

Recording the

JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

October 2021



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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

**“Bear Fruit!”
By Pastor Brandon**

Therefore we do not lose heart, though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day!
2 Corinthians 4:16

What's an ideal life? No health problems, no trouble, no challenge, just enough money to survive, maybe just a little fun money once in a while, maybe we could eat a meal or two a week out, maybe a vacation or two. Oh and I don't need many things, just enough to pay for transportation, my note taker functioning properly with no fear of crashing, my computer and Alexa's working properly. Oh and I can't do without the visits I have with friends so I want to make sure I can have enough to entertain them and go visit them. And on and on and on.

So how about the church? Is there an ideal? Well we just want enough money to work with so we can function to pay our budget. And it'd be nice to have no concerns about paying outreach. We'd love it if one or two young families would join our church every few years, and our worship attendance would stay above a certain amount to pay our bills. We'd be blessed if God would bless us with the Spirit's movement each week so meetings wouldn't be too long (let's keep it to an hour.), and our services would be alive, and on and on and on. And we haven't even gotten to the ideal beliefs of the church and how we wish everyone would be at least happy with something going on.

Gosh, when you step back and think about it, we ask a lot. Therefore, we constantly, in these times especially, are disappointed. So was the state of the Corinthian Church. Paul was reminding them there is simply no ideal any longer which can be satisfied by themselves. They must rather be built on the values of Christ and be able to, even amidst however the times restructure the church, to make sure the gospel never wavers, the Holy Spirit never is dimmed.

Yes, the church is a business. We lead busy personal lives. A bunch has to get done. But do we lose heart as we see one unrealistic ideal after the other fading slowly from view to the point pretty soon, we cannot depend on any world ideal

Sadly friends, nothing in this world will ever be ideal, but Jesus Christ offers us through his gospel the only realistic lasting ideal. No matter what happens to us in the times we're living, his peace, hope, love, and joy abide.

So sisters and brothers, even if at times we may feel ourselves and circumstances slowly wasting away in this world, do we feel ourselves being renewed somehow in our Lord Day by day. I sure hope so. After all, now and for eternity, that's the only ideal we can truly cling to.

To God be the glory in Jesus' name



Sermon Topics and Scripture

October 3 Bread & Cup Worldwide Communion Sunday

Scripture- Mark 10:13-16 Title- "We're all children."

Description- What if we all came to Jesus as little children, ready to learn from him and each other every moment, every day?

October 10

Scripture- Mark 10:17-31 Title- "Heavenly riches".

Description- Jesus puts it pretty plainly as to who will inherit the kingdom of God eternally .

October 17- Guest Speaker Mike Ritter

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-40

Title: "Why Are We Blessed?"

October 24 Congregational Business Meeting –after Worship

Scripture Mark 10:46-52 Title- "Sight or Insight"

Description- No matter how Jesus blesses us, we'll always benefit.

October 31- My 2 cents Offering Scripture- Galatians 3:26-28

Title- "Who are my brothers and sisters?"

(4th of 5-part series- Statement of Faith and call to Action)

Description- As God's Family, how do we continue to work across all boundaries with all people?



Birthdays

- 2 Katie Ort
- 3 Justin Hoffacker
- 4 Dawn Muir
- 6 Angela Gwinn
- 5 Pauline Brenneman
- 7 Cameron Shaffer
- 8 Shirley Marshall
- 9 Lincoln Nolt
- 10 Kristin Alwine
Karen Griffie
- 14 Sandie Keller
John Werner
- 16 Suzanne Werner
Mike McIntire
- 18 Vicki Forbes
- 20 Chris Penn
- 21 Lynette Haring
Autumn Licciardello
- 23 Matthew Eckert
- 24 Madison Bortner
- 25 Kase Ort
- 26 Florence Crawford
Laura Tyler
Annika Waltmyer
- 27 Jacqueline Penn
- 30 Gary Rappoldt
Brian Wildasin
Hailey Wentz
- 31 Jan Croasmun
Isaac Waltmyer

