

Recording the
JOURNEY
of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren
September 2026



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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 -12 Clothing Drive at BR COB 10 am-1 pm

September 13 + 27-Children's SS, bi-weekly during Worship

September 18 & 19 District Conference, Chambersburg COB

September 20 -Black Rock Celebration of 150 years of the church building, built in 1876.

September 25 & 26

- ♥ Disaster Relief Auction at the Lebanon Expo Center

September 27 Chestnut Grove Hymn Sing at 2 pm

October 4 Love Feast & Communion, after Worship

October 10- Wedding of Pastor Brandon Grady & Jill Slagle

October 11 Hanover -CROP WALK, 1-5 pm

October 17-Camp Eder, FALL FEST 10 am-4 pm

October 18 -Congregational Business meeting of BR COB

Pastor's Page

“The up down drill” By Pastor Brandon

There are so many ups and downs to life. There are so many moments when we feel great and when we feel horrible. When you think about it, are there really any moments we feel much in between? Well yes, there's moments we just exist. And yet, quite often, it's either the ups, or the downs. And many times, they flash by so quickly, they drill you in the heart, they capture your attention, then poof, they're gone, on to the next one.

I think of how football happens. Each play on offense has to be planned out. And whether the play works or not, you must be able to forget about it and move on to the next one. There's always another opportunity you have as an offense to figure out how you're going to attack the defense.

The same up down drill works in our faith. It's up to us to keep going as each day, each moment happens. It's up to us to make sure we know the Lord is with us, even as life rolls by so fleetingly, so swiftly, so quickly. It's up to us to allow ourselves to be drilled in the heart with God's love, grace, mercy, and joy. That way, as the ups and the downs happen, the drill of the Lord's constant presence will be able to navigate us, to help see us through life.

So let us continue to remember, the ups and the downs will be a part of the journey. And hey, even the in between will continue to be a part. But will we allow our ultimate play caller to help us? Will we be able to have the best up down drill we could ever have?

To God be the glory!



Sermons and Scriptures

September 6– “Sermon: “Bridge of Justice, watching, warning, and resolving!”

Scripture: Ezekiel 33:7-17-19; Romans 12:18-21; Matthew 18:15-20

September 13- “Sermon: The Unforgiving Forgiven. Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

(Forgiveness is such a difficult journey, yet the one who perfectly and continually forgives walks with us!)

September 20- Sermon: “Both the work and the workers matter” -Matthew 20:1-16

(As the church strives to be the church, just as it has for 150 years of the building being in existence at Black Rock, so with joy, that work continues into the future as both the work and the workers matter!)

September 27 - Sermon: “To Go or not to go, it’s your choice! Scripture: Matthew 21:28-32

(building on last Sunday’s anniversary building theme, now we are given the choice by Jesus as he illustrates through this parable of the two sons to go or not go into the vineyard. The choice is ours, the result is up to us.)



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sept. 8, -Staff Relations Team Budget mtg. Tue. 7 pm

Sept. 12—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. 15– Leadership Team mtg. Tues. at 7 pm, in Library.

Sept. 18 & 19–District Conference at Chambersburg COB

Sept. 20– Celebration of 150 years since the building of the church at Black Rock station in 1876.

Sept. 27– Hymn sing at Chestnut Grove on Sunday at 2 pm

October-3-Deacons Love Feast prep. Sat. at 9 am.

**Oct. 4- Love Feast and Bread & Cup Communion,
following Morning Worship in the Fellowship Hall.**

Oct. 10– Wedding of Pastor Brandon Grady & Jill Slagle

Oct. 11-CROP WALK at Codorus State Park 1-5 pm

Oct. 17– Camp Eder Fall Fest 10 am—4 pm

October 18– The Congregational Business Meeting



Birthdays

1	Tenna Conover	16	Amber Shaw
4	Art Hanson	18	Nathan Despines
	Kayden Killen	19	Brett Hoffacker
6	Lyla Hoffacker	20	Randy Hoffacker
7	Donna Apicella		Doug Martin
	James Garvick	22	Melissa Garvick
9	Alan Cornbower	23	Thomas Howdysshell
12	Esther Kipple	25	Donna Hamm
13	Kelly Shaub		Cole Shaub
15	Alaina Biddle	28	Jackie Howdysshell
	Ben McMaster		Clyde Stremmel
		29	Angie Steckel



ANNIVERSARIES

8- Jamie & Tammy Hartlaub (1984)
27- Andrew & Cindy Mowrer (2025)

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME
Hanover

CROP HUNGER WALK
OCTOBER 11, 2026, 1-5 pm
at Codorus State Park Marina Day Use Area
Watch the Narthex Bulletin Board and listen to
Worship Announcements for more information of the 2026 walk.
WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

