



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

May 20, 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.

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 20, 2018

Theme: Christ's energizing spirit

Welcome and announcements Dalis Andrews

Opening Prayer Dalis Andrews

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise Team *God of the Bible* Insert/screen

*Invocation: Unison prayer
Sacred breath, move through this room. Unlock a song within your people.
Breathe into us your hopes and dreams for a world filled with justice, love, and peace. Amen.

*Hymn *Breathe Upon Us, Holy Spirit* #28

Greet each other in Christ's love

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

Offering Prayer
Gracious God, Jesus promised his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, a gift that remains as powerful and transformative today as it was on the first Pentecost. With generous and thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to you — our time, treasure and talent, but most of all, our hearts. Use us and these offerings for your purposes and glory. Amen.

Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #356

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 NT pg 119
Martha Huebert-German, Jill Weaver-Spanish

Message: WE'VE GOT SPIRIT Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *In the Bulb There is a Flower* #614

*Blessing for the Road – Worship Leader
May the winds of the Spirit set your feet to dancing.
May the fire of Pentecost fill you with holy energy.
May the mighty surge of God's power turn your world upside down.

*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 20, 2018 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



Beginning today the bulletin Prayer List is 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



“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.



Got books? Specifically, children’s books or books for young parents. Littles Lites is going to create a “lending library.” Drop books off at the office.



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!

May 27, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Julie Bontrager

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



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.

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