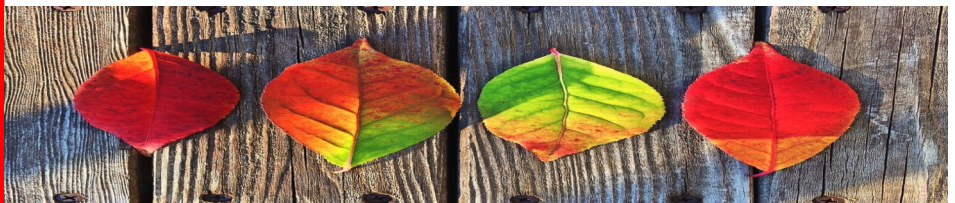


- 1 *Jason & Laura Tyler ('11)*
- 2 *Mark & Robyn Schaefer ('81)*
- 3 *Arthur & Heidi Hanson ('80)*
- 5 *Bob & Mary Crawford ('06)*
- 6 *Robert & Tiffany Licciardello ('06)*
- 7 *Bob & Janet Hann ('61)*
- 9 *Scott & Dawnyel Henderson ('10)*
Max & Susan Beckner ('84)
- 16 *Randy & Jill Hoffacker ('82)*
- 18 *Dustin & Amber Shaw ('14)*
- 19 *John & Pauline Brenneman ('52)*
- 20 *Robert & Terry Stickles ('85)*
Eric & Dee Stremmel/Bortner ('89)
Nate & Beth Osborne ('90)
- 21 *John & Suzanne Werner ('78)*
- 22 *Mike & Patti Ritter (94)*
- 29 *Randy & Susan Shaffer ('89)*
- 31 *Terry & Tenna Conover ('75)*



Thank you...

- ♥ **Thank you to Carrie Brenton** for changing bulb #1 in the projector 19 feet up, on a lift, spotted by **Jodi Weaver**.
- ♥ **Mark and Mary Robinson** for painting the lines on the parking lot and providing all the materials to do so.
- ♥ **Thank you to Properties Chair, Mark Robinson** for securing a contractor to refinish and paint the wooden doors on the outside of the sanctuary, the double doors of the courtyard. These doors are now completed.
- ♥ **Thank you to our District Conference Delegates Pastor Brandon Grady, Mike & Patti Ritter, and Skip & Jeanne Wah.** These members served as Delegates of Black Rock COB for the Southern PA District conference September 18, at York First COB.
- ♥ May God bless all of you for your hard work .



Church of the Brethren delegation visits site of earthquake in Haiti ***By Eric Miller***

Ilexene Alphonse, pastor of Eglise des Freres Haitiens, a Haitian Brethren congregation in Miami, Fla.; Jenn Dorsch-Messler, director of Brethren Disaster Ministries; and Eric Miller, co-executive director for Global Mission traveled to Saut Mathurine in southwest Haiti in the second week of September.

The southwest region of Haiti was hit by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake on Aug. 14. The group surveyed the damage, observed an emergency food distribution and medical clinic arranged by L'Eglise des Freres d'Haiti (the Church of the Brethren in Haiti), and met with members and leaders of the Saut Mathurine congregation of L'Eglise des Freres d'Haiti.



Eight people in the community lost their lives, including Haitian Brethren cousins Lovenika (age 7) and Dieuveux (age 50-+). The temporary building housing the congregation was destroyed, as were other church buildings in the community. Nearly all

of the homes were rendered uninhabitable, with the exception of about a dozen homes built by Brethren Disaster Ministries following Hurricane Matthew in 2016. At the time of the visit, families had built temporary structures of wood, tarpaulins, and corrugated metal sheets. The church also built a small structure to store chairs and serve as a meeting place.

The delegation also met with the National Committee of L'Eglise des Freres d'Haiti to discuss planning for disaster relief, which will be carried out by the Saut Mathurine congregation along with the Haiti Medical Project. Alphonse, who is a former Church of the Brethren staff member in Haiti, will assist with communication and coordination between Brethren Disaster Ministries and L'Eglise des Freres d'Haiti for the joint earthquake response.

People expressed gratitude for the visit. Said one Haitian Brethren leader and community activist: "Because of your visit here today, the community is starting to smile."

UPCOMING
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**CHURCH
BUSINESS
MEETING**

**Black Rock Church of the Brethren
Congregational Business Meeting
Sunday, October 24, 2021**

Immediately following Worship.
CBM Packets will be available for review
two Sundays prior to the meeting.

