

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

- ♥ September Pastor's Page
- ♥ September Sermon's and Scriptures
- ♥ September Birthdays and Anniversaries
- ♥ Thank you notes.

September Calendar and Schedule

September 7– Clothing & Shoe Drive at BR COB

September 15–

- ♥ Fall Deacons carry-in meeting
- ♥ Membership Class

September 20 & 21 SOPA District Conference

September 22–

- ♥ Young Children's SS starts-during Worship
- ♥ Soup Sunday Carry-in meal.

September 27 & 28

- ♥ Disaster Relief Auction at Lebanon Expo Center

October 6 Love Feast & Communion, after Worship

October 13 Hanover -CROP HUNGER WALK

October 19–Camp Eder, FALL FEST

October 20 Chestnut Grove Hymn sing

October 27 Black Rock Congregational Business mtg.

Pastor's Page

"Are we truly a church?"

By Pastor Brandon

When I think of church, I know it's a broad term. I hear people say over and over again that the church is just not what it used to be? And that makes me ask? What did it used to be? Yes, there were a lot more people in the pews, but was the attitude of praise any different, any better?

True, we can all do more with more people. And there isn't the feeling we can do very much because so many are worn down, and the task for doing things seem so insur-mountable and our resources and time seem so limited.

Yet I ask again, is the church really different today? Has the idea of singing hymns, reading scripture, or hearing a sermon been lost? And for that matter, should we lose that idea? And if so, what should we replace it with?

Keep in mind, it's so easy to lament the past, but what are we replacing it with now? In most instances, yes, technology has advanced, and our ability to obtain information has changed, but people are still people. We still have people making up the people of God, the church.

And praise God, we still have Jesus Christ, who is the foundation and salvation of our faith. He is the solid rock on whom we should always be building. And that should be why we want the church to continue to be the church, no matter what. It should never be about what we are or are not doing, but how God is continuing to bless us in Jesus!

So, are we truly a church? Do we still desire to praise God and follow Jesus at our core roots? Do we still wish to say, Jesus, lead us, guide us, whatever you want us to do, we'll do. And most of all, are we thankful to worship and praise God together, knowing we can still do more together than apart. Are we in fact, truly still a church! I sure hope so!
To God be the Glory!



Sermons and Scriptures

September 1– “A Genuine Faith”
Psalm 15

September 8- “Proper Riches”
Proverbs 22:1-2, 9, 22-23

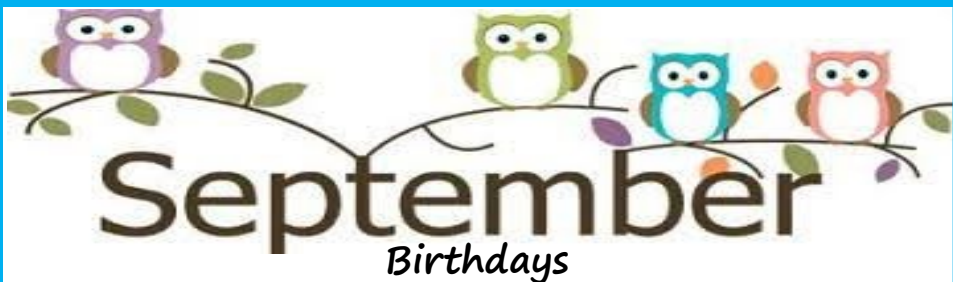
September 15- “Are we Always Singing?”
Psalm 116:1-9

September 22 - “Chain Reaction”
Mark 9:33-37

September 29—
”Jesus Makes All the Difference”
Acts 4:5-11

Thank You!

- ♥ Shari Lehman for creating the Narthex Display of items needed for the School Kits Outreach Project.
- ♥ Bonnie Henry for Preparing the Congregational cards.
- ♥ Thank you to Sandie Keller for tracking the attendance.
- ♥ Those who help with the Provide-A-Lunch, at H.A.C.C.
- ♥ Savannah Lehr and Wynne Hoffacker for serving as Worship Leaders in August.
- ♥ To Jean Kehr who has served for many years and continues to serve as our Sunday school secretary.
- ♥ To all the Leaders who have said yes to continuing to serve as a leader for the next term, and to those who have served and are taking a break and also to those who are considering serving as leaders starting in January 2025.
- ♥ Thank you to our Sunday school teachers and group leaders who present opportunities for learning and growing as we begin a new school year.
- ♥ Thank you to Reg Baugher, Rob Stickles and Paul Boldosser. They helped with Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) in York PA, for several days over the last two weeks of August. The project included demo work and new paneling in a basement and some outside fencing repair and replacement, along with gate repair.
- ♥ Thank you to Skip & Jeanne Wah, John Werner and Mark & Mary Robinson for outside maintenance of plants and bushes.
- ♥ Thank you to Pastor Brandon for serving as our 2024 Annual Conference Delegate and representing Black Rock as the Friday evening Speaker for the Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren this summer in Grand Rapids Michigan.



