

### 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](mailto: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.

# Cultural Courage: Next Steps

## Collaborating for Cultural Courage



**Middlebury  
Church of the Brethren  
December 30, 2018**

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**Theme: Confronting racism**

Welcome and Announcements                    Catherine Roebuck

Opening Prayer                                    Catherine Roebuck

Prelude    Lorie Copeland

\*Praise Team                *God of the Bible*                    Insert/screen

\*Call to Worship: Responsive

Leader: Our God is an awesome God who beathed into emptiness and created all that is.

**People:** With love and care, God shaped the world in all its diversity with mountains and valleys, rivers and desert, and people of all colors and sizes.

Leader: And threading through it all are beautiful dreams of justice compassion, liberation, and peace.

**People:** O God, creator of our past, our present and our future, we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on us each moment.

Leader: Be with us now. Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

**People:** Lead us in paths of righteousness. Fill our hearts with compassion and a thirst for justice. Teach us to be co-creators with you, of a world where all belong and share in the abundance you have given us.

**All:** Praise be to God

\*Hymn                    *You Are Salt for the Earth*                    #226

Collection of 2¢ a Meal offering                *Magic Penny*                    Screen

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

Offering Prayer

In response to your great love for us, gracious God, we joyfully and gratefully offer the fruits of our labor and our lives in these gifts. Bless and multiply them, we pray, that the transformative power of your love will be a reality in our neighborhood and community. Amen

Hymn                    *We Pray for Peace*                    Insert/screen

Scripture                    2 Timothy 1:7                    NT pg#211

Message    **“Cultural Courage: Next Steps”**    Jess & Jason Klanderud

\*Hymn                    *Guide My Feet*                    #546

\*Blessing for the Road: Worship Leader

Good and gracious God, who loves and delights in all people, we stand in awe before You, knowing that the spark of life within each person on earth is the spark of Your Divine Life. Differences among cultures and races are multicolored manifestations of Your Light. May our hearts and minds be open to celebrate similarities and differences among our sisters and brothers. We place our hopes for racial harmony in our committed action and in Your Presence in our neighbor. May all peoples live in peace. Amen

\*Postlude

\*Congregation stands in body or spirit

**New or Visiting.....WELCOME.....Please fill our Guest cards located in the pews and place in the offering place when finished.**

## December 30, 2018 This Week Activities/ Announcement

9:30 am – Worship – Jessica & Jason Klanderud

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

Thursday 7pm, Exec meeting



**“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.

## January 6, 2018 Next Week Activities/ Announcements

### EPIPHANY SUNDAY

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver

Worship Leader –

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

Saturday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 10am – Peace & Justice Action Group

Saturday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup> , 4-10pm FH reserved



## JOYS AND CONCERNS

December 30, 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 <sup>12/2</sup>
- Marcy Showalter for ongoing treatments and pain
- Dixie Weaver (Jill Weaver's mother) as she goes through chemo treatments
- Hanna Rhoads diagnosed with arthritis and struggling with pain <sup>8/29</sup>
- Emilie Boggs, niece of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmiller, for recovery and legal consequences she is facing; and for Emilie's daughter, Rylie, who lives away from her <sup>12/30</sup>
- Carla Hawkins, daughter of Bill Hawkins and Eleanor Hawkins, for her infusion treatments <sup>4/29</sup>
- 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 too!**