

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

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HIGHLIGHTS

1. Pastor's Page
2. September Sermon's and Scripture topics
3. Birthdays and Anniversaries
4. Membership Class for October
5. Disaster Relief Auction
6. A Statement of Concern for Afganistan
7. College Students
8. School Kit list
9. Summer Lunch Program report
10. Thank you's
11. Camp Eder, FALL FEST

Labor Day is over, the school year begins! What happens next? The beginning of fall marks a refreshment time in the life of the church. Choir, membership classes, and small groups resume. And yes, the refreshment time, our food and fellowship through our coffee time after worship usually restarts! We prepare for Love Feast. In general, it's a time for a community to look at itself and find refreshment as the summer heat melts and the freshness of fall begins.

However this year just as last, there are complications. The vaccine issues linger, the new Delta Variant is on the rise, people still wonder what the new norms are going to be. And my question in all the scene? How can we continue to fall together? In this normal season of refreshment, how can this fall season in particular bring the refreshment when so much still may be unsettled.

I'm drawn to the Apostle Paul's words in Colossians 3 when he said to wear the clothes of Christ, those of kindness, compassion, humility, gentleness, and patience. How about the words also of Paul when he reminded his young mentee Timothy to serve the Lord in season and out of season? And how about even the writer of Ecclesiastes who continues to proclaim through the ages there is a time for everything.

Even in these unsettled moments, we can be refreshed daily in the clothes Christ encourages us to wear as we joyfully engage in the ministries not just of Black Rock, but of our lives also. What needs to be refreshed for you and me we may not have thought of?

My prayer would be as the summer heat dissolves into cool fall breezes, that any torment may turn into truth, any uncertainties would be replaced by sincerities, and perhaps any hesitation could be mended by anticipation. True, the realities are what they are, but one of those realities is Christ, who continues to yearn and desire for us not just to be one in the Spirit, but joyful Christians, eager to serve, worship and celebrate wherever the road may lead. And the only way to do that is to fall together with the Lord, even as we humans may fall in life. So no matter what the fall brings for each of us, let's fall in faith together, because Jesus is always there to pick us up!

To God be the glory in Jesus' name!



Sermons and Scriptures for September

September 5

Scripture Mark 7:24-37, Title- How amazing!
Description- Jesus can do anything for anyone no matter who people are or where they are.

September 12 -

Scripture Mark 8:27-35, Title- Count the cost.
Description- We must always keep our priorities in order as we consider our role in the world as followers of Jesus.

September. 19-

Scripture James 3:13-18, 7-12, Title- Do what you can.

Description- No matter what anyone else does, we must remember to whom we belong and how we should behave towards others.

September. 26- (3 of 5 part sermon series)

Statement of Faith and call to action.

Scripture Leviticus 19:33-34, Title- Who are strangers in our land?

Description- Who is a stranger? How might we love and appreciate those completely foreign to us?



September

Birthdays

1	Tenna Conover	20	Randy Hoffacker
3	CJ VanDerHeyden		Doug Martin
4	Kayden Killen Art Hanson	22	Angelo Cocci Melissa Garvick
		23	Jesse Cocci Thomas Howdysshell
7	Donna Apicella James Garvick		Nora Lee Sandruck
		25	Donna Hamm Cole Shaub
9	Alan Cornbower	26	Anna Mancha
12	Esther Kipple	27	Amber Sprenger
13	Kelly Shaub Cathy Jewitt	28	Clyde Stremmel Jaqueline Howdysshell
14	Pam Stremmel	29	Robert Greening
15	Alaina Biddle Ben McMaster		Lisa Konopinski Adam Nolt
16	Amber Shaw		Angie Steckel
19	Brett Hoffacker		
19	Curtis Martin Peyton Conover		

September



ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 *Jamie & Tammy Hartlaub ('84)*
- 10 *Carl & Emily VanDerHeyden Jr. ('16)*
- 19 *Adam & Brittany Nolt ('15)*
- 25 *Shawn & Kellie Waltmyer ('04)*

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

TO BE OFFERED IN OCTOBER AT BLACK ROCK

Beginning Sunday, October 3,

Pastor Brandon will be holding classes for those either interested in joining Black Rock through water baptism or affirmation in some other way.

The classes are open to anyone interested in joining, or those wishing to learn or discuss more about who the Brethren are

and what we do. There will be three class sessions, running approximately one hour each, and the

format will not be one of lecture, but of discussing spiritual cornerstones of what it means to be a follower of Jesus as a member of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren.

I look forward to meeting with whoever is interested in these classes before or after church, (we will agree on a time.)

Please let me, Pastor Brandon, or Jodi in the office know by Sep. 26 that you are interested in participating so we can prepare ahead of time for our moments together. Blessings and may God richly bless us all in the continued learning and work of Jesus here at Black Rock and beyond!

To God be the glory
Pastor Brandon

The Disaster Relief Auction-

Will be held Sept. 24+25. The food committee is asking for donations to help defer the cost of food expenses, expected to be approximately \$15,000. for 2021. Any donation will be gratefully accepted. You may make checks payable to:

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction.-Memo line:
Food Committee

Mail to: Evie Dehmey, 164 Vinegar Ferry Rd.
Marietta, PA 17545

Summer Lunch Program Report for 2021

Four Local congregations., St. David's, St. Barholomew's , St. David's UCC and Black Rock COB extended a helping hand to families from South Western School District this past summer through our Summer Lunch Program.

We served an average of 12 families each week distributing around 35 bags of groceries per week. Throughout the summer, 312 bags of groceries were distributed for weekly lunches . Three main entrees were rotated.

