Recording the JOURNEY of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren July & August 2024



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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.

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So, this year's Annual Conference theme in Grand Rapids, Michigan is "Welcome and Worthy." The theme helps believers focus on the fact that, in God's eyes, we're all welcome and worthy in his sight. And as we choose our path, as we connect with others however it looks, we are to treat them as though they are welcome and worthy, God's children, no qualifiers, or exceptions.

The theme got me thinking how churches should also be that way. Everyone who sets foot in the doors should automatically feel welcome, like we're glad to have them. And also worthy, like they are important to us.

So, how does someone feel welcome and worthy in any group? By remembering God has created them and they are important, no matter how the group treats them. Conversely though, the group must realize, God has brought this person for a reason, and we must appreciate they are a part of us in the Spirit of community for some special purpose.

So, friends, are we good at either one? Are we good welcomers? Are we truly glad when new people come? Also, are we good at helping someone feel like they are worth something not just for us, but worth something to us?

My prayer would be we realize helping people carve out the sense of feeling welcome and worthy in God's sight is a continual journey. We must even do that for those of us who attend regularly or even occasionally. It's so important for all to feel a part of things, an active part of the kingdom of God. Why, because everyone is his child, we must truly worship him, be faithful to that premise as we live and learn. And only then, will we as a church, be welcome and worthy fully faithful in the sight of the one who is our foundation of all welcome and worthiness!

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Brandon Grady

July and August Sermons and Scripture

<u>July 7-</u>

Annual Conference Moderator, Madalyn Metzger Fully Known, Deeply Loved, Inherently Welcome and Worthy.

Scripture: Romans 16:1-4. Recording of Wednesday July 3, at Annual conference, 2024

July 14 – Never Forget the Blessings Pastor Brandon Grady Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-6

<u>July 21</u>-Annual Conference Speaker, Pastor Brandon Grady. What Really Matters: People or Issues. Scripture: Romans 12:3-10 Recording from Friday, July 5, at Annual Conference 2024 in Grand Rapids, Michigan

<u>July 28 – Enough to Go Around! Pastor Brandon Grady</u> Scripture John 6:5-13. Bread & Cup Communion.

<u>August 4 - A True Joy! Baptism at Codorus State Park</u> Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6

<u>August 11</u>-

Hymn Sing –At the Black Rock Church of the Brethren Come enjoy an upbeat Hymn Sing with Pastor Brandon leading us along with friends and guests we will lift praises to the Lord during the Worship hour this Sunday.

<u>August 18</u>– Whole Hearted Praise. Pastor Brandon Grady Scripture: Psalm 111

<u>August 25-</u>No Matter What. Pastor Brandon Grady Scripture: Psalm 34: 15-22



- 2..... Martha Brant
- 3..... Noah Haring
- 4 Randy L. Shaffer
- 5..... Paul Marshall Terry Redding Matthew Nawn
- Beth Nawn 8
- 10 Korie Kennedy
- 16 Greg Wentz
- Connie McMaster 17
- 18 Amy Lucabaugh
- 21 Aaron Biddle

- 22..... Katelyn Redding Lois Shaffer
- 23..... Randy Brant Eric Lehman
- Pat Challenger 24 Shari Lehman Olivia Liccardello Mike Ritter
 - Mary Robinson
- 29 Steve Brenton
- 31 Jean Kehr



July 9 -David and Kirsten Cook Jr. ('16)



Aug. 5 Eric & Kim Lehman ('05) 28 Jim & Terri Biddle ('82)

- 17 Tom & Jackie Howdyshell (07) 30 Steve & Carrie Brenton (08)
- 23 Ken & Jodi Weaver (*86)
- 27 Rich & Joy Shaffer ('60)

- 30 Greg & Christine Shaffer (08)



- 1-.....Shawn Gantz
- 2-..... Emily VanDerHeydenAmber Lehr
- 3Julia Hoffacker
- 4Cassidy Conover
- 5Patrick Apicella
 -Oralee Smith
- 8Linda Dillon
- 10 Terri Biddle
- 11Nancy Becker
- 13Robert Walker
- 14Kim Shaulis

- 15 Brandon Lehman
- 16 Barbara Harget
- 17 Brenda Cornbower
- 20 Shawn Covalt
 - Savannah Lehr
- 22 Stevie Brenton
- 23 Ruth Athey
- 27Rob Stickles
- 29 Grant Baugher
- 31 Richard T. Shaffer

Outreach School Kits Project

The Outreach Team with your help would like to make 99 school kits. We will need all the supplies to pack by the end of August.

