

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

Pastor's Page

The time is ours?

By Pastor Brandon

I'll never forget the

congregational business meeting we held here in April of 2022. That day, two

remarkably interesting items were on the table. One of those we solved pretty unanimously and that was the property in not selling the lot across the street. But the one I focus on was our Worship and Fellowship team motion of changing the timing for worship. I was so fascinated in that discussion. I felt, as people shared their opinions, a true sense not just of love, but of genuine care everyone had different slants. People expressed not just their own interest but taking those opposing opinions into account.

As we eventually ratified the new summer schedule for the months, and are now back to our normal 10:15 time, this thought of time has stuck with me. No matter when we gather at church, early or later or even on a different day, the time is ours to come as we are, to experience God's love, to go out like Christ as our recent sermon series talked about. The time is ours to embody the words of Romans 12:1, to offer our bodies as living sacrifices to God in our spiritual act of worship as our late July series described. And as the fall hits, the time is ours as we readjust to our previous time of worship, while maintaining that love and care we have for one another preparing for our vote at the congregational business meeting in October as to how we will move forward with our timing for our worship and Sunday school.

Our Lord and his disciples also knew a sense of time as they journeyed through Jerusalem, as they ministered to people, as they met with crowds, as they gathered in the upper room, as they prayed together, as they were separated from each other, and eventually as they were locked in a room together after Jesus had been crucified. No matter the earthly time in those moments, the time was frozen, insignificant. It was theirs to do something with. It was theirs to honor and glorify God. It was theirs to meet together, pray together, worship together, serve together. No matter the time, God gave them opportunities to change the world around them.

And the same is true for our time. No matter our decision on the current issue facing our church of staying with our traditional time or moving permanently to the trial time from our summer schedule, one thing is sure. No matter the time, it's our time! It's our time given by God to do with what we can to continually form and be Black Rock Church. So let's make the most of it! To God be the glory!



September

Sermons and Scriptures for September

September 4

Scripture Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon- Go out Like Christ. (Third of a three-part sermon series on Black Rock Mission Statement)

THE ELEMENTS OF LOVE FEAST Sermon Series

September 11 through October 2, 2022

September 11

Scripture 1Corinthians 11:28-32

Title- Examining ourselves.

Description- As we prepare for the reenactment of the last supper, we must take time to look at ourselves.

September 18-

Scripture John 13:1-17

Title- Being washed.

Description- It's not about what body part we wash. It's the idea Jesus cleanses us, and we should do so for each other.

September 25

Scripture 1Corinthians 1:33-34

Title- Eating together

Description- There's something very special about coming to the table together as experienced by Jesus and his disciples.



September

Birthdays

Tenna Conover
CJ VanDerHeyden
Art Hanson
Donna Apicella
Alan Cornbower
Esther Kipple
Kelly Shaub
Cathy Jewitt
Pam Stremmel
Alaina Biddle
Ben McMaster
Amber Shaw
Brett Hoffacker
Curtis Martin
Peyton Conover

Randy Hoffacker
Kayden Killen
Doug Martin
Sophie Sprenger
Thomas Howdysshell
Donna Hamm
Cole Shaub
Anna Mancha
Amber Sprenger
Clyde Stremmel
Jaqueline Howdysshell
Robert Greening
Lisa Konopinski
Adam Nolt
Angie Steckel

September



ANNIVERSARIES

Jamie & Tammy Hartlaub
Carl & Emily VanDerHeyden Jr.
Jeff & Melissa Laughman
Adam & Brittany Nolt
Shawn & Kellie Waltmyer

Blanket the World in Love

The Outreach Team is excited to announce our September 2022 project!

We have decided to do a "*Blanket Sunday*" for the *entire month* of September! *We are so excited!*

Each Sunday we will be using a small portion of the worship service to learn about CWS's Blanket program.

There will be envelopes for your special Blanket Offering in your bulletin and in a basket at the back of the sanctuary. You may put your name or envelope number on these if you want credit for taxes. We will collect the money and send it to Church World Service to purchase Blankets which they distribute as needed. Last year, CWS distributed 68,760 blankets to displaced and homeless persons, refugees, and disaster victims.

\$10 provides a blanket to a person in need.

\$50 blankets an entire family.

\$250 stocks shelters in preparation for freezing weather.

If you would like to give an offering in honor of someone (perhaps a shut in or a loved one), we have greeting cards that can be sent to that person to tell them you've given money in their honor so they can help **blanket the world in love**. We would also love to do a list naming anyone you want to give money in honor of or in memory of. We would have that list published as an insert in an October bulletin so others can see who you've honored or remembered.

Take a look at the Narthex Display, check out the posters on the doors, read your bulletin inserts, listen to the words as we share about the project, watch and listen to the videos about the blankets, and then listen to your heart. Listen to what God is asking each of us to do.

"And don't forget to do *good* and share with those in *need*." - Hebrews 13:16



Camp Eder Upcoming Events:

September 14th/Senior Day

October 15th/Fall Festival

November 9th/Senior Day

December 9th & 10th/Christmas Tree Festival

College Students

Back to School time again. we would like your new college 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

2022 Summer Lunch Program Report

The Summer lunch program was a huge success again because of all your help. Thanks so much for all the food and monetary donations throughout the summer. We truly appreciate your willingness to help the South Western school district community. Your generosity enabled us to feed, on average, 54 children each week. Thank you again for your donations.

