

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

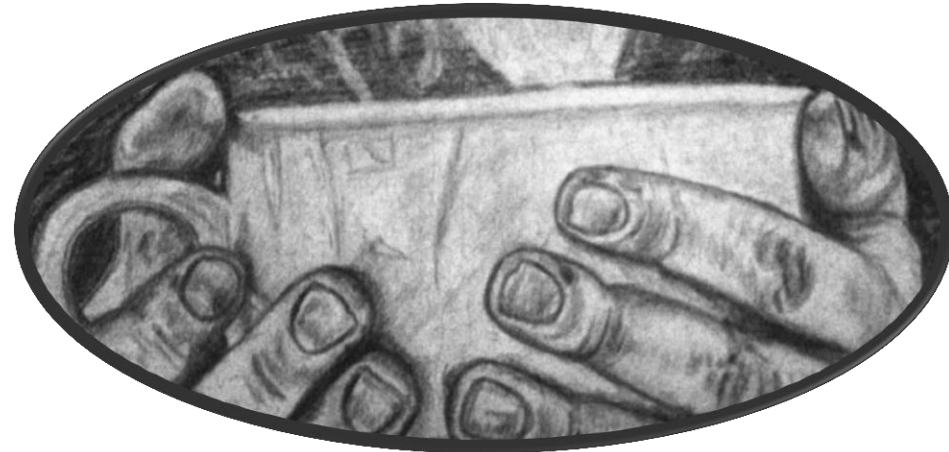
Wired Word & Sermon discussions.....Room #105 with Don Anderson
Beth Snider, Beth Sholly

Contemplative & Silent Meditation-Rear of Sanctuary.....Self directed



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

April 22, 2018



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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.

O GOD,
YOU ARE LIKE COFFEE

April 22, 2018
Theme: Our psalms to God

Welcome and announcements Keri Anderson

Opening Prayer Keri Anderson

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise Team *Come to the Table* Sidewalk Prophets

*Call to Worship: Responsive reading

WL: In the darkest valley,
People: at the banquet table;

WL: in the hard work of life,
People: at the moments of ease;

WL: in our day-to-day reality,
People: at times set aside—

WL: like this time, now—
People: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

WL: with every step we take:
People: goodness and mercy follow us;
ALL: our cups overflow.

*Hymn *Gentle Shepherd (2x)* Insert/screen

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

Offering Prayer

Your abundance is without measure and cannot be defined or contained, gracious God. It spills out, overflowing into our world and our lives. We thank you and praise you for the wondrous gifts of your Spirit. May these offerings contribute to the peace and wholeness of your creation. Amen.

Video *Psalm 23* Bobby McFerrin

Scripture: Psalm 23 OT pg 501

Message: O God, you are like coffee Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *God of the Bible* Insert/screen

*Blessing for the road – Worship Leader
My dearest Lord,
Be Thou a bright flame before me.
Be Thou a guiding star above me.
Be Thou a smooth path beneath me.
Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me.
Today and evermore

*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 22, 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

Tuesday 6pm - Faith Mission Outreach

Wednesday 6:30pm – Executive Mtg



“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.



Got books? Specifically children’s books or books for young parents? Little Lites is going to create a “lending library.” Drop books off at the office.



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!

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

April 29, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Café Style Worship
No Worship Leader

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



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 will be available for anyone who has a hard time sitting.



Sunday, April 29th – 5th Sunday

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



Saturday, May 5th 11:00am – 2:30pm – Little Lites Carnival & fundraiser with Nelson’s GG chicken, games & activities. Church volunteers are welcomed – see Lorie.