



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

May 27, 2018



TELL ME ABOUT
YOUR GOD

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.

Trinity Sunday
May 27, 2018
Theme: An invitation to witness

Welcome and announcements		Julie Bontrager
Opening Prayer		Julie Bontrager
Prelude		Lorie Copeland
*Praise Team	<i>Ubuntu</i>	Insert/screen
Scripture	Isaiah 6:1-8	OT pg 635
*Hymn	<i>Here I am, Lord</i>	#395
Hymn	John 3:16-17	NT pg 94

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

Offering Prayer
 O God, our possessions often bring us a sense of safety and reassurance. We are too quick to place our faith and hope in earthly things. You invite us to place our faith in eternal, heavenly things. Today, we give you one type of earthly possession – money. In giving, we accept your invitation of the true security that is offered through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymn	<i>Come Let Us All Unite to Sing</i>	#12
Scripture	Romans 8:15-16	NT pg 158
Message:	Tell me about your God	Pastor Janet Shaver
*Hymn	<i>Bind Us Together</i>	Insert/screen

*Blessing for the Road – Worship Leader
 And may God give strength to you and to all;
 May Christ Jesus bless you with peace;
 And may the Holy Spirit, whispering within your hearts,
 give you assurance that you are God’s children.
 We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
 In the name of Christ. 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 27, 2018 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.



“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.

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



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!

Monday, June 18th 7-9pm – Fellowship Hall reserved

June 3, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

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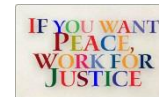


MCOB Book Club

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.



Peace & Justice Action Group Saturday, June 9th

10:00am. Everyone is welcome.

Celebration of Life service for Eugene Storm, Jr., father of Stephanie Saddison – June 9th



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