

Recording the
JOURNEY
of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

RESUMING REGULAR WORSHIP, SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

July & August 2021



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Worship: 10:15AM

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM –3:30PM

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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

When I could see, I can't possibly begin to describe how much I loved looking at a clear sky on a warm summer night. Also, it was fascinating, even if slightly unhealthy to stare straight at the sun with my eyes tearing up as an airplane past over and I'd see its shadow for just a fleeting moment. With both the stars and the sun, the warmth of summer radiates in my soul, and well even if the bees are out much to my chagrin, God still warms everything up all around.

And yet, what a wonderful time to notice those sun and stars have a source? As we reflect on how God created those two items, and the moon as well, how amazing to know the sun of God came to earth and warmed everything up. In the temple, in the wilderness, by rivers, in towns, in cities, in slums, in gardens, in quiet rooms, and on a cross, Jesus brought warmth. The Son of God penetrated even the coldest of hearts, minds, places, and lives to turn hatred to love, and violence to peace. He warmed the rich and poor alike to be humbled before him, and healed the hurting physically and emotionally, bringing warmth to even the most complicated of circumstances.

So as we live in this season of sunny days and hot, hazy, humid temperatures. Let's be warmed by the son of God from head to heart so we can live life with the summer son anew. And let's allow any shadows which may blot out that son to be just for a fleeting moment, if at all. After all, he came bringing warmth, so may our summer smile light the summer son to others, bringing warmth all around even now to seemingly the coldest and friendless of times. Will you and I let the summer son shine on?

To God be the glory in Jesus' name

July and August Scripture & Sermons

July 4 (Annual Conference Worship experience)

July 11 -Scripture Ephesians 1:3-7

Title- **So much blessing!**

Description- The wonderful grace of Jesus allows us to offer unending praise all our days!

July 18 -Scripture Ephesians 2:14-22

Title- **One Body, one Spirit!**

Description- Just in case we forgot, Jesus reminds us what the true definition of the church really is.

July 25 (bread and cup communion) -Scripture John 6:5-14

Title- **More than enough!**

Description- In Jesus life and ministry, there's more than enough for us to benefit from and be blessed by!

August 1 -Ephesians 4:1-16

Title- **Called into Christ!**

Description- Our journey is a constant calling as we follow Jesus together!

August 8- (2 of 5-part series BRCOB Statement of faith and call to action)- Scripture- Matthew 25:40-45

Title- **Who are the least of these?**

Description- Are we recognizing the love of Jesus in everyone know matter who they are?

August 15 -Scripture- John 6:41-51

Title- **The Real Bread**

Description- Jesus wants to make clear who he is and to whom we should turn for ultimate satisfaction.

August 22 -Scripture- Ephesians 5:15-20

Title- **There's always opportunity to be filled.**

Description- Even on days which seem completely empty, there's always hope in Jesus to fill our spirit!

August 29 -Scripture- Psalm 34:15-22

Title- **Ultimate Protection**

Description- In our Lord's presence, there's always a place to turn and the peace of comfort from anything!



From the Annual Conference office

All Church of the Brethren members are encouraged to register and participate in the online Annual Conference. Dates are June 30-July 4. Registration and detailed information about the Conference schedule and events are at www.brethren.org/ac2021.

If you've ever thought about attending Annual Conference, but didn't want to incur the expense of traveling, this is your year to participate online! Worship is free to all, but to participate in business sessions, insight sessions (43 workshops), networking groups (44 different interest areas), and the two concerts, you need to be registered. The cost for non-delegates was reduced, just for this year, from \$125 to only \$99 for the entire Conference.

Read more at www.brethren.org/news/2021/annual-conference-registration



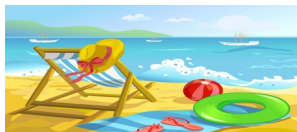
- 15 oz can baked beans**
- 10.75 oz can of chicken noodle or beef vegetable soup**
- 14.75 oz canned pasta**
- 12-18 oz box of Rice Krispies, Cheerios, or Honey Nut Cheerios**
- Ramen Noodles**
- Small boxes of raisins**
- 3oz box of Jello strawberry or orange**
- 3.4 oz box of instant chocolate pudding**
- Box of granola bars**
- 100% Fruit Juice boxes**
- Box of Mac & Cheese**
- 14 oz jar of pizza sauce**
- 18 oz jar of peanut butter**
- 64 oz bottle of apple Juice**
- Plastic jar of jelly**



