

Recording the  
**JOURNEY**  
of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren

October 2022



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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

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

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- 2.October Sermon's and Scripture topics
- 3.Birthdays and Anniversaries
- 4.Thank you's
- 5.Congregational Business Meeting
6. Camp Eder, FALL FEST
8. Celebration of Life Service
9. Newslite highlight
- 10.October Calendar



# Pastor's Page

**“Power on!”**

**By Pastor Brandon**

There we were. Another Wednesday morning bible study in mid-August just before my vacation. We were already to study Jesus words of death yet his promise of life offering himself as the way, the truth, and the life in John 14. Then it happened, the power at the parsonage went out. And our phone Conference call, well, it went crash! All of a sudden, I'm reviewing, and I'm talking to myself! Now I must confess I panicked a bit, wow, everyone's waiting, what am I gonna do!

Friends, the same goes for God's power. His power is the one which should always be on. Our lights will flicker, sometimes, our power will be completely gone, sometimes suddenly. And then what?

The prophet Zechariah wanted to know when he has a vision of seven lamps and seven channels running to those lamps fed by two Olive trees what the heck it means? And the Lord suddenly wakes him up and shows him this. Then an angel of the Lord says, it's to show you the light of God is his word. It's to show you the power of God is the one who makes all the human hands and hearts and wisdom exist at all.

As Zechariah was helping Zerubbabel, the current governor of Jerusalem in this time of this scene in Zechariah four, the angel just wants to remind Zechariah God will have the last laugh, the final say. It's not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord, the angel proclaims!

So too friends in our ministry, our power is not our own. If it were, it will inevitably crash and burn, and sometimes, completely go out! Yet God will, by the might of his Spirit keep us going, because his power is always on. There's no off switch, no outage, not even a flicker.

So do we feel that, do we trust that, and most of all, will we move forward with our lights always allowing him to power our lights, so we can burn bright!  
To God be the glory!



## Sermon Topics and Scripture

**October 2** - Remembering Jesus -

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Through Christ's broken body and shed blood, Jesus continually renews us.

### CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN VALUES SERIES

**Oct. 9** Continuing the work of Jesus

1 Corinthians 3:5-11

We are each anointed workers in God's kingdom.

**Oct. 16**-Living peacefully with others.

Romans 12:18-21

We are called to be people sharing Christ's peace at every turn.

**October 23** - Living Simply

Matthew 6:25-34

It's up to us to place importance on what really matters.

**October 30**-We are together as the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 Let us remember we not only need each other, but Christ guides us in our different states of being as a body.



Katie Weaver  
Justin Hoffacker  
Angela Gwinn  
Shirley Marshall  
Kristin Alwine  
Karen Griffie  
Sandie Keller  
John Werner  
Suzanne Werner  
Vicki Forbes  
Lynette Haring  
Autumn Licciardello  
Matthew Eckert  
Madison Bortner  
Kase Ort  
Florence Crawford  
Annika Waltimeyer  
Gary Rappoldt  
Jan Croasmun  
Isaac Waltimeyer



*Arthur & Heidi Hanson  
Bob & Mary Crawford  
Robert & Tiffany Licciardello  
Randy & Jill Hoffacker  
Dustin & Amber Shaw  
John & Pauline Brenneman  
Robert & Terry Stickles  
Eric & Dee Stremmel/Bortner  
Nate & Beth Osborne  
John & Suzanne Werner  
Mike & Patti Ritter  
Terry & Tenna Conover*



