

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 Muhlneckel & 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

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

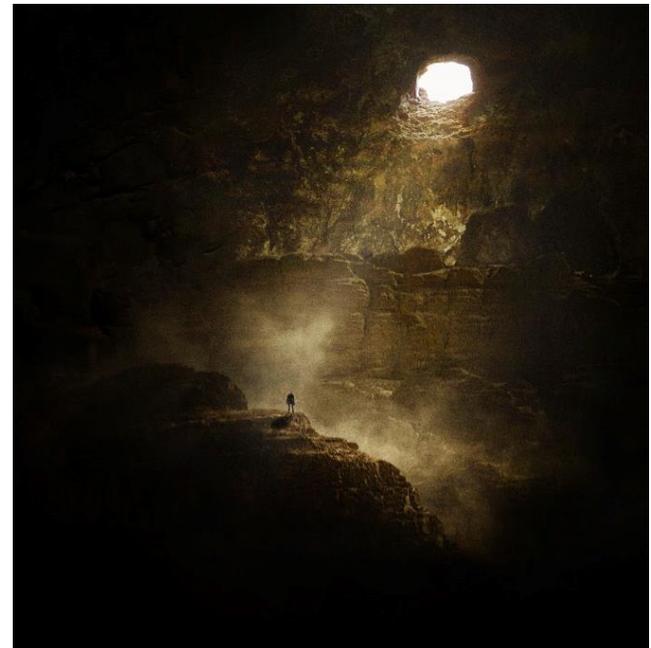
Pastoral Minister – Janet Shaver; cell 574-214-6741
e-mail: middleburypastor@yahoo.com
Worship – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – 10:45 a.m.



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.

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

WHEN GOD IS SILENT



Middlebury Church of the Brethren



February 18, 2018
First Sunday of Lent
Theme: Assurance of God's presence

Welcome and announcements Mark Bickel

Opening Prayer: Mark Bickel

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team: *Come to the Table – Sidewalk Prophets*

Candle Extinguishing Litany:

Reader #1 – Mark Bickel

Reader #2 – Beth Muhlnickel

**ALL: Here, where time is fulfilled,
where God's Kingdom is as near to us
as our neighbor, we begin Lent:
with the Beloved, whose tears wash away our fears,
with the God who will not let go of our hands**

*Hymn *Great is the Lord* #87

Silent Reflection – How does God speak to you?

Listening to: Psalm 103 – Moses Hilario, Kai Meister

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader

God of the wilderness, We give these offerings in gratitude,
rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for
our needs. We give these offerings in hope,
knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen

Hymn *Lord, You Sometimes Speak* #594

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15 NT pg 34

Message When God is Silent Pastor Janet Shaver

*Praise Team *Longing for Light* Insert/screen

*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.**

February 18, 2018 Activities / Announcements

9:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Mark Bickel
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 – 1st Sunday of Lent



“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 see Dana Snider



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.

February 25, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

9:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Mark Bickel
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

Tuesday, 2/27 6pm – Faith Mission Outreach in Elkhart



**SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH – CHURCH STARTS AT 10:00 AM
FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP AT 10:45, AND SUNDAY
SCHOOL AT 11:00**

**9:30 a.m on March 4th and March 11th - Come a little early for a
breakfast of fruit, muffins, oatmeal, egg casserole and coffee or
tea.**



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!