



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

December 16, 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
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Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.

KAIROS MOMENTS



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.

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Advent Theme: God's Realm of Possibilities

Welcome and announcements Catherine Roebuck

Prelude Sherry Bickel

Advent Candle lighting Deneise Weyhmiller

*Praise Team Musical Response: *All is Well*

*Hymn *Joy To The World* #318

Greet each other in Christ's love

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

Offering Prayer

Holy God, all that we have has come from you. It is with joyful hearts we bring these gifts to you. May they be used to your glory. Amen.

Hymn *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* #202

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55 NT pg#57

Sharing words of Joy

Message **Kairos Moments** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (Digital Hymnal) #71

*Blessing for the Road:

Holy God, all that we have has come from you. It is with joyful hearts we bring these gifts to you. May they be used to your glory. 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS
December 16, 2018



Please notify Dalis Andrews in the church office if you would like to add a prayer request, share a joy, or if something should be removed. Changes or additions may be made on this sheet and placed in the Office mailbox. Typically, each item will remain in the bulletin for one month and then be removed; let Dalis know if something needs to be re-listed.

- Braden Copeland while he goes through medication adjustments^(12/2)
- Marcy Showalter for ongoing treatment and pain^(11/18)
- Martha Huebert's brother, Bill Wagner, and his doctors have decided not to do any radiation since it might do more harm than good in his condition. Thank you for your prayers
- Dixie Weaver (Jill Weaver's mother) as she goes through chemo treatments
- Hanna Rhoads diagnosed with arthritis and struggling with pain^(8/29)
- Sue Boggs, sister of Bev Short & Deneise Weyhmiller, who continues with severe health issues^(5/13)
- Carla Hawkins, daughter of Bill Hawkins and Eleanor Hawkins, for her infusion treatments^(4/29)
- Our peaceful existence in the world
- Little Lites Daycare
- Middlebury Church of the Brethren in Community
- EYN Nigerian COB healing and restoration

Please feel free to share your joys.

December 16, 2018 This Week Activities/ Announcements

Third Week of Advent

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Catherine Roebuck

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

Tuesday, 12/18, 6:00pm – **Little Lites Christmas Program**

Wednesday, 12/19, 11:00am – **Little Lites Staff Christmas Party**



“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.

December 23, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

Fourth Week of Advent – Christmas Celebration Service

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Catherine Roebuck

10:20 am – Fellowship time

10:45 am - Sunday school Classes –
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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SERVICE will take place on Sunday, December 23rd. There will **not** be a Christmas Eve Service.



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Janet & Byrl Shaver

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Faithful followers of Jesus at MCoB - Janet & Byrl Shaver