

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 Muhl Nickel & 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.

Middlebury Church of the Brethren



April 1, 2018

*The joy of the resurrection
renews the whole world.*

ALLELUIA
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EVERYDAY RESURRECTION

April 1, 2018
EASTER SUNDAY
Theme: The joy of resurrection

Welcome and announcements Ken Abbott

Opening Prayer Ken Abbott

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team *God of the Bible* Insert/screen

Candle Extinguishing Litany:

Reader #1 – Ken Abbott

Reader #2 - JoAnn Abbott

ALL: Joyful God, we are here to worship, prepared to see your life and the world through new eyes.

For Christ is risen, he is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

*Hymn *Christ the Lord Has Risen Today* #280

Intergenerational Bell Choir

You are invited to leave your offering on the table as you leave the worship space.

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader

Gracious God, you have given us the ultimate gift in the death and resurrection of your Beloved. We humbly offer these gifts to you. Consecrate them to your use — that the ministry of this community might serve as a witness to those who want to believe in your love. Amen.

Hymn *Low in the Grave He Lay* #273

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8 NT pg 54

Impromptu Choir – *Rejoice the Lord is King*

Message Everyday Resurrection Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *Proclaim the Tidings Near and Far* #282

*Blessing for the road – Worship Leader

ALL: We shall celebrate Easter! Alleluia!

We shall bring love to those who are sad and share joy with those who are happy. We will live our lives to the glory of God. We will live in Easter joy and Easter hope and bring new life to those we meet. Alleluia!

*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.

April 1, 2018 Activities / Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Ken Abbott
10:45 am - Fellowship time: (coffee and refreshments)
11:00 am – Sunday school Classes –
Classes are listed on back of bulletin
2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary

Today – EASTER SUNDAY

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”



Camp Mack Fundraiser – 5th Annual 5K Road Run & Walk on 5/6 – see the flyer on the board



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!

April 8, 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 –
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Saturday 4/14 – Wedding Rental all day

Thursday 4/19 – Middlebury Chamber Lunch & Learn. There will be a daycare tour at 11:00 am followed by lunch at 11:30 and a program given by Mary Miller, Little Lites Daycare Director.

Saturday 4/21, 2pm-5pm – Fellowship reserved

SEE EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS ON BACK OF PRAYER LIST



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.