

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

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Middlebury Church of the Brethren is a welcoming and inclusive congregation offering Christ's hospitality to the world.

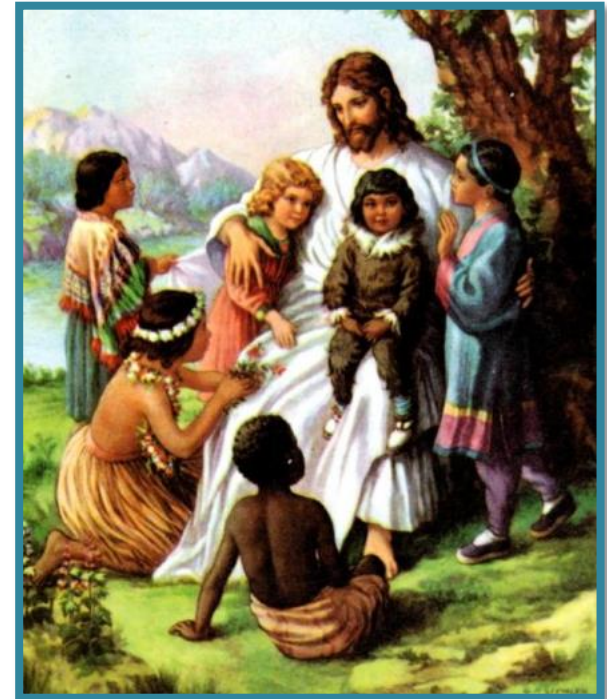
Pastoral Minister – Janet Shaver; cell 574-214-6741
e-mail: middleburypastor@yahoo.com
Worship – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – 10:45 a.m.



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.



Middlebury Church of the Brethren October 7, 2018



HUGGED, HELD and BLESSED

October 7, 2018
Theme: Blessing our neighbors



Heart of a Child Ding-a-Lings

Welcome and announcements Dalis Andrews

Opening Prayer Dalis Andrews

*Praise Team *Jesus Be the Center* Insert

Call to Worship: **Responsive**

Children of God, do you love the God who hovered over the face of the deep and called the worlds into being?

Yes, you know that we do.

Then feed God's children.

Children of God, do you love the God who was revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ?

Yes, you know that we do.

Then take care of God's children.

Children of God, do you love the God who breathes new life into us even as we gather this day?

Yes, you know that we do.

Then feed God's children.

*Hymn *Christ Be The Light* Insert



2¢ a Meal - sing *Magic Penny* while children collect offerings

Offering Prayer

In response to your great love for us, gracious God, we joyfully and gratefully offer the fruits of our labor and our lives in these gifts. Bless and multiply them, we pray, that the transformative power of your love will be a reality in our neighborhood and community. Amen

Prayer response *Jesus Loves Me 2X*
(while we carry commitment cards forward)

Scripture Mark 10:13-16

Mary Miller Little Lites Daycare

Message **Hugged, Held and Blessed** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* Insert

Blessing for the Road:

Let our hearts be filled with peace; Christ lives for us.
Let our hearts be filled with joy; Christ lives in us.
Let our hearts be filled with hope; Christ lives with us.
Let our hearts be filled with love; Christ lives by us.
Let our hearts be filled with thanks; Christ lives before us. 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 7, 2018 Activities/Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Dalis Andrews

10:50 am – Fellowship time

11:00 am – Sunday school class –
Classes are listed on back of bulletin

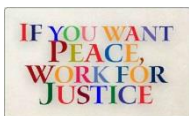
2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church using Fellowship Hall today
Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

TODAY – OCTOBER 7TH – TAILGATE CARRY-IN – STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Worship in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 to 11:00, followed by fellowship from 11:00 to 11:30.

Communion will be offered at a station in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate **World Communion Sunday**.

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



Saturday, October 13th, 10am. Karen Eis will be our speaker talking about her own experience of living on the border of the U.S. and Mexico.



“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!

October 14, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Dalis Andrews

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



REMEMBER!!

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

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. 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.



Hats for the Homeless

Thank you to everyone who made and/or donated hats, scarves and gloves for the Hats for the Homeless collection. We received 21 hats, 10 scarves and 13 pairs of gloves/mittens. These items are being given to the Michiana 5 For The Homeless organization. Thank you for your generosity! Lorie



FOR SALE – Old Hustler lawn mower. Needs some repairs-currently does not run. Highest bid gets the prize.