

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

JANUARY 28, 2018

HOLY COMPANIONSHIP



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
e-mail: middleburypastor@yahoo.com
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.

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Theme: Healing in community

January 28, 2018

Welcome and announcements Dalis Andrews

Opening Prayer: Dalis Andrews

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise Team: *Som'landela (We will follow)* Insert/screen

*Call to Worship: Dalis Andrews and Bev Short
Brothers and sisters in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?
We bring hope for health and wholeness.

What afflictions do you bring to worship? Physical pain?

From illness and injury

Emotional pain?

From sad and scary life situations.

Mental pain?

From dis-ease of many kinds.

With all of these afflictions, it's a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning!

But where else would we be?

**We yearn to know God's powerful love
and to know that wholeness is possible.**

In today's gospel, a person with an "*afflicting spirit*" interrupts Jesus
and Jesus frees him.

And where does the miracle of his story and our stories begin?

**When we bring all of who we are
—hopeful, afflicted, bold—
into relationship with the Divine.**

So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves
—hopeful, afflicted and bold—

ALL: Come, let us worship

*Hymn: *What is This Place* #1

Reflections: How has your church, your community of God,
brought you healing? How did it affect your life?

Listening to: Powe Family String Trio

Hymn: *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* #444

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader

How easy it is for us to be overwhelmed with the darkness of our world. No matter where we look, we see children who are hungry and youth in need of a loving community yearning for a sense of belonging. We see a world beset with conflicts and destruction caused by the forces of nature. We feel so helpless. Yet, here we have a chance to make a difference with the gifts we give. How grateful we are for the opportunity to change what *is* into what might *be*. Thank you, God, for allowing us the pleasure of giving. May our gifts be generous. Amen.

Scripture: Mark 1:21-28 NT pg 35

Message HOLY COMPANIONSHIP Pastor Janet Shaver

ANOINTING

*Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* #377

*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 28, 2018 Activities / Announcements

9:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Dalis Andrews
10:15 am - Fellowship time: (**Cookie Sunday!!**)
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

Tuesday 6:00pm – Faith Mission Outreach - Elkhart



“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 6:45 pm – Book study “Called to Community”

PROGRAM WISH LIST FROM CAMP MACK (ITEMS FOR PIONEER LIVING SKILLS CLASSES):

They use these tools for bench making, shingle splitting, making cornmeal, and other classes.

Dent/field corn (on the cob) – use 10 bags a year

Froe (and Maul) – would like 2-3 Froes and 4-6 Mauls

Flint/Steel sets – would like 5-6 sets

Toe Adze – would like 2

2 person cross cut saw – would like 1

Drawknife – would like 4

Hand auger – would like 4-6

Let them know if you other primitive equipment to donate such as rope makers, corn shellers or grinders, wooden spoons or bowls, gourd dippers or bowls, etc.

If you can help with any of these items please email jessk@campmack.org

February 4, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

9:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Lorie Copeland
10:15 am - Fellowship time: (coffee and refreshments)
10:45 am - Sunday school Classes –
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ARE YOU A QUILTER? Our congregation is invited to create a quilt block for the 2018 Conference quilts. More information is posted on the bulletin board. Please do not remove the posting – we can provide a copy for you if you're interested. See Dalis

Saturday, Feb 10th – Peace & Justice Action Group

Tuesday, Feb 13th 11am-1pm -- FAT TUESDAY PANCAKES – cooked by Janet & Byrl

Wednesday, Feb 14th – Ash Wednesday – There will be Lenten Prayer Stations set up in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, Feb 11th – Birthday Sunday



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.**