



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

August 26, 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



ALL IN

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.

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Theme: What makes us committed?

Welcome and announcements Marcy Showalter

Opening Prayer Marcy Showalter

*Praise Team *Come to the Table* (Sidewalk Prophets) Insert

*INVOCATION: Unison prayer
God of goodness and mercy of gentleness and kindness,
of righteousness and faithfulness: be the light of our salvation
and sustain our souls.

We offer the daily tasks that consume us to you, for we
accomplish nothing without your grace.

We submit to your will, that we should love you with our
everything and love our neighbors, and even our enemies,
as ourselves.

Renew us and transform us by your steadfast love into the
people of God. Amen

*Hymn *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* Insert



Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader

We offer our gifts with gratitude that we are able to give. As we
dedicate our gifts to you, gracious God, let us also dedicate our
lives to making your kingdom come in all that we do. Amen.

Hymn Just a Closer Walk with Thee Insert

Scripture John 6:56-69 NT pg 98

Message **All In** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *You Shall Go Out with Joy* Insert

*Benediction: Worship leader

In the morning, we will look for you. At midday, we will pause to
recognize your presence. Before we lie down, we will thank you
for never leaving us.

Help us to wake up with thoughts of you, to work, play and love
with thoughts of you, and to sleep in peace with thoughts ever of
you. We go now from this place with you always before us.
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.**

August 26, 2018 Activities / Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Marcy Showalter
10:50 am – Fellowship time
11:00 am – Sunday school class –
Classes are listed on back of bulletin

2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church using Fellowship Hall today
Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented



WELCOME ALL DOGS! Your owner is responsible for picking up after you!!!

Senior
Lunch

Wednesday, August 29th 11:30 – Seasoned Senior Lunch

Thursday, August 30th 11:30 – **Social Justice Book Club** *What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty* by Bill Ehlig and Ruby Payne, PhD.
Bring a sack lunch.



“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/or 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!

September 2, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Julie Bontrager
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



OFFICE & DAYCARE CLOSED



Peace & Justice will be meeting Saturday, September 8th at 10:00 am. We will be composing a letter to our local and state candidates regarding immigration issues. Please come prepared with any thoughts, facts, or figures you feel are important to this problem.

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 & 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

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR EVERY FAMILY TO TURN IN A GREEN SURVEY SHEET SO WE MAY RE-ASSESS THE WORSHIP SERVICE START TIME. IF YOU HAVE MISPLACED YOUR SURVEY SHEET THERE ARE MORE IN THE OFFICE.