



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

May 13, 2018

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

*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
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.

WINGING IT

May 13, 2018
Theme: Simple Acts of Faith

Welcome and announcements Roger Copeland

Opening Prayer Roger Copeland

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team *Jesus, be the Center* Insert/screen

*Call to Worship: Responsive

Leader: We gather in this place, some empty, some filled, some whole, some broken;

People: yearning for the Holy Spirit to fill us.

Leader: We come, with these ordinary people, who have shown us the way;

People: trusting that God will continue to illumine our hearts.

Leader: We surround the Table of grace so we might be fed by the Bread of life;

ALL: that graced, we may serve others; that healed, we may bring hope to the world.

*Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #644

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

Offering Prayer

Thank you, extravagant God, for your blessings in our lives! We offer ourselves in grateful response, seeking to live with such compassion toward others that your blessings will flow through us to bless our community and our world. May it be so, Amen.

Hymn *Be Silent, Be Silent* Insert/screen

Scripture: Acts 1:1-16 & 1:19b-26 NT pg 118

Message: WINGING IT Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *And I will Raise You Up* #596

*Blessing for the Road – Worship Leader

Go forth, blessed and renewed by the Holy Spirit.
Go forth with strength and courage.

Go forth, always filled with hope, and knowing that our lives will help transform and renew the earth.

Go forth, knowing that the Holy Spirit always goes with us as guide, companion and trailblazer. Amen.

*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.

May 13, 2018 Activities / Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Roger Copeland
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



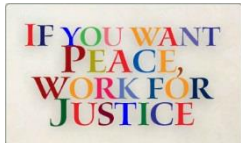
“Take a Break Thursday” free community meal at 5:30 pm.
Please come and enjoy the meal & fellowship. This is a partnership with Faith Mission of Elkhart.



MCOB Book Club

No Is Not Enough by Naomi Klein
Chosen by Ginny and Gordy Mock

Begins: Thursday, June 7, 2018
11:30 am -1:30 pm
Bring something to share for lunch.
Each month we will discuss a new book.
Each month, a participant will have an opportunity to choose a book.
The group will decide the next meeting date.



Wednesday, May 16th 6:00pm – Peace & Justice meets with Lisa Koop, immigration attorney. See the Journey for full information.
Everyone is welcome and it will be open to the community.
We will be collecting a free will offering at the meeting for Ms Koop.

May 20, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Dalis Andrews
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



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!

Sunday, June 3 – Special Congregational Business meeting during Sunday School hour regarding Daycare and Governance.



Beginning on May 20th the bulletin Prayer List will become a **Joys and Concerns** list. Please share your joys and concerns as well as your prayers in the same way as you would if you had a prayer request in the past. Let Pastor Janet know or let Dalis know in the office



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.

Saturday, June 2nd 8am-12noon – Fellowship hall reserved