



Middlebury Church of the Brethren

November 25, 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

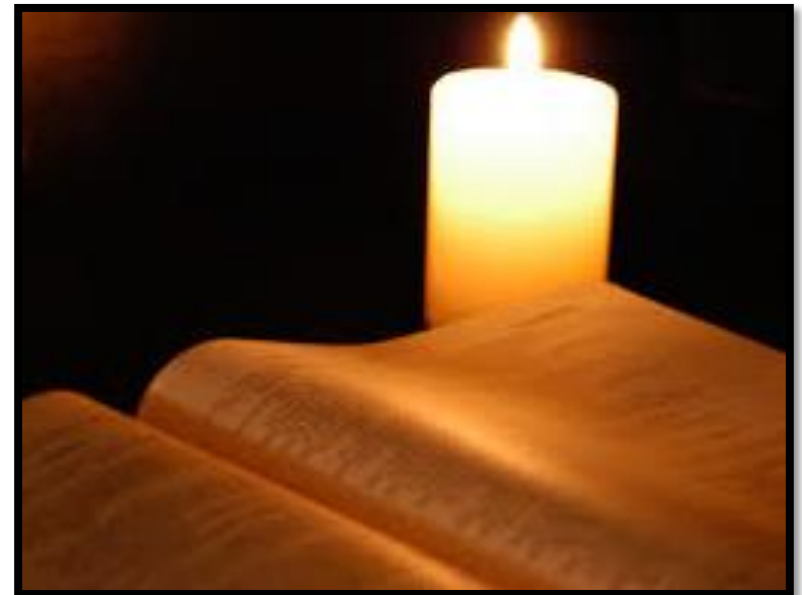
*Wired Word & Sermon discussions.....Room #105 with Don Anderson
Beth Snider, Beth Sholly*

Contemplative & Silent Meditation-Rear of Sanctuary.....Self directed

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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.



READ ALL OVER



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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Theme: Right Spirit

Welcome and announcements Gretchen Showalter

Opening Prayer Gretchen Showalter

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team *10,000 Reasons* Insert/Screen

*Call to Worship: **Responsive**

Leader: The Church of the Brethren has gathered once more for worship. In the presence of God and in the presence of another, may our souls awaken to the coming of the Kingdom!

People: Brethren we have met to worship!

Leader: Holy Spirit, humble our hearts and unite us in the love of Jesus Christ. Speak to us in this time together. Stir within us a compelling vision and mission in serving you in faithfulness and truth.

People: Let us adore the Lord, our God!

Leader: The parables and teachings of Christ are manna for the world. They are heavenly truths meant to sustain and nourish our lives. We hunger and thirst for this good news of Jesus.

People: Let us love our God supremely!

Leader: Tonight we will sing, we will pray, we will watch and listen. As the Beloved Community we are called to worship, to be renewed, to be filled by the Spirit of a living God.

All: Brethren pray, and holy manna will be showered all around! Hallelujah!

*Hymn *Here In This Place* #6

Share your Joys & Concerns

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

Offering Prayer

God of extravagant love, fill our spirits with your love and place upon our hearts your call to serve all in the name of Christ. We ask that you dedicate our gifts and our lives to faithful service and ministry. Amen.

Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children* #353

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14 NT pg#81

Message Recorded sermon by Pastor Rosanna McFadden
“Read All Over”

*Hymn *Spirit of God! descend* #502

*Blessing for the Road:

May the light always shine in your darkness. May your ears always hear the Word. May grace upon grace be yours, and may the glory of Christ be known to you now and forever. 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 25, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

- 9:30 am** – Worship – Annual Conference recorded sermon – Pastor 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 1st, 10am



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.

December 2, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

- 9:30 am** – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Beth Sholly
- 10:20 am** – Fellowship time
- 10:45 am** - Sunday school Classes –
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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 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