



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

July 29, 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.

COUNT ME IN

July 22, 2018

Theme: God's Abundundance

Welcome and announcements Dalis Andrews

Opening Prayer Dalis Andrews

Prelude

Praise Team *God of the Bible* Insert

Call to Worship: Responsive

Leader: Rejoice, folks, Jesus is in our midst.

People: Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.

Leader: Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

People: Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.

Leader: Sing for joy, people of God; God gathers up the pieces of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Hymn *Freely, Freely* Insert

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

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader

God, your heart is wide open to us. You have given to us freely and in response we freely give. Grant us glad and generous hearts, and help us be as open to you as you are to us. Help us use your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all your people. Amen.

Hymn *Come to the Table of Grace* Insert

Scripture John 6:1-15

Message Count Me In Pastor Janet Shaver

Service of Holy Communion

Prayer of blessing

Words of Institution:

The bread that we break is the communion of the body of Christ

The cup that we bless is the communion of the love of Christ

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn *Guide My Feet* #546

*Benediction

Jesus said that he came so that we might have life and have it abundantly. Go, therefore, and live -- and give -- as those who serve the Creator, the Maker and Ruler of heaven and Earth, whose love and blessings know no limit. 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 29, 2018 Activities / Announcements

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

TODAY – OUTDOOR WORSHIP



“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!

August 5, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Byrl Shaver
Worship Leader – Catherine 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

Sunday, August 12th – **Blessing of the backpacks**



August 5th is our **pulpit exchange**. Pastor Janet will be preaching in Nappanee and Pastor Byrl Shaver will be here in our pulpit.

Tuesday, August 21st 11:30 – **Seasoned Senior Lunch**

Thursday, August 30th 11:30 – **Book Club** *What Every Church Should Know About Poverty*



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