



### 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](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.

## Middlebury Church of the Brethren January 20, 2019



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

**January 20, 2019**  
**Theme: Called to be advocates**

Welcome and Announcements Mark Roebuck

Opening Prayer Mark Roebuck

Prelude *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* Odetta  
Sherry Bickel

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

\*Justice calls us to worship: Responsive

Leader: The prophet Amos screams, "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream." (Amos 5:24)

**People:** Burst through the stone walls of our institutions and irrigate the land with glad tidings.

Leader: Let mercy and peace and justice and righteousness cascade like a waterfall that all may have an opportunity to be, as God intended us to be.

**People:** Look, see, listen. Arise, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)

Leader: Where are those who will bring God's light to those who live in the dark watery chaos of society?

**People:** You remove the bushel from the lamp stand and carry the light that our forebears carried over the past decades and centuries.

Leader: Let us begin again. Hold high the light that dispels the darkness from our homes, our schools, our prisons, the seat of our lawmakers, the overseers of our economy, and even from those who teach our faith.

**People:** The Spirit of the Lord is upon us for the Spirit has anointed us to bring good news to the poor and to set at liberty those who are oppressed, imprisoned, marginalized, ostracized and decimated. (Isaiah 61:1-2, Luke 4:18-19)

**ALL: Praise God, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord and we have one intention -- to renovate and rebuild. We shall wait upon the Lord who shall renew our strength. We shall mount up with wings as eagles, we shall run and not be weary, we shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)**

\*Hymn Go, Tell It on the Mountain Insert

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

Heart of a Child storytelling Dalis Andrews

Quote and Reflection presentation

Hymn Balm of Gilead #627

Quote and Reflection presentation

Hymn Wade in the Water #446

Martin Luther King Reading and Discussion

\*Closing Hymn This Little Light of Mine Insert/screen

\*Blessing for the Road: Worship Leader

As the Savior so taught... go now and overcome.

Overcome racial hatred with love and understanding.

Overcome sexism with mutual honor and respect.

Overcome social inequities with fair and equal educational and employment opportunities.

Overcome mean-heartedness with a kind word or good deed.

Overcome war, poverty, hunger, and suffering throughout our urban streets and lands abroad, by sharing the love of Christ Jesus with your neighbor.

Go now and overcome!

\*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.

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## January 20, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

**9:30 am** – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver  
Worship Leader – Mark 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



Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 22 6pm – Faith Mission outreach



**“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 27, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

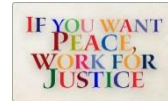
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Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 11:45 Finger food carry-in - CoB Congregational Ethics Training follows. Nappanee CoB will be joining us.



Peace & Justice Action Group - See you on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Showalter Fund

If you want to contribute to this fund, please put your contribution in the offering plate marked "Showalter". **Any gift is helpful. Thank you!**