



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

July 22, 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
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.

ROMANTIC TRAGEDY

July 22, 2018

Welcome and announcements Mark Roebuck

Opening Prayer Mark Roebuck

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team *In the Eye of the Storm* Insert/Screen

* Call to Worship: Unison
Loving God, Open our ears to hear your story
And draw us closer to you,
That the whole world may be one with you
As you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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



Sharing of joys and concerns

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

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader
Lord, our God, you give us so many wonderful things that make our lives worth living. You give us the gift of family and friends, the gift of love and laughter. As your grateful servants, we long to give back to You.

Hymn *Open My Eyes That I May See* #517
(Hearing as one wishes to be heard)

Scripture 2 Samuel 6:15-23 Pew Bible OT #280

Message Romantic Tragedy Ken Abbott

*Hymn *Bless'd be the Tie that Binds-* #421
Vs 1 with music, Repeat vs 1 acapella
(Sisterhood/Brotherhood/Friendship)

*Blessing for the road:
David's benediction
Go forth dancing, singing, and praising.
Dance joy into sorrowful places!
Sing hope into places of despair!

Michal's benediction
May we all be storytellers
With words that bring hope and joy
To all who may hear.

*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 22, 2018 Activities / Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Ken Abbott
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 using Fellowship Hall today

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 by a Taekwondo group. 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

AT THIS TIME, cooking oil, toothpaste, laundry soap, frosting, condiments, and coffee are especially needed.

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

July 29, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship Speaker – 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



SUNDAY, JULY 29TH – OUTDOOR WORSHIP – Wear your CoB tee-shirts and join us under the front portico.



Camping Supplies are needed for a homeless man trying to re-start his life. He has a camper but needs the many things needed to live in it temporarily: pots and pans, dishes, kitchen utensils, a small grill, bedding, etc. If you can help, please contact Dana Snider.



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