

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN "PROMISE"

We promise to walk in the way of Jesus' love by: Looking for the God seed in all people while practicing healthy processes of inclusiveness, showing grace and honesty.

- Building-up community by showing Hospitality, Equality and speaking truth in love.
- Willing to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit with our heart, mind, soul, and strength as we grow spiritually and are transformed in God's love, grace and peace.
- Study, Practice, and Commitment to Forbearance* as we search for common ground.
- Joyously Celebrating Life.

*Forbearance:

Forbearance is a Biblical concept.

The Greek words in the New Testament translated as carry meanings of patience self-control, restraint, mercy, long-suffering and the refusal to threaten (EPH. 4:2; COL 3:13, EPH 6:9, 11COR 12:6)

Forbearance does not jeopardize or denigrate individual conviction, but it does place boundaries on the quality and character of individual responses.

Forbearance does not require one to accept what another believes, but it does require one listen and try to understand what another believes without demeaning, personal attacks, or acting to disenfranchise the other person.

GROUP GATHERINGS after Fellowship

Children under 9 yrs meet in classrooms west of kitchen / Beth Muhlcnickel & Britta Copeland

Children 10 yrs and older meet in Room 207 / Mark & Catherine Roebuck

Adult Group Gathering

Applying Scripture to Life.....Library classroom with Dana Snider

Wired Word & Sermon discussions.....Room #105 with Don Anderson

Beth Snider, Beth Sholly

Contemplative & Silent Meditation-Rear of Sanctuary.....Self directed

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Middlebury Church of the Brethren is a welcoming and inclusive congregation offering Christ's hospitality to the world.

Pastoral Minister – **Janet Shaver**; cell 574-214-6741

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Worship – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – 10:45 a.m.



We have a Children's Play area set up in the sanctuary for parents with young children. We understand and accept that it isn't easy for young children to sit still throughout the service. The play area is along the back wall to your left as you enter the sanctuary. We ask that the parents sit close to the play area since this isn't supervised by anyone. God Bless the Children.

JANUARY 14, 2018

I HAVE A DREAM



**MIDDLEBURY
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**



"I HAVE A DREAM"

January 14, 2018

Welcome and announcements Marcy Showalter

Did you know? Marcy Showalter

Opening Prayer: Marcy Showalter

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise Team: *Come to the Table (Sidewalk Prophets)* Screen

***Call to Worship:** Responsive

Leader: A child once dreamed the Voice was calling his name... 'Samuel'; Fisherman once heard the Voice when a young man bid them follow; And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

People: Here I am. Send me.

Leader: Moses protested vehemently as the Voice spoke at the burning bush; Mary stood amazed as the Voice proclaimed impending birth; And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

People: Here I am. Send me.

Leader: Rosa Parks followed the Voice to the front of the bus; Martin Luther King, Jr. heard the Voice as the bullet shattered; And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

People: Here I am. Send me.

Leader: The Voice beckons from humble places... in the tears of hungry children, in the cries of the frail and frightened elderly, in the pleas of those whose dreams have been too long deferred; And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

People: Here I am. Send me.

Leader: A timid believer pauses to listen to the Voice; A struggling church hears the Voice and turns; and still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

People: Here I am. Send me

Did you Know? Beth Muhl Nickel

*Hymn: *Here I am, Lord* #395

Did you know? Sharon Lemmon

Offering Prayer Marcy Showalter
Here we are, Lord -- body, heart and soul. Grant that with your love, we may be big enough to reach the world, and small enough to be at one with you. --Mother Teresa, 1910-1997.

Scripture: John 1:35-51 NT pg 2

Did you know? Roger Copeland

Message I HAVE A DREAM Pastor Janet Shaver
Readers: Wayne Andrews, Julie Bontrager, Ginny Mock

Video *We Shall Overcome*
Morehouse College Glee Club

Did you know? Sherry Bickel

Presentation of Leadership

*Hymn *Guide My Feet* #546

*Blessing for the Road

*Postlude

*Congregation stands in body or spirit

Please leave your offerings in the back of the sanctuary.

New or Visiting.....WELCOME....Please fill out Guest cards located in the PEWS and place in the offering plate when finished.

January 14, 2018 Activities / Announcements

9:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Marcy Showalter
10:15 am - Fellowship time: (coffee and refreshments)
10:45 am – Sunday school Classes –
Classes are listed on back of bulletin
2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

Today – Blessing of Leadership

Today - Celebration of January birthdays in the Fellowship Hall

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

You're invited!!

PASTOR BYRL SHAVER IS TURNING 60!!

Celebrate today, January 14th @ 11:30

Nappanee Church of the Brethren.

Serving snacks and birthday day cake with ice cream



“Take a Break Thursday” free community meal at 5:30 pm.

Please come and enjoy the meal & fellowship. This is a partnership with Faith Mission of Elkhart

Thursday 7:00 pm – Board Meeting

Jan 21, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

9:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Dalis Andrews
10:15 am - Fellowship time: (coffee and refreshments)
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Thursday, February 1, 2018 – Worship Team meeting



FOOD PANTRY Donations are always needed, especially hygiene products and household cleaning products. PLEASE PLACE THE ITEMS IN THE PLASTIC BIN AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.

You are always welcome to donate cash. If you choose to donate cash, please mark it on the offering envelope so we know it is for the Food Pantry.
Thank you for your continuing generosity!



ALERT! The Elkhart County Sheriff's Dept has received reports of **thefts from vehicles while owners attended Sunday morning church services. These were all rurally located churches. You are encouraged to lock your vehicle and take any valuables with you while you are inside the church.**