

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

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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 25, 2018



UNIVERSAL LOVE

March 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

Theme: The cross as a sign of Love

***PALM PROCESSIONAL- Hymn “All Glory Laud and Honor”
#237**

Welcome and announcements Mike Sommer

Opening Prayer: Mike Sommer

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise Team *Come to the Table* Insert/screen

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

ALL: For your embracing love:
a Father's love, a Mother's love,
The love that sees our failings and has compassion,
The love that sees our joys and embraces us,
The love that knows no ending or beginning,
The love that can't be denied,
We bless you. **We bless you!**

*Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #259

Scripture Mark 11:1-11 NT pg 47

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

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader
Help us to give and count not the cost, and love without
boundaries and stipulations. As we are transformed by your love,
Lord, so may our gifts and our lives transform our world. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Hymn *Go to Dark Gethsemane* #240

Scripture: Mark 15:1-42 NT pg 53

Message Universal Love Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #106

*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 25, 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 – PALM SUNDAY

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

Tuesday – 6:00 pm Faith Mission Outreach

Holy Thursday 6:30pm Love Feast

NO FAITH MISSION MEAL THIS WEEK



“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”



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!

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – **10:45 am** -
Fellowship time: (coffee and refreshments)
11:00 am - Sunday school Classes –
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2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary
Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

Saturday 4/14 – Wedding Rental all day

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



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



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.