

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
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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 8, 2018



SHOW ME

April 8, 2018

Theme: Easter People: Resurrection living

Welcome and announcements Ken Abbott

Opening Prayer Ken Abbott

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise Team *I Will Follow* (Chris Tomlin) Insert/screen

*Call to Worship: Worship Leader

As early followers of Jesus gathered for fellowship and worship, praying and singing and reading the scriptures, so we gather this morning.

We read in Acts that the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul. One heart. One soul. They shared everything – everything they owned, everything they had. God's grace was at work in them, powerfully at work within them all. There was not a needy person among them. May it be so for us as well. Amen.

*Hymn *Great is the Lord* #87

Scripture John 20:23-29 NT pg 115

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

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader

Your risen life is in us, Gracious God, and we delight in rejoicing in what you have done in our lives and in the world. Receive these gifts and offerings, given with joyful and grateful hearts, and use them, we pray, to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ. Amen.

Poem Reading *Prayer by George Appleton* Jill Weaver

Solo *Be Still and Know* Jill Weaver/Sherry Bickel

Scripture: Acts 4:32-35 NT pg 122

Message Show Me Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *They'll Know We are Christians* Insert/screen

*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.

April 8, 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

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

April 15, 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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“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”



FOLLOWING THE MEAL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO GATHER UP AND PLACE TABLES AND CHAIRS IN THE SANCTUARY FOR THE SATURDAY WEDDING. YOUR HELP WILL BE VERY APPRECIATED!!

Saturday 4/14 – Church and fellowship hall wedding rental all day



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!



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.

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

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



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