



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

June 24, 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

*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.

DOUSED IN TRUST

June 24, 2018
Theme: Reconciliation

Welcome and announcements Don Anderson

Opening Prayer Don Anderson

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team *We Believe* Screen

*Call to Worship: Responsive Reading
Eternal God, we thank you for calling us by name.
In you we live and move and grow.
We pray for churches and Christians throughout the world.
Remind us of our common foundation in Christ .
May we grow together in faith and in love, until we attain that unity
which is your will.

**People: Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.**

Send down your Spirit so that we may know Jesus and bear witness to
our life and unity in him. May we know the mind of Christ in order to
speak God's wisdom everywhere. Strengthen us to work towards
peace and reconciliation in church and society.

**People: Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.**

We pray for all churches which are experiencing change –
growth or struggle, reconciliation or conflict. Inspire and strengthen
them in works of witness and service.

**People: Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.**

We pray for those who have no home, no land, no food, no work, no
medicine, no peace. May we recognize and serve Christ in the
suffering and the needy.

**People: Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.**

ALL: We thank you for all your gifts of creation. Teach us to share with
others our time, our energy, our resources and our love. Make us

sensitive and responsive to the wounds in the human family and
creation.

May we be faithful to our calling and live a long life on earth.
May we give our whole life to Christ, for we belong to him and in him
are united all things on earth and in heaven. Amen.

*Hymn *New Earth, Heaven New* #299

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

Offering Prayer:

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts
to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this
joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring
peace, justice and comfort to all the world. Amen.

Hymn *Let There be Peace on Earth* Insert/screen

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:1-13 NT pg 181

Message: DOUSED IN TRUST Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *You Shall Go Out With Joy* #427

*Blessing for the road: Worship Leader
Christians gathered here today, brothers and sisters in faith,
we who would wish to be a sign of reconciliation through the
power the Christ who reconciles us to Love. May the Lord bless
us and keep us. May the Lord make her face shine upon us and
be gracious to us. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon us
and give us peace. 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.**

June 24, 2018 Activities / Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Don Anderson
10:50 am – Fellowship time
11:00 am – Annual Conference briefing- fellowship hall
No Sunday school classes
2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented



TODAY – **Annual Conference Briefing** in Fellowship hall during Sunday School. Packets are in your mailboxes.

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



“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.

Peace & Justice Action Group will be meeting on Saturday, June 30th, at 10:00 am. Jason Klanderud (Renee & Gary’s son-in-law) will be speaking on “Cultural Courage: Race and Restoration”. The community is invited and welcome to join us for any and all of our meetings.



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

July 1, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

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

July 4th – Annual Conference Begins – Janet will be out of the office through Sunday, July 8th. Lorie Copeland will be our speaker.

July 12th – Board meeting

Annual Conference includes an “Open Table Mix and Mingle”. It was attended last year by 300 people and has become a centering event at AC. MCOB participated last year and we would like to sponsor a table again this year. If you can donate toward the \$300 for our table, please place it in a separate envelope and put it in the offering plate or bring to the office. *“Together, we are living into the vision of the beloved king-dom, with a spirit of bold, visionary, and inclusive love.”* The Open Table Cooperative Board



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

AT THIS TIME, DIAPERS AND WIPES ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED!

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

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