



Middlebury Church of the Brethren October 14, 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.



DON'T MAKE ME GIVE THAT UP!

October 14, 2018

Theme: What are you holding on to?

Welcome and announcements Dalis Andrews

Opening Prayer Dalis Andrews

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise Team *Ubuntu* Insert/screen

*Call to Worship: **Responsive**

Leader: We look in the mirror and what do we see?

People: We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.

Leader: We look in the mirror and how do we see?

People: We see with hearts which are open to God's love, with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.

Leader: We look in the mirror and who do we see?

ALL: We see Jesus, the One who struggles with the questions we raise, who models faithfulness for all who would follow.

*Hymn *Great is the Lord* #87

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

Offering Prayer

As we dedicate this offering, we offer ourselves too, for these gifts of money are but tokens of ourselves. Take and use us, that our hands may reach out in service, our feet may walk the difficult path of reconciliation, and that our words may be words of peace. For this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

Silent Reflection: *Be Still My Soul* Jeff Bjorck

Scripture Mark 10:17-31 NT pg 46

*Greet each other in Christ's love

Message **Don't Make Me Give That Up!** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *Guide My Feet* #546

*Blessing for the Road: Worship leader

God send us out with your love in our hearts so that we may live fully in your beautiful gift of grace.

*Postlude

*Following worship please proceed to the front portico for the blessing of the new lawnmower

*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.

October 14, 2018 Activities/Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Dalis Andrews

10:20 am – Fellowship time

10:45 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



WE NOW JOIN TOGETHER AT THESE TIMES:

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.

- 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!**



“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.**

October 21, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Dalis Andrews

10:20 am – Fellowship time

10:45 am - Sunday school Classes –
Classes are listed on back of bulletin

2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary
Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

Faith Mission Outreach, 6pm – Elkhart

Crop Walk, October 21st at 1:00 pm. Sign up & and sponsor sheets are in the fellowship hall.

Coffee & Canvas fundraiser for the Little Lites Daycare on **Tuesday, October 23rd 5:45pm.** Activities include drinking coffee and painting a floral picture. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!** RSVP Mary Miller 574 312-5369 **by 10/15/18**

“The Parables” from Goshen College will be here on Sunday, October 28th. The *Parable* worship drama and musical student team will present a lively worship.



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.