

Recording the

JOURNEY

of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren



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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As a nonvisual person, I often wonder what it would be like to see. I know, many of you who read this may say, “What? I have often talked about being blind is such a treasure, the biggest blessing God has ever given me. Well yes, that fact remains true. Yet, I do often wonder what it would be like to see certain expressions, certain reactions. I’d love to see the face of Jill, my fiancé. And yet, I can see so many things with my heart, which is more than enough. But it still does not stop me from wondering.

And then there’s the spiritual sight. I’d love to be able to see others when I’m preaching a sermon. Are they with me? Am I engaging them? Often, I will say, amen, asking the congregation to repeat it back to me at some points so we all can worship God together, but also, so I know they are with me as I’m preaching the Word.

My Friends, God has created the physical and spiritual sight. It’s up to us to have eyes of faith as we move forward. And our journey will be defined one way or the other based on our Godly eyesight. “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are dark, your whole body will be full of darkness, but if your eyes are filled with light, your whole body will be filled with light”. Those beautiful words from Jesus in the sermon on the mount in Matthew 6 reminds us how crucial the concept of sight all the way around really is.

It’s my vow as I live my life to have eyes wide open, and to know, even in the heart sight, the spiritual sight God has given me, I use that sight to the fullest extent possible. And in doing so, I must trust God has me taken care of.

And why is that, because there are some things I’m not supposed to see yet. There are some aspects of following

Jesus we are not to know in this life as we prepare for the next. Even here on earth, God unveils the things we are to see to experience when he wants, not before.

In church life, we would all do well to remember that same concept. Our eyes of faith must be ready, must be open. Our sight must be ready to see what God will and wants to show us. And we must also embrace that, some things are beyond our sight, only God alone can see them.

As we live, as we worship, and as we follow Jesus, let us as people of God know we are and will continue to be watched. With our impure sight, God's perfect sight forms our vision. As we look back from where we've come, God also helps us look back. And as we look forward to what we can and cannot see, God is guiding our eyes and helping our bodies both individually, physically and spiritually to be open. May we in the body of Christ always have our eyes of faith full of the light of God, who will always take care of us, because he alone sees beyond what we can see!
To God be the glory

April 2026-Scriptures & Sermons

**April 5 - Easter Sunday- scripture: John 20:1-18
"The Ultimate sense of Resurrection"**

April 12- "We are always being Raised Up!"

It is with joy we remember, because Jesus died and was raised up, we are always being given life!

April 19- "The Ultimate Trickle-Down Effect"

When Jesus called the two fishermen from their ordinary daily task to follow him, something special happened not only for them, but eventually for the entire region.

April 26-Affirmation Sunday and carry-in-meal.

"Each one and together matters!" As we follow Jesus and pledge our commitment to him as a church, each of us making that pledge has an effect, and together, our praise to God with Jesus as our guide truly is effective in the world!



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| 2 | Zachary Osborne | 22 | Ken Wildasin |
| 5 | Terry Martin | 23 | Reg Baugher |
| 9 | Oakley Cook | 26 | Jacob Rappoldt |
| 11 | Tanner Meeks | 28 | Steve Wolicki |
| 14 | Paige Baugher | 29 | Tammy Hartlaub |
| | | 30 | Wynne Hoffacker |

Happy Anniversary

- 5 Terry & Tina Redding ('86)
- 15 Reg & Janice Baugher ('78)
- 20 Matt & Beth Nawn (02)
- 25 Paul & Shirley Boldosser ('70)
- 29 Clyde & Karen Griffie ('78)

CAMP EDER SENIOR DAY

For those 50+

APRIL 8th -9:30 am-1:00 pm

Please RSVP asap to: -717-642-8256

Space is limited.

Men's Outdoorsman Day

May 2nd

Clay Bird shooting & other games



THANK YOU

I give thanks to God always for you

- Bonnie Henry and Jill Hoffacker, Decorators for January—March.
- Thank you to Ken Wildasin for serving as our March Worship Leaders for the first 4 weeks.
- Thank you to Terri Biddle for preparing the Encouragement cards for March.
- Thank you to Janice Baugher for serving as Welcomer for the Month of March.
- Thank you to Susan Felch for tracking our March Worship Attendance and Jean Kehr for tracking the Sunday school attendance and ringing our SS bells each week.
- Thank you to Tammy Hartlaub and Linda Myers for faithfully counting our offering each week.
- Thank you to our AV techs, Carrie Brenton, Randy Hoffacker, Wynne Hoffacker, Tom Howdysell, Karl Lehman, and our camera operators, Stevie and Alex Brenton, Jodi Weaver, Brett Hoffacker and Beth Osborne.
- Thank you to everyone who made donations to the CWS Blanket Ministry, Meat Canning fund, Easter candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt and My Two Cent offerings to support Church of the Brethren Global Food Initiative.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