The summer lunch committee.



- ♥ Thank you to Donna Apicella, for doing the Narthex Display for July and the Outreach team for doing August and September
- ♥ Sharon Myers, Suzanne Werner and Carol Jean Hoover for doing the Congregational cards for the summer months.
- ♥ Thanks to those who help with PAL at HACC
- ♥ Thank you to the Summer Worship Leaders for serving Carrie Brenton, Suzanne Werner, and Brett & Wynne Hoffacker
- ♥ Thank you to all who helped set up and serve the refreshments for the Gathering time over the summer.



Vocal Choir, directed by Jim Biddle, will begin in September. First rehearsal will be Sunday, September 4 following worship and we will also have a rehearsal on Wednesday, September 7 at 7 pm as we will be singing on Sunday, September 11.

Bell Choir, directed by Suzanne Werner, will begin rehearsal on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm. If you would be interested in joining the bell choir, please contact Suzanne prior to the first rehearsal.

Church Picnic Announcement:

The Worship and Fellowship Team is hosting a church picnic on Saturday, September 10 at 4 PM at Manheim Adventure Park at



the pavilion (located on Camp Woods Road which is off of Manheim Road.) There is a playground area nearby.

The ministry team will be providing hotdogs and bar-b-que for the meal. Please sign up if you will be attending on the bulletin board in the narthex or you can email Suzanne at sdjhwerner@gmail.com with the number attending and what you will bring. We are also asking you to sign-up to bring the following selected menu items: potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, chips, lemonade, iced tea, hotdog rolls or desserts. Monetary donations to help cover the cost of the hotdogs and hamburger meat would be appreciated. Make your donation to line-item 3402 "Events/Activities." For entertainment we would like you to share your talents with us that evening. It could be vocal or instrumental music, a funny story, a reading, maybe a magic trick. For your comfort you may wish to bring lawn chairs for fellowship following the meal. In the event of rain, we will have our picnic on Sunday, September 11, following worship in the fellowship hall at church.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES TO BE OFFERED AT BLACK ROCK

Pastor Brandon will be holding classes September 11 through Oct. 2, for those either interested in joining Black Rock through water baptism, transfer of letter or affirmation.

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. The class sessions will run 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 during the Sunday school hour at 9am. Please let me, Pastor Brandon, or Jodi in the office know that you are interested in participating so we can prepare ahead of time. 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 45th Brethren Disaster Relief Auction-

September. 23 & 24 2022 at Lebanon Valley Expo Center
80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA 17042

In Matthew 25 Jesus says, "As you did it unto one of the least of these, you did it to me." The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction was founded over 45 years ago to financially help people impacted by natural disasters of many types.

Sales receipts at the 2021 Auction totaled \$525,000. since the first Brethren Disaster Relief Auction held in 1977, more than \$18 million has been raised.

We work closely with BDM, who sends volunteer workers to disaster sites, both locally and around the world.

We invite you to support us at this event with donations of sale items, cash donations, as an attendee, or as a bidder. You are sure to find something of interest.

For more info. visit www.BrethrenAuction.org

Pick up an Auction booklet in the Gathering Place in the back of the Sanctuary. Or call Tom Fritz 717-823-2745

September 2022

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

Every Sunday-9-AM-Adult Sunday school and 10:15-AM-Worship Conference call number for Bible study and meetings- 1(832)-831-2424 ID# 262798				1 8:30a PAL	2 8:30a First Friday Ladies Breakfast	3
4 Leadership Calling Ballot Due 11:15a Choir practice	5 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	6	7 9:30am John study 6:30 p- Bell Choir 7p-Adult Choir	8	9	10 4PM Church Picnic
11 9a-Membership class begins Picnic Rain date Deacon Banquet 5PM @ Perkins	12	13	14 9:30am John study	15	16 District Conf. Mechanicsburg COB	17
18 Journey deadline	19	20 Leadership team mtg.7 p-	21 9:30am John study	22 8:30a PAL	23	24
25	26	27	28 9:30am John study	29	30	

Serving the Black Rock Congregation SEPTEMBER 2021

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Zoom and Video	GREETER	DECORATORS	ATTENCANCE	Monthly phone visitor	CARE CARDS	Worship Leaders
Schedulers	Worship & Fellowship					Deacons		Pastor	
SEPT.4	Esther Kipple	KARL LEHMAN	CARRIE BRENTON	DICK SHAFFER	BONNIE HENRY & JILL HOFFACKER	CAROL JEAN HOOVER	KEN WILDASIN	MARY ANN ROBINSON	KAREN ALWINE
SEPT. 11	ROBYN BORTNER	AMY AND RANDY HOFFACKER	JODI WEAVER						
SEPT.18	Jeanne Wah	KARL LEHMAN	BEHT OSBORNE						
SEPT. 25	Suzanne W	KARL LEHMAN	CARRIE BRENTON						