## *Thank you...*

- ♥ Mary Ann Robinson for doing congregational cards for September.
- ♥ Carol Jean Hoover for collecting the attendance for September.
- ♥ Ken Wildasin for serving as monthly phone visitor for September.
- ♥ Everyone who donated towards blanket Sunday
- ♥ Thank you to Robyn Bortner, Esther Kipple, Jeanne Wah and Suzanne Werner for their continued dedication to providing uplifting music for our services.
- ♥ Thank you to Esther Kipple who coordinates the schedule for organist and pianist for the year.
- ♥ We wish to acknowledge the retirement of Martha Brant and extend our most heartfelt thanks for her dedication for accompanying choirs and providing service music over many decades.
- ♥ Thank you to those who have shared their musical talents during our worship services this summer: Alex Brenton, Cole Shaub, Ken Wildasin, Audrey Shisler and Jodi Weaver.
- ♥ Thank you to Bonnie Henry, Jill Hoffacker, Rose Marie Rill and Gloria Myers for using their talents to decorate our sanctuary.
- ♥ Thank you to Amy Hoffacker, Randy Hoffacker, Karl Lehman for operating our sound & projection system for worship.
- ♥ Thank you to Carrie Brenton, Wynne Hoffacker, Beth Osborne, Jodi Weaver for operating zoom and video camera to record our services.
- ♥ Thank you to Reg Baugher and Duane Shaulis for serving as co-head ushers.
- ♥ Thank you to all who serve as worship leaders and assist Pastor Brandon on Sunday mornings and Jodi Weaver who coordinates the schedule.
- ♥ Thanks to Jim Biddle for continuing to lead the choir. We invite others to join us on Sundays following worship for practice in the choir room.
- ♥ Thanks to Beth Osborne for organizing and offering the family story time in the nursery for ages 0-8 and their parents and caregivers.

# **CWS Blanket Donations**

**All together 165 blankets were donated. Many of these donations were for multiple blankets.**

## **Blankets in memory of:**

Ron Laughman, by Betty Laughman

Ellis Myers, anonymous

Wilbur Shaffer, by Lois Shaffer

Mary Louise Shaffer, by Brooke Ruth Shaffer

Henry & Gladys Werner, by John & Suzanne Werner

Elwood Rill, by John & Suzanne Werner

Aunt Mabel Sterner, by Jill Hoffacker

Henry & Mary Miller, by Geraldine Eckrote

George Rappodlt Jr. by Terry & Rob Stickle

Paul & Ella Wildasin, by Jackie Howdyshell

My Grandparents, by Susan Feltch

My Mom, by Greg Shaffer

**In memory continued...**

George & Dorothy Rupp, by Cheryl Leppo

Kevin Lehman, by Karl & Shari Lehman

Sue Landon, anonymous

Our Parents, Patti & Mike Ritter

My Dad, R. Vernon Rill Jr., by Jodi Weaver

**In Honor of:**

Ukrainian Children, by Gloria Myers

Delbert & Sue Brauning, by Susan Feltch

Jeff Brauning, by Susan Feltch

Teresa Rasche, by Susan Feltch

Brenda & Brian Storey, by Susan Feltch

Dale & Debra Brauning, by Susan Feltch



**In Honor of continued...**

Brooke and Greg Shaffer, by Christine Shaffer

My Parents, Bill & Mary Ann Smith, by Christine Shaffer

Elizabeth Rill, by John & Suzanne Werner

Isabelle Lehman, by Karl & Shari Lehman

Grandsons, Grant & Zander Reinaman, by Richard & Esther Kipple

My Mom, Rose Marie Rill, by Jodi Weaver

My Husband Ken and our Children and Grandchildren, by Jodi Weaver

**Additional Blankets Given by,**

Pat Challenger

Romaine Miller

Kim Gingerich

## Additional Blankets Given by continued...

Rose Marie Rill

Richard T. Shaffer

John & Linda Covalt

## Many more blankets were given anonymously

### **Black Rock, you are so amazing!**

We went over our goal of 150 blanket! Total count is 165. So many people will be blessed by your generosity! So many will be wrapped in love.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making this happen!

The Outreach Team

*"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.*

*" Matthew 25:40*

## 44th Annual Camp Eder Fall Festival

Join us for a day of safe family fun!



Please come out and support **Camp Eder** your youth camp is having its 44th Annual Fall Festival on Saturday **October 15th**. The meal will be served from 11am-3pm and the auction will begin at 10:30am. There will be barrel train rides, a pork meal cooked overnight in ground brick pits, hay rides, a silent auction, craft & yard sale vendors and Eder made apple butter. Don't miss this day of family fun!

**UPCOMING**  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**CHURCH  
BUSINESS  
MEETING**

**Black Rock Church of the Brethren  
Congregational Business Meeting  
Sunday, October 16, 2022**

Immediately following Worship.

CBM Packets will be available October 2, on the table in the Gathering Place.