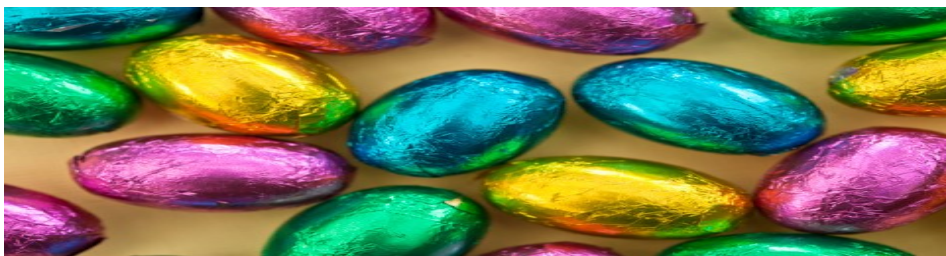
Mark your calendars for

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2026

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**The Christian Education team is hosting the
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
at Black Rock Church of the Brethren.**

We will have some crafts to do, some songs to sing and an egg hunt (of course). Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so we can plan accordingly.



Graduation time will be upon us soon. The Christian Ed team would like to celebrate those graduating from High School and College.

If you have a child or grandchild that is graduating and would like us to recognize them, please give us the following Information:

Name, School, Plans for College or Work.

Please let Jodi in the office or Christine Shaffer know by Friday, April 17, 2026.

Graduation Sunday will be May 3, 2026

during our worship service. Thank you.



The Southern Pennsylvania District of the Church of the Brethren has called Traci

Rabenstein to serve as district executive minister starting April 6. She resides in Enola, Pa., from where she will serve in this fulltime role. Rabenstein has resigned from more than nine years of

employment with the Church of the Brethren, most recently as executive director of Mission Advancement. Previously, she was employed for 18 years in various capacities with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, most recently as project manager in the Information Technology Office with the Pennsylvania Governor's Office of Administration.

She was licensed and ordained through the Mechanicsburg congregation of Southern Pennsylvania District, where she served as youth director and youth pastor for eight years. She also has filled leadership roles in the district as moderator of the district conference and as board chair of Cross Keys Village-The Brethren Home.

Rabenstein holds a 2014 certificate in ministry through the Training in Ministry program of the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership.

Welcome Traci.



Church of the Brethren

Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.

From the time of its beginnings, the Church of the Brethren has affirmed the importance of church membership and sought ways to make church membership more meaningful. It is appropriate, therefore, for the congregation and its members to reflect on their mutual accountability to one another. Our church cares for each of us as members and we each support the church with our time, talents and prayers. Our constitution calls us to annually affirm our relationship with each other and the church, a process which the deacons facilitate. On Sunday, April 26th, we will invite everyone to examine their relationship to God and your brothers and sisters in Christ at the Black Rock Church of the Brethren. Please plan to attend and prayerfully consider.

Mary Ann Robinson

Deacon Chair

The Worship and Fellowship team invites you to bring an entree, salad or dessert for a carry-in meal following worship on Affirmation Sunday, April 26 in the fellowship hall.

MEMBERSHIP AFFIRMATION



**ANNUAL BABY DEDICATION SERVICE
TO BE HELD AT BLACK ROCK CHURCH
Mother's Day, May 10, 2026
BLACK ROCK WELCOMES
THE LITTLE CHILDREN**

Bring Your Children

to be dedicated so they may be enfolded into our midst. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

Dear friends, it's such an exciting time in the life of any congregation to dedicate young disciples. If you have a child you would like to be dedicated into this community, we would be delighted to do that for you. Please let us know two weeks before the service date, that would be Monday, April 27. This will allow us to plan. I will ask to meet with all families ahead of time the day of the service at 9 AM in my office to go over final details.

Be blessed everyone, and to God be the glory for his gift of life!

Pastor Brandon

April 2026



Meat Canning week April 6-9



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 TENEBRAE 7 pm	3 GOOD FRIDAY	4 EASTER EGG HUNT 9:30-12
5. EASTER SUNDAY	6	7	8	9	10	11
Meat Canning						
12 9 a The Chosen Bible Study	13	14	15	16— Jodi—vac. 8:30 PAL lunch at HACC	17	18. Better with Less Workshop on ZOOM 10-1p
19 9 a The Chosen Bible Study	20	21	22	23	24	25 Future of Black Rock Retreat
26 Affirmation Sunday/ Carry-in-meal	27	28	29	30		

Dates	Accompanist	AV tech	Camera	Welcomers	Decorators	Attendance	Mo. Visitor	Congr. Cards	Worship Leaders
Worship & Fellowship						Deacons			
						Pastor			
Apr. 5	Jeanne W/ Robyn B	Randy Hoffacker	Jodi Weaver	Pat Challenger & Gloria Myers	Connie McMaster & Robyn Bortner	Terri Biddle	Terri Biddle	Mary Ann Robinson	Sarah Kilgalen
Apr. 12	Robyn B	Carrie Brenton	Stevie B						
Apr. 19	Jill Slagle	Tom Howdyshell	Randy Hoffacker						
Apr. 26	Suzanne W.	Karl Lehman	Beth Osborne						