

**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.***

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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 18, 2018**



## TATTOOED IN OUR HEARTS

**March 18, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**Theme: Living in the love of God**

Welcome and announcements                      Mike Sommer

Opening Prayer:                                      Mike Sommer

Prelude

\*Praise Team                      *Longing for Light*                      Insert/screen

Candle Extinguishing Litany:  
    Reader #1 – Mike Sommer  
    Reader #2 – Beth Sholly

**ALL:** Ingrain your word on our hearts, O God.  
Then break them open for what breaks yours,  
that your word might sink in and become a part of us,  
so we might truly live as if you are our God and we are your  
people.  
We pray in the name of the One whose love breaks all bounds,  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

\*Hymn                      *New Earth, Heavens New*                      #299

Scripture                      John 12:20-26                      NT pg 106

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

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader  
New life in Christ opens our hearts, and opens our minds to a  
world inside ourselves and beyond ourselves. Let it be, loving  
God, that this new life is manifest in what we give, that new life  
might be possible for others. Amen.

Hymn                      *Emmanuel*                      Insert/screen

Scripture:                      Jeremiah 31:27-34                      OT pg 735

**Message *Tattooed In Our Hearts*                      Pastor Janet Shaver**

\*Hymn                      *Bind Us Together*                      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.**

## March 18, 2018 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

Today – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## TODAY – INTER-GENERATIONAL INTERACTIVE ARTS DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL



“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 25, 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

Tuesday – 6:00 pm Faith Mission Outreach

Holy Thursday 6:30pm Love Feast

**NO FAITH MISSION MEAL**



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

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