**Business:**

**Constitution Updates**

Gifts Discernment Recommendation

Constitution Review Team Proposed Updates

**Recommendation of 2023 Leadership slate for affirmation**

Shirley Shaffer, Gifts Discernment Chair

**Recommendation of 2023 Proposed Budget for approval**

Budget (green paper ballots – if you **approve** budget write **YES**; if you **do not approve** budget write **NO** – (along with why and which section of the budget is of concern?)

**Worship and Gathering Time**

**Vote for your choice.** (yellow paper ballots)

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## Church of the Brethren Newsline Article from September 30, 2022

“Be merciful to me, O God; be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by” (Psalm 57:1, NRSVue).

Hurricane Ian causes devastation across central Florida, Hurricane Fiona relief continues in Puerto Rico

*Media linked the unusual size and strength of the storm, the extreme storm surge and rainfall totals, to climate change’s warming of the water in the Gulf as well as the increasing pace of sea level rise. It made landfall “tied as the fifth-strongest hurricane on record to strike the United States,” said the Washington Post in a report titled “How rising seas made Hurricane Ian’s impact worse.” The piece noted that “these rainfall totals have less than 1 percent chance of happening in any given year or are 1-in-100 year or higher events.” Credit: NOAA*

*By Roy Winter*

Hurricane Ian made landfall near Fort Myers, Fla., on Sept. 28 as a powerful Category 4 hurricane with major storm surge and sustained winds over 150 miles per hour. Tropical storm force winds and heavy rain continued across central and northeast Florida as the storm shifted northward toward the Carolinas.

Brethren Disaster Ministries staff and the Atlantic Southeast District leadership are continuing to reach out to affected churches and communities to learn of the impact of the storm and the needs that have developed.

So far there are no reports of injury among church members, but there is news of minor damage in two churches. While most other churches were unaffected, news has not yet been received from two churches in Fort Myers and Naples, the hardest-hit areas.

Children’s Disaster Services volunteers are preparing to deploy to Florida over the weekend, at the request of the American Red Cross.



**BLACK ROCK Church of the Brethren**  
**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE**  
**Sunday, November 6 2022**

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, yet, sadly, one thing which has not changed is the transitioning of loved ones.

While at Black Rock Church, our individual services for celebrating and remembering someone's life may 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 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 people 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

**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

# October 2022

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2. 9A– Sunday School Love Feast & Communion	3	4	5. 9:30 A– Bible Study 6:30 P Bell choir	6	7	8	
9.9A– Sunday School 9:30 A– Story Time 10:15 A– Worship	10	11	12 9:30 A– Bible Study 6:30 P Bell choir	13 8:30 A—PAL	14	15 Camp Eder Fall Fest 10am-3pm	
16. 9A– Sun. School 10:15 A– Worship 11:15 A– Congrega- tion Business mtg.	17	18 7 P-Leadership team	19 9:30 A– Bible Study 6:30 P Bell choir 7 P– Adult choir	20	21	22	
23.9A– Sunday School 9:30 A– Story Time 10:15 A– Worship	24	25	26 9:30 A– Bible Study 6:30 P Bell choir	27	28	29	
30. My 2 Cents Offrng 9A– Sun. School 10:15 A– Worship	31	Please see the Calendar tab on our website for additional updated information at <a href="http://www.blackrockchurch.org">www.blackrockchurch.org</a>					

Dates	Accompanist/ Choir	AV tech	Zoom and Video	Welcomers	DECORATORS	Attendance	phone visi- tor	Congregation- al cards.	Worship Leaders
Sched- ulers	Worship & Fellowship					Deacons			Pastor
Oct.2	Esther Kipple	Randy /Amy Hoffack- er	Jodi Weaver	Jill and Randy Hoffacker	Bonnie Henry & Jill Hoffacker	Sandie Keller	Jean Kehr	Sandie Keller	Adam or Brittany Nolt
Oct. 9	Jeanne Wah	Randy /Amy Hoffack- er	Carrie Brenton						Pat Challenger and Gloria Myers
Oct. 16	Robyn / Bells	Randy /Amy Hoffack- er	Wynne Hoffacker						Adam or Brittany Nolt
Oct. 23	Suzanne / Adult choir	Karl Lehman	Beth Osborne						Adam or Brittany Nolt
Oct. 30- 2 cent	Esther/Adult choir	Randy /Amy Hoffack- er	Jodi Weaver						Adam or Brittany Nolt