



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

April 15, 2018

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.

April 15, 2018

Theme: Learning from one another

Welcome and announcements Keri Anderson

Opening Prayer Keri Anderson

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team *Ubuntu* Insert/screen

*Call to Worship: Worship Leader

*All: Risen Christ, walk with us this day, be our companion and guide, be our teacher and friend, be our host and servant, bringing your gifts of faith, peace, hope and deep joy as always. Amen.

*Hymn *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* #8

Storyteller Beth Sholly

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

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader

Look around at all that is ours: the promise of flowers in the green sprouts pushing toward the sun; the space to create our own gardens on our porches or in our yards; the freedom to plant what we choose. Ever mindful of all that we have, let us give generously for those who have lost hope in spring, and who do not have the luxury of a garden with flowers. Amen.

Hymn *Help Us to Help Each Other* #362

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35 NT pg 90

**Message: We are all just walking each other home
Pastor Janet Shaver**

*Hymn *For We Are Strangers No More* #322

*Blessing for the road

*Postlude

*Congregation stands in body or spirit

New or Visiting.....WELCOME....Please fill out Guest cards located in the PEWS and place in the offering plate when finished.

April 15, 2018 Activities / Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Keri Anderson

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

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented



Thursday 4/19 – Middlebury Chamber Lunch & Learn here at our church.

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.



“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.

No book study.

Saturday 4/21 10:00am – Peace & Justice Action Group meets

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



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 22, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Keri Anderson

10:45 am - Fellowship time: (coffee and refreshments)

11:00 am - Sunday school Classes –

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Randy Short, cousin of Renee Black, who filled in during a summer sabbatical here at our church in 2009, formerly a pastor of the Plymouth, MI CoB, and now pastor at the Glendale, CA CoB, has been diagnosed with stage 3 or 4 esophageal cancer. If you would like to send a card you may send it to:

Randy Short
616 N. Pacific Ave.
Glendale, CA 91203



Sunday, April 29th – Café Style Worship

We will worship in the fellowship hall with a carry-in breakfast. We will sing and interact with the Scripture. Comfortable seating for all those who have a hard time sitting



Saturday, May 4th 11:00am – 2:30pm – Little Lites Carnival & fundraiser with Nelson’s GG chicken, games & activities. Church volunteers are welcomed – see Lorie.

Minutes for the March 14th Board meeting are posted on the bulletin board.