>Clothing Bank</u> Family sized toiletries Sheet sets all sizes Bath Towels Men's White T-shirts L & XL Baby Diapers size 4-5	