



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

December 2, 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

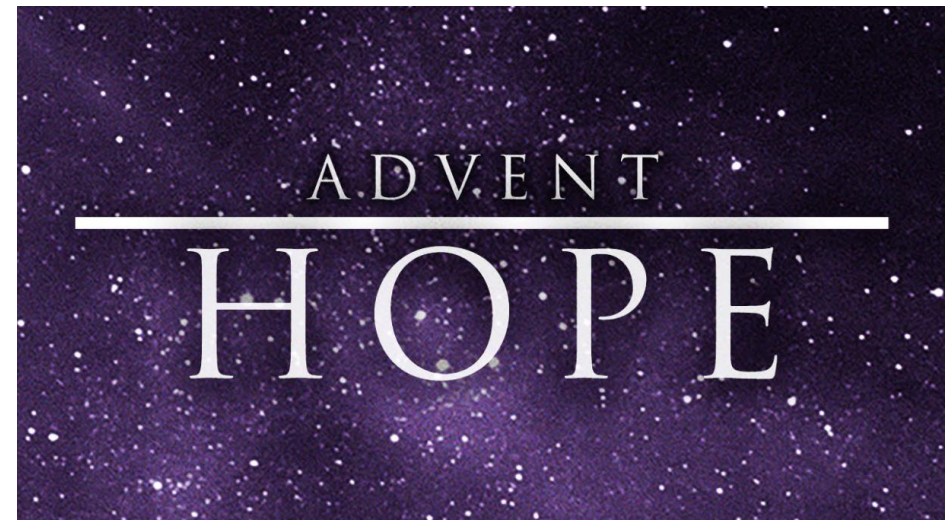
MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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.



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.



STAY WOKE

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Advent Theme: God's realm of possibilities

Welcome and announcements Beth Sholly

Prelude Lorie Copeland

Advent Candle lighting

*Praise Team Musical Response: *All is Well*

*Hymn *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* #178

Intergenerational Bell Choir

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

Offering Prayer

We give our gifts in love and thanksgiving for all that we have been given. Let our giving, gracious God, be not the end point but rather the beginning. Let our gifts of love and gratitude travel where we do not, making pathways of hope where there is none. Through Christ we give. Amen.

Hymn *Emmanuel* Insert/screen

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36 NT pg#85

Sharing our hope

Message **STAY WOKE** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *O Come All Ye Faithful* (versus 1&2) #212

*Blessing for the Road:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

*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

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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)
- Wayne Andrews who has been diagnosed with Lyme Disease^(11/11)
- Martha Huebert's brother, Bill Wagner, who had surgery on 11/7 for a malignant growth on his neck and is having radiation treatments.
- Sherry Bickel's dad, H.C. Colwell, who had triple bypass surgery for 7 blockages
- Dixie Weaver (Jill Weaver's mother) as she goes through chemo treatments
- Hanna Rhoads diagnosed with arthritis and struggling with pain^(8/29)
- Sharon Davidson while she is going through chemo therapy and radiation^(7/22)
- 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 2, 2018 This Week Activities/ Announcements

First Week of Advent

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Beth Sholly

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



December 2, 9, and 16 – Alternative Gift Market



“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.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SERVICE will take place on Sunday, December 23rd. There will **not** be a Christmas Eve Service.

December 9, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

Second Week of Advent

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Beth Sholly

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

Steve Hill with Destiny Rescue will do a Minute for Mission and will be displaying alternative gifts for sale

Tuesday, December 11th 11:30am – Seasoned Senior lunch

The Journey for December will be placed 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.



Poinsettia Order Form

Must have order TODAY

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