



# Middlebury Church of the Brethren

## August 5, 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](mailto:middleburypastor@yahoo.com)  
Worship – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – 10:45 a.m.

## DO YOU WANT A SINGER?



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.

**August 5 , 2018**  
**Theme: Bread of Life**

Welcome and announcements Catherine Roebuck

Opening Prayer Catherine Roebuck

Prelude Lorie Copeland

\*Praise Team *Give Me Jesus* Insert/Screen

\*Call to Worship: Responsive

Leader: "Then the LORD said to Moses 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you' "

**People:** We acknowledge, O God, your supernatural provision.

Leader: And yet the people grumbled, in ancient times like we do today.

**ALL:** We proclaim, no matter what the circumstance, that Jesus Christ is all we need to sustain our souls. Amen.

\*Hymn *Great is the Lord* #87



Heart of a Child Ding-a-lings

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

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader

Generous God, you have withheld no good gift from us, graciously pouring out your love, mercy, faithfulness, joy and peace. Thank you for giving us all that truly matters. In humble gratitude we offer back the fruits of our labor, but more importantly, we offer you our hearts. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

Hymn *Break Thou the Bread of Life* #360

Scripture John 6:24-35 NT pg 98

Message Do You Want a Singer? Pastor Byrl Shaver

\*Hymn *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* #12

\*Blessing for the road: Worship leader

Lord, let us hunger enough that we not forget the world's hunger.

Lord, let us hunger enough that we may have bread to share.

Lord, let us hunger enough that we may long for the Bread of Heaven.

Lord, let us hunger enough that we may be filled.

But, O Lord, let us not hunger so much that we seek after that which is not bread, nor try to live by bread alone. 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 5, 2018 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 using Fellowship Hall today  
Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented



**Today** is our **pulpit exchange**. Pastor Janet will be preaching in Nappanee and Pastor Byrl Shaver is delivering our message.



**“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 12, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

**10:00 am** – Worship – Pastor Janet 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 12<sup>th</sup> – **Blessing of the backpacks & school employees**  
-Ethan Bickel – NYC report  
-Gretchen Showalter – Camp Mack report  
-Jess Cripe & Gretchen Showalter- Boundary Waters report

Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – **Annual Conference** wrap up during Sunday School time

Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> - (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) – We will have a **Meet & Greet** time



Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 11:30 – **Seasoned Senior Lunch**

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

Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – **Service Day** at Camp Mack



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