



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

July 1, 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.



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.

CHUTZPAH

July 1, 2018
Theme: Our voice gives life

Welcome and announcements Britta Kinney

Opening Prayer Britta Kinney

Prelude Lorie Copeland

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

*Invocation: Unison prayer

Eternal God, whose reign extends from sea to sea and whose care endures throughout the ages, hear our prayers for our country; grant wisdom to those who govern it and respect for human life and dignity to every citizen, so that justice may flourish and all peoples live in unity and peace.

Through Jesus who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, For ever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* #8

Heart of a Child Ding-a-Lings (Bells)

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

Offering Prayer:

God of life and new beginnings, we offer our gifts that the money we give might provide a new beginning for those who need it most. As we dedicate the gifts we bring, let us dedicate ourselves to make our intentions reality as we work for peace and justice in the kin-dom of God.

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

Scripture Mark 5:21-43 NT pg 39

Message: CHUTZPAH Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *Healer of our Every Ill* #377

*Blessing for the road: Worship Leader
People of God, be beautiful. Love well and serve all. Speak gently and listen carefully. Let the mind of Christ be ever guiding you so that your lives may bring glory to God. Go now, and do the work of God. In the name of God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, 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.

July 1, 2018 Activities / Announcements

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

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

Pastor Janet will be leaving for Annual Conference on Wednesday, July 4th and will return on Tuesday, July 10th. On Sunday, July 8th Lorie Copeland will be speaking on **“Who is a Prophet?”**



“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 for any and all of the meetings.

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 kingdom, with a spirit of bold, visionary, and inclusive love.”* The Open Table Cooperative Board

July 8, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship Speaker – Lorie Copeland
Worship Leader – Mark Roebuck

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 12th – Board meeting



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!

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

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.