



# Middlebury Church of the Brethren November 18, 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](mailto:middleburypastor@yahoo.com)  
Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.

# DISPOSITIONAL GRATITUDE



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.

**November 18, 2018**  
**Theme: Living with gratitude**

Welcome and announcements                      Gretchen Showalter  
Opening Prayer                                      Gretchen Showalter  
Prelude    Lorie Copeland  
\*Praise Team                      *Room at the Table*                      Insert/Screen

**\*Call to Worship: Responsive**

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

**People:** We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

**People:** Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness and gentleness are all of God.

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

**People:** We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

\*Hymn                      *We Gather Together*                      #17

Heart of a Child storytelling                      Beth Sholly

Taize Reflection    *In The Lord I Will Be Ever Faithful*    Jacques Berthier

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

Offering Prayer

O, God, we come with gratitude for the gift of life and the abundance that is ours. Grant us the grace to respond to our bounty and blessings with generosity, that others might know of your love through us. Amen.

Scripture:                      Luke 17:11-19                      NT pg#80

Sharing your thoughts of gratitude

Message    **Dispositional Gratitude**                      Pastor Janet Shaver

\*Hymn                      Now Thank We All Our God                      #86

**\*Blessing for the Road:**

May the Lord bless you and keep you, May He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the broad expanse of God's love and the abundance of His riches in glory, shape your perspective on your own life and needs, including those things which disappoint you.

May the eyes of your heart be open to all the blessings which surround you; may this awareness produce a harvest of generosity in your spirit.

May thankfulness rise up within you, not just during this short season, but day after day, from the early morning watch until you retire for the night.

May your prayers reflect gratitude, while also acknowledging the needs of others whose situations are so drastically different.

May thoughts of Jesus fill your mind, and hunger for God drive your soul, and love for Lord guide your speech and your actions.

And finally, may the grace, peace, and love of the triune God, protect, defend, and empower you to run with perseverance the race marked out for 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.**

**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** – Churchwide lecture – Nekeisha Alayna Alexis

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

**TODAY** - 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



**“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 25, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements**

- 9:30 am** – Worship – Annual Conference recorded sermon –  
Rosanna McFadden “Read All Over”  
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



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

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

**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.



**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