



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

June 17, 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
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Worship – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – 10:45 a.m.



SMALL BEGINNINGS



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.

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Theme: Thy Kingdom Come

Welcome and announcements Don Anderson

Opening Prayer Don Anderson

Prelude *Thy Lord's Prayer* Susan Boyles

*Praise Team *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* Screen

* The Lord's Prayer: Unison prayer
"O God, our Divine Parent, may your presence be ever revered.
May your peace and justice dwell among us.
May your love and compassion live within and between us.
Nourish us daily with the necessities of life; sustenance for our
bodies, and inspiration for our spirits.
And may the forgiveness we give be that which we receive; the
kindness we show be that which we perceive.
Lead us on virtuous paths, and distance us from evil.
For your world is our world, and your reign our reign; then, now,
and always. May it be so." *Rev. Bret S. Myers*

*Hymn *Praise, I will Praise You, Lord* #76

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

Offering Prayer
O God Let the gift of grace which has been so lavishly given to
us touch our hearts as we give of our gifts. Amen

Hymn *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Insert/screen

Scripture Mark 4:26-34 NT pg 38

Message: Small Beginnings Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *They Will Know we are Christians* Insert/screen

Blessing for the road: Worship Leader
You plant an image of your world in our hearts, so that your
beauty and your love that created it might be expressed though
our lives. We go out with your blessing.

*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.**

June 17, 2018 Activities / Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Don Anderson
10:50 am – Fellowship time
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.

With health issues among us, vacations and travel, volunteers are badly needed to help with the Thursday meal. Please come at 4:30 if you can help with setup, serving and clean up.



Monday and Tuesday weekly – Fellowship Hall is being rented 5 – 7:30 pm. Please check with the office as soon as possible if you need to reserve space for an event.

Monday, 6/18, Fellowship Hall rented entire evening



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

June 24, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Don Anderson
10:50 am – Fellowship time
11:00 am - Sunday school Classes –
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2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented



June 24th – Annual Conference Briefing in Fellowship hall during Sunday School. Packets will be provided

Tuesday, June 26th at 11:30 am – Seasoned Senior lunch and service project



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!

AT THIS TIME, DIAPERS AND WIPES ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED!

OUR FOOD PANTRY DATES ARE 7/7, 7/14, 7/21 AND 7/28. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Items are needed for Snack Packs:

Granola bars
Mac’n’cheese bowls
Apple sauce pouches
Pudding
Fruit snacks
Candy