Because of monetary and food donations from our four churches we were able to provide the weekly bags within our budget.



Camp Eder Upcoming Events:

September 15th Senior Day

FALLFEST

OCTOBER 16, 2021 10am-3pm

October 29th -31st

Young Adult Hike Campeder.org

The OUTREACH team

SCHOOL KITS LIST– Donation Deadline Sept. 30th

The list is the same as other years. Please do what you can to help CWS have kits available for all the children who need them.

Items needed for each kit

1. One pair of blunt scissors
2. Three 70 count wide rule notebooks
3. One 12 inch ruler
4. One hand held pencil sharpener
5. One large eraser, not pencil cap erasers
6. Six new unsharpened pencils with erasers
7. One box of 24 crayons



There is a \$2 processing fee for each kit, so monetary donations are also welcome. -Outreach team



- ♥ Thank you Shari Lehman for doing the Narthex Display for August and September
- ♥ Thank you, Sharon Myers for making school kit bags
- ♥ Suzanne Werner for doing the Congregational cards.
- ♥ Gary Rappoldt for serving as our Treasurer and working with Leadership team on the 2022 budget.
- ♥ Those who help with PAL at HACC
- ♥ Ken Wildasin for serving as Worship Leader in July
- ♥ Adam and Brittany Nolt for serving in August.



**All College Students,
Back to School time again.** we would like your new address. Please send your new address, and email to the church office so we can stay in touch with our college students. When you email the office please let me know if you would like to be included in any of the email groups, such as the Weekly Word, a weekly writing from Pastor Brandon this is a one page devotional sent out each Monday. Also let me know if you would like to receive the Journey newsletter email? The Prayer chain email ? or receive the Zoom invitations each Friday for the coming Sunday Worship so you can watch us live Thank you,
Jodi Weaver—aabrcob@comcast.net

“A statement of concern for Afghanistan from Church of the Brethren general secretary David Steele

“Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication” (Ephesians 6:18a).

In the wake of the September 11th attack in 2001, the General Board of the Church of the Brethren called for the immediate cessation of military action in Afghanistan, saying:

“We are deeply concerned that these strikes will cause further death and destruction, and will exacerbate the problems confronting those working to feed and care for millions of suffering Afghan people” (<https://files.brethren.org/about/statements/2001-september-11-aftermath.pdf>).

Ten years later, in 2011, the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference reaffirmed that same call for the end to military action and concern for people of Afghanistan (www.brethren.org/ac/statements/2011-resolution-on-the-war-in-afghanistan).

This week, the withdrawal of US troops was nearly complete, and the world watched in anguish as the Taliban quickly completed its takeover by capturing Kabul. In ensuing days, the evacuations escalated and the humanitarian situation deteriorated, while global and domestic leaders furiously assigned blame for the past 20 years of violence, loss, and expense.

While there is a clear biblical precedent and call for rebuke and correction of injustice and wrongdoing, there is an equally strong call for self-examination and repentance.

The Church of the Brethren stands by our conviction that “all war is sin” and “we may not participate or benefit from war” (1970 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference statement on war, www.brethren.org/ac/statements/1970-war) but we must ask how we have been complicit in the war in Afghanistan and how we are called to turn now to repentance and right living. How have we not acted in a right manner in the past and how are we called to act in a right manner in the present, to “[put on as] shoes for your feet . . . whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace” (Ephesians 6:15).

Though Ephesians 6 is filled with war-like images, we are reminded that “our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh.” We are called to a struggle not characterized by war and violence but by compassion, love, and justice. We are called to proclaim the gospel of peace through word and action for all those affected by the war in Afghanistan – Afghan civilians and military and US civilians and military and all others involved over 20 years of warfare.

In the coming days, weeks, and months, may we work for the safety and well-being of our Afghan neighbors near and far, extending a hand of support to them, welcoming those who have been displaced and who have become refugees, and challenging the belief that the weapons of war will bring a future of peace.

“For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12).

“Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints” (Ephesians 6:18).

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
No Choirs this fall due to Covid No Refreshments after Worship.			1 Every Wednesday 9:30am John Bible study conf. call	2	3 First Friday Ladies Breakfast 8:30am	4 9:30am Deacon Mtg. Via Conf.,call
5 Every Sunday 9-a-Adult SS 10:15-a-Worship	6 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	7	8 9:30am John study	9 8:30a PAL	10	11
12	13 7-p Outreach team mtg	14 7p- Staff Relations mtg	15 9:30am John study	16	17 District Conf. York	18 First COB
19 Journey Deadline District Conf. Report Leadership Calling Ballot Due	20	21 Leadership team mtg.7 p-	22 9:30am John study	23	24	25
26 Membership class sign-up deadline	27	28	29 9:30am John study	30 8:30a PAL		

Serving the Black Rock Congregation SEPTEMBER 2021

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Zoom and Video	DECORATORS	Monthly phone visitor	Congregational cards.	Worship Leaders
Schedulers					Deacons		Pastor
Worship & Fellowship							
SEPT.5	JEANNE WAH	KARL LEHMAN	CARRIE BRENTON	BONNIE HENRY & JILL HOFFACKER	KEN WILDASIN	MARY ANN ROB- INSON	MARY ANN ROBIN- SON
SEPT. 12	ROBYN BORTNER	AMY AND RANDY HOFFACK- ER	CARRIE BRENTON				MARY ANN ROBIN- SON
SEPT.19	SUZANNE WERNER	KARL LEHMAN	JODI WEAVER				PAT CHALLENGER
SEPT. 26	MARTHA BRANT	AMY AND RANDY HOFFACK- ER	MIKE WOODWARD				MARY ANN ROBIN- SON