



Middlebury Church of the Brethren September 16, 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.

MAKING FRIENDS FOR PEACE



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.

September 16, 2018
Theme: Proactive peace

Welcome and announcements	Mark Bickel	
Opening Prayer	Mark Bickel	
Prelude	Lorie Copeland	
*Praise Team	<i>Ubuntu</i>	Insert/screen

*Peace calls us to Worship:
Call: Christ sets before us this day life and death and calls for us to choose life that we and our children may live.
Response: We accept life, so teach us to live.

Call: Christ sets before us this day the challenge to seek peace and to pursue it.
Response: We accept the challenge of peace, so enable us to pursue it.


Call: Christ sets before us this day the call to be peacemakers;
Response: to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a suffering world.

Call: We gather to embody God's love and desire for peace for all people;
Response: to hear and give voice to creation's cry for justice and peace.

Call: We gather to name and confront the influence of evil within and among us;
Response: to repent of our silence and complicity with the powers of chaos and death.

Call: We gather to join with the oppressed and troubled people of the world
in the struggle for liberation and peace;
Response: to work for justice, healing and wholeness of life.

Call: We gather to embrace the unity of God's people and Christ's church
Response: to make peace a reality.

*Hymn	<i>We Pray for Peace</i> (<i>Greensleeves</i> tune)	Insert/screen
	Heart of a Child storyteller	Keri Anderson

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

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader
In the offering of our gifts, as well as the living of our days, may we not grow weary of doing what is right, but commit to speaking up for the voiceless, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, and all those mercies which are such a part of your heart and hopes for all your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Offering response: Contemplative Prayer in Song – Led by Jill Weaver

Scripture	Mark 8:27-38	NT #43
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Message	Making Friends for Peace	Pastor Janet Shaver
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*Hymn	<i>Let There be Peace on Earth</i>	Insert/screen
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* Let us go with Jesus, the light who guides us on our way. May our hope be that the Sun of Justice will rise one morning on all humankind.

May the God of Peace, our constant companion, lead us along paths of solidarity and hope, and give us the joy of being united in God's love. 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.

September 16, 2018 Activities / Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver

Worship Leader – Mark Bickel

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

NEXT SUNDAY – Janet will be in Nappanee and Marcy will be our speaker

Please make these corrections to your church directory:

Bill Hawkins's new address is PO Box 122, Middlebury

Tom Miller's new cell phone is 574 349-3068

Eleanor Hawkins's correct cell is 574 238-2042



“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.**

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.



. **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!

Little Lites Daycare is hiring childcare staff for part-time or full-time hours. For hours, job description and salary please, contact Lorie Copeland or Director Mary Miller at 574-312-5369

September 23, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Marcy Showalter

Worship Leader – Mark Bickel

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

TODAY!! September 23rd - Nappanee CoB is celebrating Byrl Shaver's 10th anniversary at the church by hosting a party on Sunday, September 23rd at 11:30. All are invited.

SEPTEMBER 30th – MINISTRY SUNDAY

Please tell us about the ministry in which you are involved – in community and in the church

OCTOBER 7TH – TAILGATE CARRY-IN – STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 to 11:00, followed by fellowship from 11:00 to 11:30; this will give us the opportunity to prepare the meal. Communion will be offered at a station in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate World Communion Sunday.

Carried-in food will be served at 11:30 from the tailgates of the vehicles parked in a semi-circle near the kitchen.

There will be games to play at various stations in the Fellowship Hall,

Assistance will be provided for anyone needing help getting or carrying plate or tray to the table.



OCTOBER 14TH – TIME CHANGE

Based on the survey results, please note the following changes: Worship service: 9:30 to 10:20

Fellowship time: 10:20 to 10:45

Sunday school: 10:45 to 11:30



Saturday, October 20th – Bonfire at Beth & Jill's. Details to come!