

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

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.

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

GET A LIFE



Pour into me Lord
so I can pour into
others.

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Middlebury Church of the Brethren



February 25, 2018
Second Sunday of Lent
Theme: What it means to really live

Welcome and announcements Mark Bickel

Opening Prayer: Mark Bickel

Prelude *I Will Follow (Chris Tomlin)*

*Praise Team: *I Will Follow (Chris Tomlin)*

Candle Extinguishing Litany:
Reader #1 – Mark Bickel
Reader #2 – Ethan Bickel

ALL: In Lent, we learn what it means to let go of our lives receiving and releasing and receiving again like the breath that does not belong to us (adapted from *Blessing in the Round, Jan Richardson*)

Hymn *Praise, I will Praise You Lord* #76

Silent Reflection How do we give away our lives?

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader
We come to this familiar place and give in gratitude for all which we have received. We give not because we pledged to, and not because we have to. We give because we can. We give in response to the life of Christ, given for us. We give in joy because of love, overflowing and unconditional. O God, let it be so. Amen.

Hymn *Morning Has Broken* #648

Scripture: Mark 8: 31-38 NT pg 43

Message **GET A LIFE** **Pastor Janet Shaver**

*Hymn *Move in Our Midst* #418

*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 25, 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 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

March 4, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader –
10:45 am - Fellowship time: (coffee and refreshments)
11:00 am - Sunday school Classes –
Classes are listed on back of bulletin



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.

2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary

Tuesday 6:30pm – Exec Meets

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

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

SUNDAY, 3/18 – INTER-GENERATIONAL INTERACTIVE ARTS DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL.



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!