



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

June 3, 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.

PAPER LANTERNS

June 3, 2018

Theme: River of Healing

Welcome and announcements	Julie Bontrager	
Opening Prayer	Julie Bontrager	
Prelude	Lorie Copeland	
*Praise Team	<i>Jesus, be the Center</i>	Insert/screen

* The Call of Compassion: Worship Leader

If we're honest, compassion does not come easy to us, God; We see others who struggle; those without homes, or food; those dying from curable diseases, simply because they can't get access to the medicine they need; those who have lost loved ones through death or circumstance, and long for human companionship; those who are persecuted and judged because of their difference; those who are facing the awful consequences of bad choices they have made; and those who must live with the consequences of choices that others make that impact their lives; It all just feels like it's too much, and there's nothing we can do.

But, we know that's not true – we know that compassion is enough; that when we allow ourselves to feel, compassion will lead us to do what we can, and that this will make a difference.

And so, we pray first for ourselves: that you would soften our hearts, and still our fears, and lead us into those acts of compassion that we are capable of doing.

And then we pray for all of these others whose lives can be changed through small, simple acts of care; that you would disturb us, and others like us, until we finally step up and play our part in the saving of your world; and that enough of us would answer your call, that the needs of the hurting ones may be met.

In Jesus name, May it be so!

*Hymn *For The Beauty of the Earth* #89

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

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, your gifts to us are boundless: life and liberties, vibrant color and melodious sounds, forgiveness and your divine presence, intelligence and creativity, work and worship, love and compassion. There is no end to your goodness and generosity within us, and we thank you. We offer these gifts in response to all you have shared with us, for we always and only give you what is already yours. Amen.

A time of reflection: *Deep River* – Calvin Earl

Scripture Mark 2:23-3:6 NT pg 36

Message: Paper Lanterns Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *Guide My Feet* #546

*Blessing for the Road – Worship Leader

My friends, as you go from this place, remember that you *are* the compassion of Christ. Because of you, your corner of the world can be a caring space. Let it be so. And may the love, grace and peace of God be with you and all those you love, wherever they may be. 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 3, 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



TODAY – Special Congregational Business meeting
during Sunday school hour regarding Daycare and Governance.

Campers LOVE getting mail. You are encouraged to write or email campers while at camp this summer. Catherine Roebuck is counseling at Sampler's Camp June 3-5. Her address is:

Catherine Roebuck, Sampler's Camp
PO Box 158
Milford, IN 46542

Or email her through the website at www.campmack.org – click on Summer Camps and scroll down to the bottom of the page. Click on **Bunk 1 Link**.

MCOB Book Club

No Is Not Enough by Naomi Klein
Chosen by Ginny and Gordy Mock

Begins: Thursday, June 7, 2018

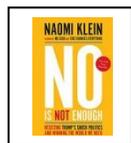
11:30 am -1:30 pm

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.



“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.

June 10, 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

Celebration of Life service for Eugene Storm, Jr., father of Stephanie Saddison – June 9th. 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contributions for a carry-in meal are appreciated.



Peace & Justice Action Group Saturday, June 9th
10:00am in the Board room. Everyone is welcome.



Monday and Tuesday weekly – Fellowship Hall is being rented – please check with the office as soon as possible if you need to reserve space for an event.



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!



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