



Middlebury Church of the Brethren September 23, 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 Muhlcnickel & Britta Copeland

Children 10 yrs and older meet in Room 401 / 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
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.

NEW BEGINNINGS

September 23, 2018

Welcome and announcements Mark Bickel

Opening Prayer Mark Bickel

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team *Amazing Grace-My chains are gone* (Chris Tomlin)
Insert/screen

*Call to Worship: Worship leader (Hymnal pg#680)
God of all life, we thank you for the signs of your love that surround us, for sun and warmth and all that comes to life within creation, for all that sleeps within the earth awaiting birth. We praise you for the wisdom of your care, water on the earth, sunlight on our spirits, hands on blinded eyes. Continue to touch us. Reach out to us with compassion and forgiveness that we may receive your gifts, that we may know your love and grace and rise to new life Jesus Christ. Amen

*Hymn *In The Bulb* #614

*Greet each other in Christ's love

Scripture Romans 7:15-19 NT #157

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

Offering Prayer: Worship Leader

God of light and new beginnings, we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world. May our gifts help to bring light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain and loneliness. May our gifts help to enable peacemakers to cover the earth with wholeness, reconciliation and shalom. In Jesus name. Amen.

Offering response: Taize` prayer Led by Jill Weaver

Scripture Philippians 3:1-14 NT #198

Message **New Beginnings** Marcy Showalter

*Hymn *Come Thou Fount* #521

* Blessing for the road

Wherever you go, Jesus goes with you. He has promised never to leave you or forsake you. As you go, may his presence bring you hope, light and life, and may you find great joy in his company. Go with him now in peace. Amen.

*Postlude *Press On* –Selah

*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 23, 2018 Activities / Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Marcy Showalter

Worship Leader – Mark Bickel

10:50 am – Fellowship time – Cookie Sunday

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

TODAY – Janet is in Nappanee and Marcy will be our speaker

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



In the Fellowship Hall you will find letters for Rep Jackie Walorski, Senators Joe Donnelly and Todd Young outlining the issues we will support when we vote in November. Everyone who wishes is welcome to sign the letters, which will be sent over a period of three weeks in October.



“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 NEEDED FOR A MATCHING FUND COMMITMENT. 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 30, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver

Worship Leader – Mark Bickel

10:50 am – Fellowship time

11:00 am - Sunday school Classes –

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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

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

A REFRIGERATOR DOOR REMINDER

September 30, 2018
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Be sure to be here to hear how our members are touching lives for good.

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Make a joyful noise!

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CAMP MACK
ALL-DISTRICT MUSIC, WORSHIP,
and SINGING CELEBRATION
5:30-7:00pm, Fellowship/Refreshments
6pm: Worship

October 7, 2018
Commitment Sunday

We are:

Having a Tailgate Carry-In
Worship in the Fellowship Hall
Celebrating Communion
Enjoying Children and Adult Activities



Saturday, October 20th – Bonfire at Beth & Jill's.

- We'll gather at 5:00 and start the bonfire.

- Beth and Jill will provide hot dogs, buns and condiments.

You bring: something to share, your own drink and your own lawn chairs.

- Beth and Jill would like one family to volunteer for the fixings for S'mores. (If you're interested, let them know.)
 - There will be a separate, smaller fire pit with fire/coals to roast hot dogs and marshmallows.
- **Bring friends; all are welcome!**

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