



Middlebury Church of the Brethren September 30, 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

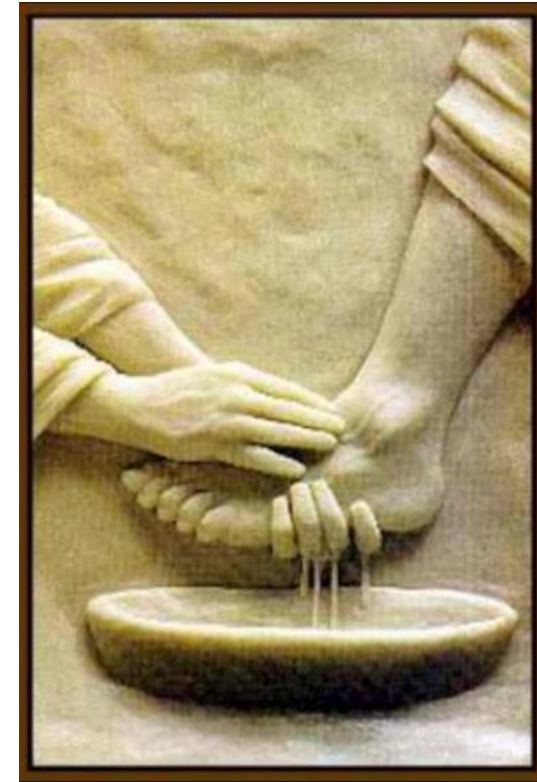
Wired Word & Sermon discussions.....Room #105 with Don Anderson
Beth Snider, Beth Sholly

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.



FOR OUR NEIGHBORS' GOOD



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.

September 30, 2018
Theme: Ministry Sunday

Welcome and announcements Mark Bickel

Opening Prayer Mark Bickel

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise Team *God of the Bible*

Message **For Our Neighbor's Good** Pastor Janet Shaver

Opening: *Praise, I will praise you Lord #76*

Scripture: Hebrews 6:10

Presenter: Julie Bontrager, Goshen Hospital Volunteer

Song: *Will you let me be your servant #307*

Scripture: James 2:14-17

Presenter: Ethan Bickel, Optimist Club of Northridge High School

Song: *You are the salt of the earth, O people #226*

Scripture: Proverbs 31:8-9

Presenter: Don Anderson, ADEC

Song: *Healer of our every ill #377*

Scripture: Proverbs 16:24

Presenter: Britta Kinney and Lorie Copeland, NAMI of Elkhart County

Scripture: Matthew 25:35

Presenter: Jess Cripe

*Hymn *Here I am, Lord #395*

*Blessing for the road **(Responsive reading)**

Go to celebrate the God who is our home forever.

God's love goes with us!

Go to follow Christ's example in loving God, self, and neighbor.

God's love goes with us!

Go with the Holy Spirit to change the world with love.

God's love goes with us!

*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 30, 2018 Activities/Announcements

10:00 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Mark Bickel

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 – MINISTRY SUNDAY

Please tell us about the ministry in which you are involved – in community and in the church

Thursday 9:30 – Worship Team meeting



“**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 7, 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

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.

Decorate your table with YOUR TEAM'S colors and serve your dish from your table.

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