



Middlebury Church of the Brethren October 21, 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

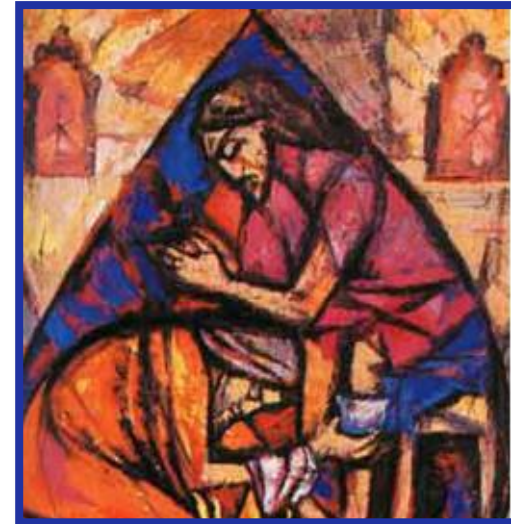
Children under 9 yrs meet in classrooms west of kitchen / Beth Muhlneckel & Britta Copeland

Children 10 yrs and older meet in Room 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
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Worship – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – 10:45 a.m.

PATH TO GREATNESS



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.

October 21, 2018
Theme: We can all be great

Welcome and announcements Dalis Andrews

Opening Prayer Dalis Andrews

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team *God of the Bible* Insert/screen

*Call to Worship: **Responsive**
Leader: James and John came to Jesus and asked,
People: We want you to do something for us.

Leader: Jesus responded, "I will do it if I can."
People: We want places of honor in your kingdom.

Leader: Do you understand what you are asking? You will have to go through the same trials that I am about to endure.
People: Yes, we can.

Leader: However, God alone will choose who sits at these places of honor.
People: The other disciples became angry when they heard about this conversation.

Leader: Jesus reminded them, "Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave."
People: Jesus, help us become the servants you have called us to be.

*Hymn *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* #229

Special Music – Violin Duet Sam & Leena Saraswat

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

Offering Prayer
Generous God, thank you for the gifts you bestow upon us daily. Make us aware of each blessing that comes our way - and create in us the constant desire to be blessings for others. Bless what we bring before you, we pray. Amen.

Hymn *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* #444

Scripture Mark 10:35-45 NT pg 47

Message **Path to Greatness** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *New Earth, Heavens New* #299

*Blessing for the Road: Worship leader
Go forth from this place inspired to serve one another and empowered by the love of God to do so. Go forth from this place to work in company with all God's children to do God's work and God's will on Earth as it is in heaven, that in loving and serving one another the kingdom of God may come to this world through you. 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.

October 21, 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

TODAY! Crop Walk, October 21st at 1:00 pm. It's not too late to sponsor someone or walk with us - signup & and sponsor sheets are in the fellowship hall.

Faith Mission Outreach, 6pm – Elkhart

Coffee & Canvas fundraiser for the Little Lites Daycare on **Tuesday, October 23rd 5:45pm.**



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



“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 28, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

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

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

“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.

Rock Run Church of the Brethren will hold its **54th annual Bazaar and Bake Sale** on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the church, located on the corner of CR 33 and CR 38 in Goshen (64985 CR 33). Items for sale will include homemade baked goods, noodles, comforters, and crafts. Also available will be a cookie walk and children's grab bag. A breakfast and lunch bar will feature homemade cinnamon rolls, sandwiches, soups, and pie. All proceeds will benefit local charities. No outside vendors please.

Nappanee Church of the Brethren, 301 Mack Drive, will host its **25th annual Autumn Bazaar**, Saturday, November 3, from 9 am-2 pm. The event will feature a variety of hand-crafted and vendor items, along with the popular cookie walk. A soup and sandwich luncheon will be offered from 11am-1 pm. To reserve a table, call 574-536-4697 by October 26.



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.