

Recording the

# ***JOURNEY***

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

**November**

**2020**



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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

“Thankful to live”

By Pastor Brandon

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1Thessalonians 5:18

In this time when the temperatures grow colder, the snow may start to set in, and the fall is upon us in full earnest, I wonder, are we thankful to live. I mean visually by this point, the trees are bare, the leaves have turned to brown, the harvests are done, and the rain and wind seem to whip things harder than ever. Still, are we warmed by all God continues to give us in life?

As we live in our faith, I know many who struggle with seasonal affective disorder, and I would argue, what a struggle that really is. It's so hard to gain true perspective on our joy in faith when an intensified emptiness comes over us.

In my mind, it's so easy to be overcome by all the different things going on in church life we can or cannot do especially now in the Pandemic time. My question is, do we give thanks even so we have the opportunity to be a church family and followers of Jesus? Our verse tells us Christ Jesus should always be given our thanks and praise for everything by everyone. And that reality, my friends, knows no season or struggle or difficult circumstance. Even as we're hesitant to gather in full numbers as Black Rock for now, we can still gather our hearts and give thanks to God the Father through Jesus we're all healthy in him. We have a place, a purpose. A passion for celebrating, for serving, for sharing, for singing, for sustaining our faith even if the cold may set in, or the storms of life and loss may rage.

Dear friends more than ever, it's my prayer we give thanks our Lord gives us the safety of protection and social distancing so hopefully we do not get the Covid19 virus or have it course through our family of faith. It's my prayer we give thanks for the diversity of thoughts in our congregation and are an example to the greater world in how to love each other across boundaries of all kinds. And it's my sincere prayer we celebrate the joy of being God's people, Christ's followers, and joined by the Holy Spirit so we even have an opportunity to be an active family of faith, and a testimony to our surrounding community.



Yes friends, in all which is happening and in all we are and all we endure, let's be thankful to live. Let's be thankful God has us as the church. Let's be thankful Jesus is leading us to do mighty things. And let's be thankful to live as we praise the giver of the one who said, I am the light of the world. May we have friends the light of life as we remain thankful to live because of all Jesus is doing and will do with us no matter what!

To God be the glory in Jesus Name



## *November Sermons and Scripture*

### **November 1 Celebration of Life**

Scripture Matthew 23:1-12

Title- Practice what you Preach

Description- As followers of Jesus, do we preach with our earthly lives?

### **November 8**

Scripture Matthew 25:1-13

Title- Keep your lamps trimmed and burning.

Description- Keep your light shining, and Jesus will always be close now, and when he returns.

### **November 15**

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30

Title- It's all in what you do with what you have!

Description- We're all given blessings from God, what will we do with those blessings?

### **November 22**

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46

Title- Which are we?

Description- As Jesus describes the sheep and goats, we must always be thinking who we are in his eyes.

### **November 29 First Sunday in Advent**

Scripture John 3:16-21

Title God so loved the World Mike Ritter Pulpit fill

## CELEBRATING NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

01	Joyce Hamme	08	Mackenzie Bortner
	Geoffrey Rappoldt	11	Kirsten Cook
02	Chrystelle Strausbaugh	18	Christine Shaffer
03	Kellie Waltimeyer	19	Bailey Stickles
04	Kevin Lehman		Judith Stough
	Janet Hann	20	Ken Weaver
06	Gregory Shaffer	24	Tyler Osborne
	Caleb Stickles	27	Linda Covalt
	Tammy Sasscer		Deb Stremmel
07	Kenneth Stremmel		



4-Brian & Susan Felch	14-Justin & Danielle
4-Mark & Mary Robinson	Hoffacker
8-Todd & Sandy Bollinger	21-Tony & Stacey Widener
14-Paul & Shirley Marshall	22-Mike & Patti Ritter



- ♥ Deacon team for orchestrating of communion to make it safer for our participation.
- ♥ Beth Osborne for the Narthex Display for October & November
- ♥ Paul Boldosser – For scrapping and painting at Chestnut Grove meeting house.
- ♥ John Werner– for trimming trees and Programing the Cooling/heating units in the church.
- ♥ Skip Wah for delivering the School kits and to all who donated to create and ship 134 school kits.
- ♥ Jodi Weaver– for extra preparation efforts for Leadership Team meetings.
- ♥ Jean Kehr for being our monthly visitor by phone.

# SHARING OUR FAITH AS BLACK ROCK

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

1Cronicles 16:23

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

In 2021, each Sunday, we will have 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.

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 a Sunday morning, perhaps you'd be able to submit articles for the journey, (if so, no more than 400 words) 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 a Sunday morning and we will work those sharing 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 newsletter articles each month. If you don't feel comfortable going up front, you can certainly share from your seat . 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 the-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!

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Open Mic Night!

November 12th @ 6:30PM

All ages are welcome to Black Rock  
Church's first Open Mic Night!

Bring your singing voice, instrumental  
skills, or even fabulous poem writing to  
share!

We will be practicing social distancing,  
mask wearing, and sanitation of sound  
equipment (mics/pianos) to keep our  
event safe.

For more info see our facebook page or  
[www.blackrockcob.org](http://www.blackrockcob.org)

PASTOR BRANDON and family  
ANNOUNCE OPEN HOUSE PLANS  
Despite Covid19 Pandemic



Even as times have changed, it's my Joy to invite everyone to the Black Rock Church of the Brethren Parsonage on Sunday, December 20 for our Annual open house. This year, we are doing things just a little differently however to keep everyone safe. Our open house time will be 2 to 5 PM.

