



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

May 6, 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 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



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.

LOVING FRIENDS

May 6, 2018

Theme:

Welcome and announcements Roger Copeland

Opening Prayer Roger Copeland

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise Team *Room at the Table* Insert/screen

*Invocation: All

Holy and mysterious Lover of the world, let this day be a worthy celebration of Christ's resurrection love.

By the Easter good news, encourage us to put away our worries, and to discard our fears.

Encourage our minds to open to your Spirit so that we may better love.

Through Christ Jesus, our living brother and friend!

Amen

*Hymn *What a Friend we have in Jesus* Insert/screen

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

Offering Prayer

Gracious and generous God, you abound in faithfulness, mercy and love toward us. We count it a joy and a sacred gift to share with others what you have so freely given to us. Receive, we pray, the offerings of our hearts and lives that your name may be lifted up, your gospel proclaimed and your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Hymn *Morning Has Broken* #648

Scripture: John 15:9-17 NT pg 109

Message: LOVING FRIENDS Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *Lord, I want to be a Christian* #444

*Blessing for the Road – Worship Leader

Faithful God, Send us out! Our hearts are bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon us so that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvelous victory. 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 6, 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

Thursday, 7pm – Board Meeting



“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.

Sunday, June 3 – Special Congregational Business meeting 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.



Thank you very dearly for your prayers with me and for me. Although I do have a spot of cancer all things are going well; I am non-symptomatic and need no surgery or treatment. I have NO doubt of the power of your prayers!! Much love to you all!! Dalis

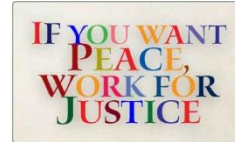
May 13, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Roger Copeland
11:00 am - Sunday school Classes –
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2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary

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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!



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.



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