



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

September 2, 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.



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.

Kosher Relationships

September 2, 2018

Theme: Relationships over rules

Welcome and announcements Julie Bontrager

Opening Prayer Julie Bontrager

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise Team *Eye of the Storm*

*Love Calls us to Worship: Responsive
Leader: From the corners of worry and fear,
from the shadows where we huddle with our doubts,

Women: God calls us to this place of sanctuary where we can draw from Love's deep wells.

Leader: In every moment where we look for strength to continue,
in every time wonder if faith is worth it,

Men: Jesus calls us to this time where we can welcome the peace given to us.

Leader: In every person who embraces us with acceptance,
in every touch that offers healing and hope,

ALL: the Spirit calls us to see those around us as God's beloved, our sisters and brothers of grace.

*Hymn *They Will Know We are Christians* Insert/screen

Scripture Mark 7:1-8, 14&15, 23-23 NT pg 42

Reflection time *Dusk Till Dawn* – Sayn ft. Sia – Violin cover

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

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives.



Heart of a Child Ding-a-Lings

Message **Kosher Relationships** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *You Are Salt for the Earth* #226

*Benediction: Worship leader

The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you.
You are the salt of the earth and you bring light to the world.
You are not too young or too old, you are not too rich or too needy to bring good news to the impoverished, to give a hand to the broken-hearted, and to live out freedom and pardon through the gifts you have been given.
So remember to pack peace in your toolbox, hope in your briefcase, love in your lunch box, and may integrity, honesty, and joy be your designer wear of choice.
Do not be frightened, for you are never alone. The God in whose image you are made will walk with you and guide you today, tomorrow, and every day.

*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 2, 2018 Activities / Announcements

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



OFFICE & DAYCARE CLOSED



“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.



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.

September 9, 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

Thursday, September 13th, 7:00 pm – Board Meeting

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



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!