We will invite six different groups of people to come and share. They will be in half hour slots. We will be observing social distancing and if you'd feel more comfortable you may certainly wear a mask.

Depending on how many people sign up, the length of our shifts may be altered, but we'll start with half hour shifts in order we might keep everybody safe and not have too many in the house at one time. The parsonage is also big enough we will spread out as needed as several persons will obviously be staying throughout the entire time but will also be observing our social distancing protocol for everyone's benefit. A sign-up sheet will be available On the Bulletin board outside the Admin. office or you may Email me at

[pastorbrandon121@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbrandon121@gmail.com). The following times are available. 2:-2:30, 2:30 - 3, and so on until 5 PM

We look forward even in the uncertainty of our time to celebrate with everyone as our Black Rock Family. Blessings and to God be the glory in Jesus' Name  
Pastor Brandon



## *Christmas Program, Sunday, December 13, 2020*



Beth Osborne and Shirley Boldosser have put their heads together (on the computer, not actually with our heads together) to find a way to celebrate Christmas with a Christmas Program this year. Here is our plan, which is a work in progress. We will set up scenery in the Sunday school room and schedule times to costume and video small groups or family groups and video segments of the Christmas story. Different groups will portray shepherds, angels, Wise men, animals, the innkeeper & townsfolk, or Mary & Joseph. They will use scripts or poetry or songs or all of these to portray their group and we will set up times for these groups to come to church and Beth will video the different segments. All of these video segments will be tied together with live scripture readers and maybe some congregational Christmas carols. The date for the Christmas Program is Sunday morning, December 13.

Shirley will be contacting people to take part in the program. Or if you have an idea or song that you would like to share, give Shirley a call (717-229-2068)





## **HACC Special Needs for November**

All of these items can be placed in the marked box under coat rack in the Narthex.

**PAL:** Spaghetti sauce

Stove Top chicken stuffing,

Ranch and Italian dressing,

Individual fruit cups,

Sauerkraut, Butter and Breadcrumbs

### **The shelter needs are as follows:**

Large Debris Trash Bags

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Medium size exam gloves

Disinfectant Wipes/Sprays

### **Clothing bank:**

New Children's socks

### **HACC general (benefits all ministries):**

Lysol spray/ disinfecting spray

### **Meals on wheels:**

Prayer cards/ words of encouragement for our shut ins, large print word find or crossword activity books, (old extra -large print devotion books. We currently have 10 that were donated and would need 30 more to be able to get to all of our shut ins)



## **Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc.**

### **2020 Cookie Collection**

NOTE: Due to COVID-19 concerns, we are asking you to wear masks and gloves while preparing and packaging cookies, and that you seal the bags with staples, bows, etc.

Place 6 to 8 cookies in a plastic 'zip-lock' bag and then into a paper lunch bag, which may be decorated. (Christmas card fronts stapled to the bag are great!)

Black Rock collection Sunday will be December 6,  
Paul and Shirley Boldosser will deliver the cookies to Carlisle on Monday December 7.



## Children's Aid Society Angel Tree

Contact person, Linda Covalt

Due to the COVID-19 virus we will be collecting new items for Christmas a bit differently this year. There **will not** be a Christmas tree with paper angels on it. Below is a list of suggested items to purchase and place **unwrapped** in the boxes under the table, between the front vestibule double doors. **Collection will begin Sunday November 15 and the last Sunday for collection will be Sunday, December 6.**


**Suggestions: New Clothing for boys and girls-** sizes toddler through size 12. Tops, shirts, pants, dresses, sweaters, sweat shirts, socks, underwear, coats, disposable diapers, baby wipes and any other clothing you would think a child would like.

**New Toys for boys and girls-** Trucks, cars, tractors, match box cars & trucks, balls, Legos or big blocks, Barbie dolls, my little pony, paw patrol, baby dolls, play dough, kinetic sand, model magic, crayons, or any other toy you would think a child would enjoy.

**If you prefer to donate money,**  
Linda would be glad to shop for you.  
Additional questions? Please contact Linda Covalt  
Thank You.

# NOVEMBER 2020

NOV. 1- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS- FALL BACK 1 HOUR.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Celebration of Life service 10:15 a Worship In person and on Zoom. Each Sun.	2 9a Clothing Bank	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 9a Clothing Bank	12 6:30 p OPEN MIC NIGHT.	13	14
15. DEC/JAN Journey deadline	16	17 7p Leadership Team meeting	18	19 9a PAL	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  Happy Thanksgiving!	27  Pastor Brandon on Vacation	28
29 First Sunday of Advent My 2 Cents Offering **Brandon on Vacation	30  Pastor Brandon on Vacation thru Friday December 4th	Dates	Accompanist	Sound Techs		Zoom/ Video
		Nov 1	Suzanne Werner	Karl Lehman		Wynne Hoffacker
		Nov 8	Jeanne Wah	Amy/ Randy Hoffacker		Jodi Weaver
		Nov 15	Martha Brant	Karl Lehman		
		Nov 22	Esther Kipple	Amy/Randy Hoffacker		
		Nov 29	Robyn Bortner	Karl Lehman		Jodi Weaver