

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

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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



MARCH 11, 2018



LIVING IN THE GRAYCE

March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Theme: Living in the gray is a beautiful place to live

Welcome and announcements Catherine Roebuck

Opening Prayer: Catherine Roebuck

Prelude Lorie Copeland

Minute for Mission Jill Weaver

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

Candle Extinguishing Litany:
 Reader #1 – Catherine Roebuck
 Reader #2 – Roger Copeland

ALL: For You who loved - and loves - the world, gracious God, we thank You that You call us Your beloved. May the truth of Your love story shine in our worship today and that we might carry Your love in our hearts forever. Amen

*Hymn *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* #12

Scripture Ephesians 2:1-10 NT pg 192

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

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader

Generous God, you have withheld no good gift from us, graciously pouring out your love, mercy, faithfulness, joy and peace. Thank you for giving us all that truly matters. In humble gratitude we offer back the fruits of our labor, but more importantly, we offer you our hearts. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

Hymn *Come to the Table of Grace* Insert/screen
 (a Capella)

Scripture: John 3:14-21 NT pg 94

Message *LIVING IN THE GRAYCE* Pastor Janet Shaver

An Anointing

*Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* #377

*Blessing for the road *God be with You* #431

*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.

March 11, 2018 Activities / Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Catherine Roebuck
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 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Wednesday 7pm – Board meeting



“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”



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.



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!

March 18, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Mike Sommer
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, 3/18 – INTER-GENERATIONAL INTERACTIVE ARTS DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL



Check the bulletin board for Union Center CoB Annual Chicken-Noodle Supper on Saturday, 3/24, 4:30-7pm



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

Check your Journey for March Madness schedule!



EASTER LILIES & TULIPS



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In Honor/Memory

of _____

Your name _____

ORDER DEADLINE: MARCH 11TH – TODAY!!!!

Your name _____