**HACC October Special Needs
PAL**

Single serve fruit cups
Cans of String Beans, sweet peas, &
mixed vegetables
Dish towel/rags, pot holders

Changing Lives Shelter

Deodorant (Men & Women)
Disposable Gloves (sz M/L)
Lysol Spray, Ajax ,Clorox Wipes
Gallon Ziploc storage bags
New Bed Pillows, New/unused Twin Sheet sets

Clothing Bank

Family sized toiletries
Men's & women's ankle Socks Sz Med.
Men's underwear and White T Shirts
Women's Plus Sz 1x, 2x , 3x underwear
Diapers Size 5 & 6

Ruth's Harvest

Single serve entrees,
Single serve snacks/veggies

HACC We accept donations M-Sat.8am -12:30pm or
by appointment. Call 717-633- 6353 to schedule a drop off



BLACK ROCK Church of the Brethren CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE Sunday, November 7 2021

Therefore brethren, in view of God's mercy, I urge you to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship. Romans 12:1



Black Rock sisters and brothers, this has been a year of change for sure, but our sense of loss has been on full display. We've lost our norms, i.e. the way we worship, the time we can be in contact with others, the way we can go about our daily activities. And yet, one loss which continues sadly to not change is the transitioning of loved ones.

While at Black Rock Church, our individual services for celebrating and remembering someone's life must also be different, we still hold those people close to our hearts. This year, we are praying those memories are just as strong and our celebration of persons joining the cloud of witnesses, those living sacrifices God truly loaned to us for a while will surround us more than ever by the power of the Holy Spirit.

On behalf of our worship and fellowship team, I am encouraging you if you have mourned the loss of anyone from November of last year to this year, to share that person's name with us at church. Names will be read, and a bell will be rung, forming our traditional celebration of life moment on the first Sunday in November as we honor these servants and saints in our morning worship service. Please either note the individual's name you would like to lift up in the book located throughout October on the back table in the sanctuary, or Email the office or Pastor Brandon and we will make sure to include those special loved ones very close to your heart. The person or persons you'd like us to remember do not have to be past members of Black Rock, they might simply be family or friends you've lost this past year you'd like us to join with you in remembering and celebrating by the grace and glory of God! We look forward to this incredibly special time of reflection and memory in a few short weeks.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY -Pastor Brandon

43rd Camp Eder Fall Festival
Join us for a day of safe family fun!



October 16th 10am--3pm Outdoor Event -
Hay Rides-Live Auction at 10:30am-Kids activities-
Craft and Yard Sale Vendors-Eder made Apple Butter.

Pork Meal served 11-2 with outdoor meal seating

Meal tickets-Adult \$12. .Age 12 & Under -\$8.

see campeder@campeder.org for

Vendor and Yard Sale Registration

\$15/10x10 space

October 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

9:15 a Adult SS 10:15a Worship Every Sunday	Hanover Area 45 th CROP Hunger Walk Sunday Oct. 17 th Registration begins at 1PM St. Paul's (Dubs) Union Church Annex There is no designated course to walk through Codorus State Park in order to socially distance. Walk wherever you like for as long as you like OR you can do a virtual walk at a time and place of your choosing.					1 8:30 a First Friday Breakfast at Dutch Country	2
3 Bread & Cup Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Camp Eder Fall Feast	
17 CROP WALK Journey Deadline	18	19 7 p Leadership team mtg.	20	21 8:30a PAL	22	23 Pastor vacation	
Pastor Brandon on Vacation							
24 Congregational Business mtg.	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31 My 2 cents offering							

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Zoom and Video	DECORATORS	Monthly phone visitor	Congregational cards.	Worship Leaders
Schedulers	Worship & Fellowship				Deacons		Pastor
OCT 3 Bread & Cup	Esther Kipple	Karl Lehman	Beth Osborne	BONNIE HENRY & JILL HOFFACKER	TBD	SUZANNE WERNER	SUSAN FELTCH
OCT 10	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Carrie Brenton				
OCT 17	Robyn Bortner	Amy Hoffacker Randy Hoffacker	Wynne Hoffacker				
OCT 24	Suzanne Werner	Amy Hoffacker Randy Hoffacker	Mike Woodward				
OCT 31	Martha Brant	Karl Lehman	Jodi Weaver				