

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
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 4, 2018

TITLE



Middlebury Church of the Brethren



Theme: Creating a space for love
February 4, 2018

Welcome and announcements Lorie Copeland

Opening Prayer: Lorie Copeland

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team: *Ubuntu* Insert/screen

*Call to Worship: Unison prayer
God, Your grace reaches out to all of us. You call us to live as citizens of heaven, working together with one heart and mind. Strengthen us in your spirit this day to live in a manner worthy of the love we have received, offering our lives in service of Your kin-dom, where the last are first, and the first are last, and there is grace enough for all.
May it be so, Amen

*Hymn *Here I am, Lord* #395

Joys and Concerns of the people

Pastoral prayer

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader
Generous God, thank you for the gifts you bestow upon us daily. Make us aware of each blessing that comes our way - and create in us the constant desire to be blessings for others. Bless what we bring before you, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Response *Dona Nobis Pacem* Gretchen Showalter

Scripture: Mark 1:29-39 NT pg 35

Message Blessed are the Caregivers Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *Will You Let Me be Your Servant* #307

*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 4, 2018 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 –
Classes are listed on back of bulletin
2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented



“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”

Saturday 10am – Peace & Justice Action Group

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

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

February 11, 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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2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary

Birthday Sunday

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

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

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



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.**