



# Middlebury Church of the Brethren November 11, 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  
e-mail: [middleburypastor@yahoo.com](mailto:middleburypastor@yahoo.com)  
Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 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.

# EXCLUDED AND EMBRACED

**November 11, 2018**  
**Theme: Loving support**

Welcome and announcements Keri Anderson

Opening Prayer Keri Anderson

Prelude Sherry Bickel

\*Praise Team *Som'landela (We Will Follow)* Insert/screen

\*Faithfulness calls us to worship: **Unison**

O God of glory, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us. Today, let us remember who we are as faithful disciples. We know that in all that we think, do and say, your great love is revealed and offers healing to all people. We rejoice in our service to your kingdom on earth.

Greet each other in Christ's love

\*Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #327

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

Offering Prayer

Thank you, extravagant God, for your blessings in our lives. We offer ourselves in grateful response, seeking to live with such compassion toward others that your blessings will flow through us to bless our community and our world. For the sake of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen

Reflection *Song of Ruth* – Sharon Gaynor

Reader's Theatre: Ruth 1:1-18 Keri, Sherry, Beth Sholly

Message **Excluded and Embraced** Pastor Janet Shaver

\*Hymn *Move in Our Midst* #418

**\*Blessing for the Road:**

As you have gathered here in this sacred space, go out into the world making each space sacred.

As you have come to be comforted, go forth now to comfort others.

As you have come to celebrate God's gift of love, go now to share God's gift of love with each person you meet.

As you have come to hear the good news, go forth to be the Good news of God so that the church and you are one. 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.**

**November 11, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements**

**9:30 am** – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver  
Worship Leader – Keri Anderson  
**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 Journey for November** is available today on the table beside the office door. **THE JOURNEY WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY BE PLACED IN YOUR MAILBOXES.** If you want The Journey and there are no more available, please let Dalis know and additional ones will be printed. If you prefer to have the monthly newsletter emailed to you, please email your request to [office@mcob.org](mailto:office@mcob.org)

IN ADDITION – if you are out of town and would like to receive a bulletin by email, please send that request also to the office email address above.

**Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am** – Social Justice Book Club  
*Riding the Dragon* by Robert Wicks. Bring your brown bag lunch.

**Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm** – Board 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.

**November 18, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements**

**9:30 am** – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver  
Worship Leader – Gretchen Showalter  
**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

Next Sunday, 11/18, Nekeisha Alayna Alexis, Intercultural Competence & Undoing Racism Coordinator, will be speaking during the Sunday school hour.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING** – November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Office will be closed Thursday and Friday  
No Faith Mission meal on Thanksgiving



**HANGING OF THE GREENS** – Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am

**December 2, 9, and 16** – Alternative Gift Market



**Poinsettia Order Form**

**Must have order  
by December 2nd**

I want to order \_\_\_\_\_ RED poinsettia(s)  
(\$15.00 each)

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

I want to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Samaritan Fund

In Memory/Honor (please designate) of \_\_\_\_\_

Please place order and money in Church office box