September

Birthdays

1	Tenna Conover	20	Randy Hoffacker
3	CJ VanDerHeyden		Doug Martin
4	Kayden Killen	22	Melissa Garvick
	Art Hanson	23	Thomas Howdysshell
		25	Donna Hamm
7	James Garvick		Cole Shaub
9	Alan Cornbower	28	Clyde Stremmel
12	Esther Kipple		Jackie Howdysshell
13	Kelly Shaub	29	Robert Greening
15	Alaina Biddle		Lisa Konopinski
	Ben McMaster		Angie Steckel
16	Amber Shaw		
19	Brett Hoffacker		

September



ANNIVERSARIES

8- Jamie & Tammy Hartlaub ('84)

10- C J & Emily Vanderheyden Jr.('16)

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Hanover

CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 13, 2024

1, 2, OR 3 Mile Walk Routes at Codorus State Park

Marina Day Use Area

Registration Begins at 1 PM St Paul's (Dubs) Union Annex

If you would like to Walk -Packets are in the Gathering Place

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sept. 7—Clothing and Shoe Drive –10 AM –1 PM

Please donate your gently used clothing and shoes at Black Rock Church of the Brethren. The Outreach team will be transporting donated items to Community Aid later that day.

Sept. 8– Blessing of the School kits during Worship.

Sept. 15– Deacons Fall carry-in meeting, plan to attend and bring a dish or desert to share for our fellowship meal.

September 15- Membership class starts at 9 AM with the Pastor please let Pastor Brandon know if you are interested in this class or are interested in learning more about membership here at Black Rock COB in the future.

September 20-21 District Conference at Newville COB

September 22–Soup Sunday, Carry-in meal after worship.
Young children Sunday school class begins at 10:05 am.

October 6, Love Feast and Bread & Cup Communion, following Morning Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

October 20- Chestnut Grove Hymn Sing at 3 pm

October 27– The Congregational Business Meeting
at 11:15 am following morning worship.



Starting on Sunday September 22, we are starting a Sunday School class for young children during worship. We are planning to have this every other Sunday. Each Sunday children will sing a song or two, have story time, a memory verse, snack time, prayer time, coloring or craft time, and play time. Parents (or grandparents) are welcome to attend worship or sit in on the class (if children are not ready to stay). The teacher will be Shirley Boldosser, with a helper. This will be in the Sunday School room down the hall, past the nursery, on the left. The children in the class should be old enough to sit in chairs. The nursery will still be available for babies.

Souper Sunday, Sept. 22nd

The Worship and Fellowship

Team has scheduled the

first day of the Fall season,

Sunday, September 22nd,

as "Soup Sunday", a carry-in soup lunch and fellowship event, to be held immediately following the worship service.

For planning purposes, we would appreciate it if you could let us know if you can attend and what you can contribute to the lunch.

Contributions are not required but are greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



47th Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction

Friday, September 27, 2024

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Lebanon Valley Expo Center,
80 Rocherty Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042

If anyone would like to volunteer in the food stands Friday or Saturday please contact Lois Roop at 717-954-2278 or email cloop@verison.net

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:15 a Adult Choir practice resumes	2. LABOR DAY Office closed	3	4	5 Jodi on vacation.....	6 First Friday 8:30 Ladies Breakfast Dutch Country	7 10 A M-1P M CLOTHING & SHOE DRIVE at Black Rock COB.....
8 BLESSING OF SCHOOL KITS Jodi on vacation	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 FALL Deacons carry-in meeting	16 .	17 7 PM LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING	18	19	20 SOPA -DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT NEWVILLE COB	21
22 10:05 AM - Childrens Sunday school SOUP SUNDAY/	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 .	30	<u>SUNDAY -OCTOBER 6, -LOVE FEAST AND COMMUNION</u>				OCT 5-SATURDAY DEACONS LOVE FEAST PREP

Sept. Dates	Accompanist/ Choir	AV tech	Video	Welcomer	DECORATORS	Attendance	Monthly visitor	Congr.cards	Worship Leaders
9/1	Esther Kipple	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Jodi Weaver	Cheryl Leppo	Robyn B	Suzanne Werner	Ken Wildasin	Angie Gwinn & Darlene Myers	Gloria Myers
9/8	Robyn Bortner	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Beth Osborne		&				Pat Challenger
9/15	Robyn Bortner	Karl Lehman	Carrie Brenton		Connie M				
9/22	Suzanne Werner	Randy /Amy Hoffacker	Wynne Hoffacker		&				
9/29	Jeanne Wah	Karl Lehman	Jodi Weaver		Sandie K				



Camp Eder Fall Festival

When: October 19, 2024 10 AM—4 PM

Where: Camp Eder

(914 Mount Hope Rd Fairfield, PA 17320)

Silent Auctions: 10:00—10:45 & 11:00—11:45

Live Auction: 12:00 noon

Turkey & Pork Lunch: 11:00 -3:00

Food Court: 10:00—4:00



**We invite you to come out this fall for an
OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING
Sunday, October 20, at 3 pm
At the Chestnut Grove Meetinghouse
5008 Chestnut Grove Road,
Spring Grove, PA 17362
On RT 516, south of Jefferson
Led by Pastor Brandon Grady
of the
Black Rock Church of the Brethren**