



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

December 9, 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 Muhlnickel & 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.

CHANGING THE WAY WE THINK

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Advent Theme: God's Realm of Possibilities

Welcome and announcements Beth Sholly

Prelude Sherry Bickel

Advent Candle lighting Bev Short

*Praise Team Musical Response: *All is Well*

*Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* #197

Minute for Mission: Steve Hill – Destiny Rescue

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

Offering Prayer

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

Hymn *What Child is This* #215

Scripture: Luke 3:1-6 NT pg#60

Sharing words of peace

Message **Changing the Way We Think** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Insert/screen

*Blessing for the Road:

May the God of Peace, our constant companion, lead us along paths of solidarity and hope, and give us the joy of being united in God's love. 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 9, 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.

- "A big thank you to everyone for the cards and well wishes given to me during my fight against cancer. Please note that I definitely felt each and every prayer sent. God bless you all." Sharon Davidson
- 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, 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 9, 2018 This 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 – No Sunday school Classes –
CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL

BETH WILL ASK FOR A HAND COUNT OF HOW MANY EXTRA PACKETS ARE NEEDED.

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

December 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 16, 2018 Next 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, December 11th 11:30am – **Seasoned Senior lunch**

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

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

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.



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Janet & Byrl Shaver

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Faithful followers of Jesus at MCoB - Janet & Byrl Shaver