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| 1 | Bob Hann
Emily Schaefer | 18 | Amy Brant |
| 2 | Martha Brant
..... Kody Garvick | 19 | Chad Bollinger
Josh Henderson |
| 3 | Noah Haring
Kent Shisler
Ellie Wildasin | 21..... | Aaron Biddle |
| 4 | Randy L. Shaffer | 22..... | Katelyn Redding
.....Lois Shaffer |
| 5 | Paul Marshall
Terry Redding
Matthew Nawn | 23..... | Randy Brant
Eric Lehman |
| 8 | Beth Nawn
Grace Zartman | 24 | Pat Challenger
Shari Lehman
Mike Ritter
Mary Robinson
Cienna Smith
Olivia Licciardello |
| 10 | Terri Malone
Korie Brown | 29 | Steve Brenton |
| 13 | Mitch Muir | 30..... | Bill Hartman
Brittany Nolt |
| 15 | Joshua Kipple | 31 | Jean Kehr |
| 16 | Greg Wentz | | |
| 17 | Connie McMaster | | |



- 9-David and Kirsten Cook Jr. ('16)
 16 Jason and Terri Malone ('10))
 29 John and Jeannie Dusman ('67)



July 2021



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

SPECIAL MUSIC NEEDED Please call the office 717-637-6170 to schedule a Sunday in July or August. Thank you .					1	2	3
4th OF JULY	5	6	7 9:30 a Bible Sty	8 9a PAL	9	10 WORK DAY	
11 9:30 a Gifts	12	13 11 a Outreach	14 9:30 a Bible Sty	15	16	17	
18	19	20 7p Leadership	21 9:30 a Bible Sty	22	23	24	
25 BREAD & CUP Commun-	26	27	28 9:30 a Bible Sty	29 9a PAL	30	31	



August Birthdays

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1—Shawn Gantz | 13Robert Walker |
| 2..... Emily VanDerHeyden | 14Kim Shaulis |
| Amber Lehr | 16Barbara Harget |
| 3..... Julia Hoffacker | 17Brenda Cornbower |
| 4..... Cassidy Conover | 18Dolly Howard |
| 5..... Patrick Apicella | 20Shawn Covalt |
| Wayne Mancha |Savannah Lehr |
| Oralee Smith | 21Mattison Tyler |
| 6..... Jacob Muir | 22Stephen Brenton |
| 8..... Linda Dillon |Rita Norris |
| 10..... Terri Biddle | 24Angelina Gervasio |
| Robyn Schaefer | 27Rob Stickles |
| 11..... Nancy Becker | 31Dan Becker |
| 12..... Alexandria Bartram |Richard T. Shaffer |
| Brad Henderson | |

August Anniversaries

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5 Eric & Kim Lehman ('05) | 27 Rich & Joy Shaffer ('60) |
| 16 Jeff & Ellie Wildasin ('80) | 28 Jim & Terri Biddle ('82) |
| 17-Tom & Jackie Howdeyshell('07) | 30 Greg & Christine Shaffer ('08) |
| 22 Kent & Audrey Shisler ('87) | Steve & Carrie Brenton ('08) |
| 23 Ken & Jodi Weaver ('86) | |

August 2021

Sun Mo Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 9a W & F mtg	2	3	4 9:30 a Bible Sty	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 9:30 a Bible Sty	12	13	14 TBH BBQ
15 Sept. Journey deadline	16	17 7 p Leadership team mtg.	18 9:30 a Bible Sty	19 9a PAL	20	21 Mini VBS 9a-noon
22	23	24	25 9:30 a Bible Sty	26	27	28
29 My 2 cent offering	30	31				



thankful
FOR YOU.

- ♥ Duane & Diana Shaulis for collecting and delivering food for the summer lunch program. What a joy to see the wonderful response from our Black Rock church family! Thank you so much for your constant faithfulness in giving whenever it's needed.

The Outreach team

- ♥ A Thank you letter from Church World Services
Dear friends: Thank you for your kind donation of Emergency Clean-up Buckets to Church World Service. Your compassion has given individuals and families touched by disaster the tangible evidence that they matter. That someone cares. And they are not alone.

