



THAT SWEATER LOOKS GOOD ON YOU

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



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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.

Middlebury Church of the Brethren August 12, 2018

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Theme: Caring for our anger

Welcome and announcements Catherine Roebuck

Opening Prayer Catherine Roebuck

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team *Give Me Jesus* Insert/Screen

*Call to Worship: Worship Leader
Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather for worship today, let us put away all bitterness and wrath and anger - and be kind to one another. May we be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as Christ has forgiven us. Be imitators of God and live in love, as Christ loved us. And gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Hymn *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* #444(digital)

Summer Experiences:
Ethan Bickel – NYC
Gretchen Showalter – Camp Mack
Gretchen & Jess Cripe – Boundary Waters

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

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader

New life in Christ opens our hearts, and opens our minds to a world inside ourselves and beyond ourselves. Let it be, loving God, that this new life is manifest in what we give, that new life might be possible for others. Amen.

Silent Reflection *Hallelujah* (Leonard Cohen) by Roy & Rosemary

Scripture Ephesians 4:25-5:2 NT pg 194

Message **That Sweater Looks Good on You** Pastor Janet Shaver

Blessing of the backpacks and school employees

*Hymn *Healer of our Every Ill* #377

*Blessing for the road: Worship leader
People of God, You are 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 and give you peace. Go now, and do the work of God.

*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.

August 12, 2018 Activities / Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Catherine Roebuck

10:50 am – Fellowship time

11:00 am – Sunday school class – AC wrap up

2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church using Fellowship Hall today

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

TODAY – Blessing of the backpacks & school employees

- **Ethan Bickel – NYC report**
- **Gretchen Showalter – Camp Mack report**
- **Jess Cripe & Gretchen Showalter- Boundary Waters report**

TODAY – Annual Conference wrap up during Sunday school time in the Fellowship Hall



“**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.



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.

AT THIS TIME THE FOOD PANTRY IS RUNNING OUT OF MONEY – CASH DONATIONS ARE MUCH NEEDED. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK WITH THE OFFICE.

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

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

August 19, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Marcy Showalter

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



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

Saturday, August 25th – **Service Day** at Camp Mack. If you would like to go please see Mark Roebuck.



Sunday, August 26th – **Outdoor worship and Bring-your-dog-to-church day.** (Bring your own poop scoop please)

Thursday, August 30th 11:30 –**Social Justice Book Club** *What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty* by Bill Ehlig

Look for **NUMANA** poster on the board (outlined in bright green). Wednesday, October 10th Pathway Church is hosting a meal packing service project of 60,000 meals. They need community support & financial support. See the poster for more info on how you can help.

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