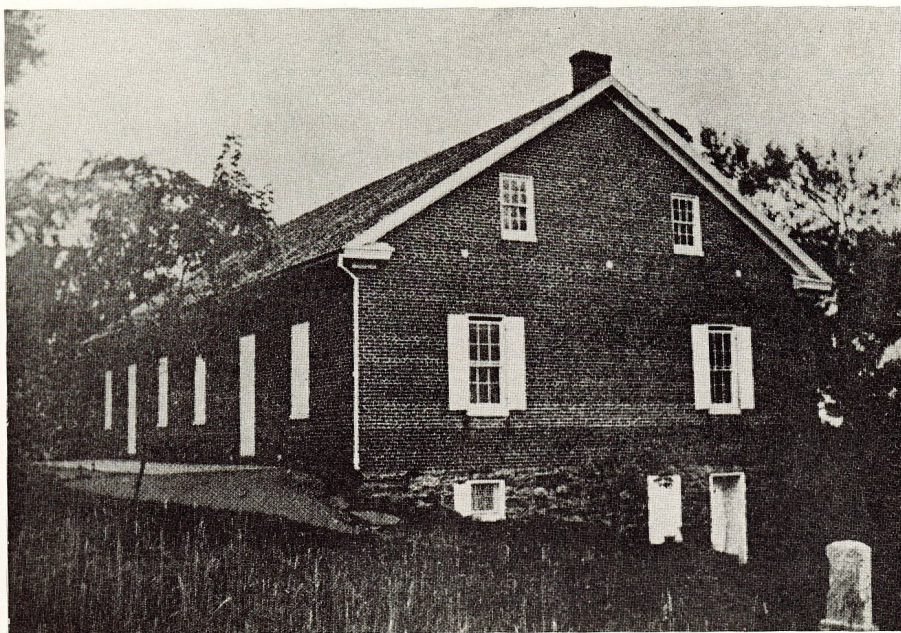
Thank You !



- ♥ Outreach team for assisting the Congregation in gathering items for "School kits, through Church World Service for the month of August.
- ♥ Carol Hoover for Preparing our Congregational cards.
- ♥ Thank you to Jill Hoffacker for tracking the attendance.
- ♥ Thank you to Ken Wildasin for serving as our Welcomer for August.
- ♥ Those who help with the Provide-A-Lunch, at H.A.C.C.
- ♥ Brett Hoffacker for serving as August Worship Leader.
- ♥ 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 2027.
- ♥ 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 Skip & Jeanne Wah, for providing our thoughtful messages on the brick sign.
- ♥ Thank you to Pastor Brandon for serving as our 2026 Annual Conference Delegate.

Thank you to all who serve the congregation in so many different ways, in the church and in your life as you go out and serve. **WE ARE BLACK ROCK!**

Celebrating 150 years of Black Rock Church



View of 1876 Church

Sunday, September 20, We will celebrate the last 150 years as we honor our past and look to the future.

49th Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction *Gathering to Honor & Glorify God*

Friday, September 25, 2026
Saturday, September 26, 2026
Lebanon Valley Expo Center,
80 Rocherty Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042

If anyone would like more information pick up an Auction booklet in the Gathering Place or see the website: ***www.BrethrenAuction.org***



Chestnut Grove Hymn Sing

Open to the community

Sunday, September 27, at 2 pm

Note to the choir:

A special combined choir practice at Black Rock Church will be held on Sept. 20 at 1 pm.

Barts Centenary United Methodist Church Choir will be joining us for two combined numbers for the Hymn Sing on Sept. 27th.

Camp Eder

48th Annual Fall Fest October 17th, 2026 10AM—4PM

Fall Festival is a celebration designed for the whole family. Fun and fundraising for Camp Eder's programs include a silent auction, food, local craft vendors, and children's games. Pit-Roasted Pork or Turkey highlights the food offerings with eat in or take out available. Sandwiches, soup, and wonderful baked goods are also available. Apple butter crafted from the camp's apple orchard is a special treat.

**KIDS GAMES AND ACTIVITIES, LIVE MUSIC,
ANNUAL AUCTION, LIVE CRAFT
& SKILL DEMOS ALL DAY!**

**WE WILL ALSO HAVE A VENDOR MARKET
AND OUR
LOVELY FOOD OFFERINGS AS WELL!**

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 9-a-Adult SS 10:15-a-Worship 11:15--Choir practice		1	2 Wed. Bible Study 9:30 am Weekly conf. call 1-832-831-2424 ID: 262798	3	4	5
6	7	8 Staff Relations team mtg. 7: pm	9	10	11	12 Clothing and Shoe Drive – 10 am–1 pm
13 -10:15 am Children's SS during Worship	14	15 Leadership team mtg. 7 pm	16	17	18- 8:30 am PAL *District Conference Chambersburg COB	19 Basement reserved
20 -Celebration of 150 years of Black Rock	21 Journey Deadline Oct.—Dec. news	22	23	24	25 Disaster Relief	26 Auction
27 10:15 am Children's SS Chestnut Grove Hymn Sing 2 pm	28	29	30	October 4, Sunday, LOVE FEAST & COMMUNION in the fellowship hall, following the Worship service.		

Dates	Accompanist/ Choir	AV tech	Camera	Welcomers	DECORATORS	Attendance	Monthly visitor	Congregation- cards.	Worship Leaders
Sept.6	Robyn B.	Wynne H	Brett H	Greg, Christine, Brooke Shaffer	Connie M & Robyn B	Audrey Shisler	Sharon M	Jodi W	Jill Slagle
Sept. 13	Robyn B	Tom H	Amy H						Savanah Lehr
Sept. 20	Jill Slagle	Karl L	Shari L						Savanah Lehr
Sept. 27	Suzanne W.	Tom H	Amy H/Randy H						Micah Roth