Disasters can strike anywhere, anytime. And they can take many forms: tornados, earthquakes, civil conflict, drought, hurricanes and more. Caring people like you—who understand the urgency of responding after a disaster—allow people in crisis to receive help when they need it, and hope for the future.

Learn more about the power of your compassion at cwskits.org. Here at home or overseas, when tragedy strikes your donations ensure that help is never far behind.

With deepest gratitude,
Rick Santos
President and CEO
Church World Services



Leadership Teams' COVID Response

Dear congregation,

Your leadership team has had your safety as our priority over the last 16 months. We attempted to follow CDC/Federal and State guidelines to prevent spreading the coronavirus to our members. For several months we remained closed with sermons recorded which were available on our website and by CD. We then opened in July of 2020 with masking and physical distancing and added services via ZOOM. This pandemic time has been frustrating to all of us as each congregation chose different ways of implementing guidelines; some churches allowed singing and others had no singing at all. Everyone has had opinions (some quite vocally shared) about how the leadership team responded. We humbly ask for your compassion and understanding in how we navigated through this pandemic with all the contradicting information that we had to sift through.

With the lifting of restrictions in Pennsylvania due to vaccination rates and decline in cases, we have also lifted all restrictions. You can rejoice that you no longer need to physically distance or wear a mask on the church premises. Please be mindful that some people may continue to wear masks for their own health reasons.

On Sunday, July 4, we will be projecting the Annual Conference Worship Service. The link will be provided by e-mail and will also be available on the church's website.

On Sunday, July 11, we invite you to return to church for a worship service conducted in the manner prior to our closure. We are looking forward to your return to fill the pews and share your voices in singing, praying and praising God and also for your financial support to continue the work of Jesus.

We invite members/friends to share your musical gifts (vocal or instrumental) with us during the remainder of the summer. Please contact Jodi to schedule a Sunday.

In the Peace and Love of Christ,

Suzanne Werner, chair of Worship & Fellowship Team

'ALL GOD'S CRITTERS' AT BLACK ROCK VBS

“All God’s Critters” is the theme for a mini Vacation Bible School to be held Saturday, August 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at Black Rock COB.

All ages are invited to come celebrate the divine diversity of God’s Creation, both animals and people, as introduced in Genesis.

The morning will open with a brief “Creation Conversation,” based on Genesis.

A reptile show will be presented by Nicole Osborne of Reptiles Smiles. There will be music, games, crafts, and other activities for children and youth.

Pastor Brandon will lead a Scripture-based discussion for adults.

VBS will conclude with a fun fellowship luncheon featuring pizza and ice cream.

Please register for VBS via a link on Black Rock’s website or Facebook page. A paper registration will be available at the church to fill out and return to Beth Osborne or Patti Ritter.

Children younger than 5 should be accompanied by an adult.

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Zoom	DECORATORS	Monthly phone visitor	Congregational cards.	Worship Leaders
Schedulers				Worship & Fellowship		Deacons	Pastor
JULY 4		AMY AND RANDY HOFFACKER		GLORIA	PAT CHALLENGER	JILL HOFFACKER	KEN WILDASIN
JULY 11	SUZANNE WERNER	KARL LEHMAN	CARRIE BRENTON	MYERS			
JULY 18	ROBYN BORTNER	AMY AND RANDY HOFFACKER	CARRIE BRENTON	& ROSE			
JULY 25	MARTHA BRANT	KARL LEHMAN	WYNNE HOFFACKER	MARIE			
AUG 2	JEANNE WAH	AMY AND RANDY HOFFACKER	WYNNE HOFFACKER	GLORIA MYERS & ROSE MARIE RILL	TBD	SUZANNE WERNER	ADAM & BRIT-TANY NOLT
AUG 8	SUZANNE WERNER	KARL LEHMAN	JODI WEAVER				
AUG 15	ESTHER KIPPLE	AMY AND RANDY HOFFACKER	JODI WEAVER				
Aug 22	ROBYN BORTNER	KARL LEHMAN	WYNNE HOFFACKER				
AUG 29	MARTHA BRANT	AMY AND RANDY HOFFACKER	WYNNE HOFFACKER				