The list of items needed are as follows: One pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip only) Three 70 count spiral wide rule notebooks 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper) One 30 centimeter, 12 inch ruler One hand held pencil sharpener six new, unsharpened pencils w/erasers One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers) Crayons – 24 pack



We will be collecting these items during the months of July and August when many stores will start having sales on their back to school items. There will be a box located at the back of the sanctuary for your donations.

Thank you in advance for your support for this project.



- A special thanks to all who donated to the summer lunch program this year.
- Thanks to Diana & Duane Shaulis for coordinating the summer lunch program, and transporting donations each week.
- Thank you to the Outreach team for the Narthex display, showing items to be collected for the Summer Lunch Program that helps feed our local children over the summertime when they aren't in school.
- Thank you to **Diana Shaulis** for serving as the monthly visitor by phone for the month of June.
- Thank you to **Susan Feltch** for preparing our Congregational cards for the month of June.
- Thank you to **Shirley Shaffer** for being Welcomer for June.
- Thank you to **Richard T. Shaffer** who recycles our Aluminum donations for funds used to help send B.R. kids to Camp Eder.
- Thank you to **Audrey Shisler** for Leading Worship for the month of June.
- Thank you to **Sandie Keller** for tracking the church attendance for the month of June.
- Thank you to the **Worship and Fellowship team** and the Alesia Band and Director, Jim Biddle who made our church picnic enjoyable.
- Thank you from Rich and Joy Shaffer, As of June 6, my 39 radiation treatments have been completed, all in all it went very well with very minor side effects. I would like to thank the Deacons for coordinating the schedule to stay with Joy. Thank you to each & every person who came & spent time with her. It was a blessing for me not to have to worry about Joy while I was getting treatments & it was a pleasure to spend some time with each person who volunteered. Thank you, Black Rock, for your service, caring & prayers (and those who also brought food & goodies).

Vacation Bible School Saturday. July . 20th 10 am-12:00 noon **Animals of the Bible** Join us on Saturday, July 20 from 10 AM-12:00 PM for stories, games and crafts! Families are invited to come learn about the Animals of the Bible and participate in a variety of children's activities that will be a lot of FUN! Pizza will be available for the noon meal. Please sign up on the church narthex bulletin board or Call the Black Rock Church of the Brethren Office to register. 717-637-6170

Black Rock Church of the Brethren Annual Clothing and Shoe Drive September 7th 10 am-1 pm



The Outreach Team is requesting that you "clean out your closets" of any "gently" used clothing and shoes that you would be willing to donate to our Community Aid Clothing and shoe drive which will be held at the church September 7th from 10 am-1 pm.

July 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT			
	1	2	3	4th 8;30 am PAL	5 8:30 a Ladies Breakfast	6			
	Pastor at		Annual conference		Office Closed				
7 CE mtg 11:30 am		9	10	11	12	13 10 a visit Funeral			
Annual conference						& Meal			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 VBS			
21	22	23	24	258;30 am PAL	26	27			
	Pastor Vacation								
28 Bread &	29	30	31	VBS Animals of					
Cup	Jodi Vacation			the Bible 7/20					

August 2024

SUN July &	MON August is	TUE School K	WED it collectio	THU on time!	FRI	SAT
				1 Jo	3	
4 9 am W&F mtg. Baptism Codorus	5	6	7	8 Jodi at Lead	9 t Global ership nmit	10 TBHC BBQ / CAR SHOW
11 Hymn sing at BR COB 10:15	12	13	14	15 ^{8;30} am PAL Jodi vacat		17 on
18 Journey deadline (Sept.)	19	20 7 pm LT Budget mtg.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 7 pm– Staff Relations Budget mtg.	28	29	30	31

Dates Sched-	Accomp.	AV tech	Camera	Welcomers	Decorators	Attendance	Mo. Visitor	Cong. cards.	Worship Leaders		
ulers	Worshin & Fellowshin				Deacons			Pastor			
July 7	AC video	Karl Lehman	Jodi Weaver	JULY	Bonnie						
July 14	Suzanne Werner	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Beth Osborne	Audrey Shisler	Audrey	Audrey 8,	,	Jodi	Jean	Suzanne	Carrie
July 21	AC Video	Karl Lehman	Carrie Brenton				Weaver Kehr	Werner	Brenton		
July 28	Robyn Bortner	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Wynne Hoffacker		Hoffacker						
Aug. 4	Esther	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Jodi Weaver		Au	GUST					
Aug. 11	Jeanne/ Suzanne Hymn Sing	Karl Lehman	Beth Osborne	John & Linda Covalt	& Linda	Henry & & Linda Jill	Sandie Kel- ler	Pat Challngr	Bonnie Henry	Savannah Lehr	
Aug. 18	Robyn Bortner	Karl Lehman	Carrie Brenton								
Aug. 25	Suzanne Werner	Karl Lehman	Wynne Hoffacker								