



Middlebury Church of the Brethren November 4, 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 – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



OUR COLLECTIVE TEARS



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 4, 2018
Theme: Jesus weeps with us

Welcome and announcements Keri Anderson

Opening Prayer Keri Anderson

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise Team *Peace Before Us* Insert/screen

***Call to Worship: Unison**

O God, who was a constant companion, a source of strength for those we honor. We, too, need your guiding presence as we continue our race. God, we pray that your mighty presence will be felt by all who are gathered here this morning, as we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Amen.

*Hymn *For All the Saints* vs. 1, 4, & 6 #636

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

Offering Prayer

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of us must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that by always having enough of everything, we may share abundantly in every good work. May it be so!

Heart of a Child intergenerational Bell Choir - everyone welcome

Scripture John 11: 28-44

Message **Our Collective Tears** Pastor Janet Shaver

Honoring our Saints (Responsive)

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Samuel and Deborah, Mary Magdalene and Peter
Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:
Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:
Family of our faith, we remember you.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:
Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God, All of the our loved ones we've lost this year and the ones we continue to grieve.

Rebecca Bellaire & Tom Black

(After the candle lighting)

We celebrate the lives of those we lit a candle for.
We lift up many more in our hearts.

*Hymn *In The Bulb* #614

*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.

November 4, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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

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.

Deacon Meeting following Sunday school @ 11:45



Seasoned Senior lunch Wednesday 11:30



Because of your generosity, a check for \$625.00 was sent to the **Middlebury Community Food Pantry**. That amount will be matched by a donor. There is a letter of thanks on the bulletin board.



“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.

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

Thursday, November 15th 7:00 pm – Board meeting



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.



Poinsettia Order Form

**Must have order your
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