



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

July 8, 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.



Who is a Prophet?



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.

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Theme:

Welcome and announcements Mark Roebuck

Opening Prayer Mark Roebuck

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team *God of the Bible* Insert/Screen

*Invocation: Unison prayer

Leader: A mighty wind has blown,

People: and tongues of fire have danced!

Leader: The Spirit is with us,

People: just as Jesus promised.

Leader: God's Spirit moves among us and gathers us together.

People: God's Spirit gives us power and calls us to serve the world.

All: God's Spirit is poured out upon us.

Worship God with joy!

*Hymn *What is this Place* #1

Greet each other in Christ's love

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 *How Great Thou Art* Digital Hymnal

Scripture Romans 12:6-11 NT Pew Bible #162
Read from Common English Bible

Message: WHO IS A PROPHET? Lorie Copeland

*Hymn *For we are Strangers No More* #322

*Blessing for the road: Worship Leader

Brothers and sisters in Christ, go into the world and prophesy!

Tell your story, sing your song; divinely inspired by God.

May your words and actions create ripples in all directions so the world may hear the voice of God spoken through you.

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 8, 2018 Activities / Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – 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 using Fellowship Hall today

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

Pastor Janet is at Annual Conference and will return on Tuesday, July 10th.

TODAY Gretchen Showalter and her friend Willow Thompson are leaving for the Creative Arts Camp at Camp Mack. They will return on the 13th. Campers love getting mail; they are at Camp learning about God and serving God. They can receive mail in two ways:

Gretchen Showalter or Willow Thompson, Creative Arts Camp
PO Box 158
Milford, IN 46542

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

July 12th – **Board meeting** – this meeting is a very important meeting to attend for the discussion on governance



“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.

July 15, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship Speaker – 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



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!



Union Center CoB Women’s Fellowship is having a chicken BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, July 14th in the Rite Choice parking lot in Nappanee starting at 10am. Cost is \$6.00 per half.



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