



Middlebury Church of the Brethren February 10, 2019

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.

FOLLOW ME TO CHURCH

February 10, 2019

Theme: How does Jesus do it? (Get people to follow him)

Welcome and Announcements Britta Copeland

Opening Prayer Britta Copeland

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team *Som'landela (We Will Follow) 2X* Insert/screen
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus Digital/screen

*Litany of Readers Presentation

*Hymn *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* #229

Greet each other in Christ's love

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

OFFERING PRAYER

God of mystery, you come to us through the love of Christ.
God of grace, you come to us in the presence of the Holy Spirit.
You come to us with abundance beyond words. Let us respond by meeting you at this time and in this place with gifts of gratitude for the love of God, the life of Jesus and the movement of the Holy Spirit among us. Amen.

Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #573

Scripture Luke 5:1-11 NT pg 61

Message **Follow me to Church** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *They Will Know We Are Christians* Digital/Insert

*** Blessing for the Road:**

May we now go out into the world, sharing the light and love of Jesus Christ.
May God's Spirit keep us focused on the light that shines brightly with hope and abundance.
May we be nourished in God's light, so that we will be a guide and blessing to all we meet. 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.

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February 10, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Britta Copeland

10:20 am – Fellowship time – **Birthday Sunday**

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, February 12th at 11:30am - Seasoned Seniors Luncheon



“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.

If you would like to use our Fellowship Hall and/or kitchen, it is important that you check in at the office and put it on the calendar. Any church member is welcome to reserve and use the building without charge; however, we do have liability to consider and need to know when it's being occupied. It's as simple as calling in or stopping in the office.

February 17, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

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

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

Showalter Family Fund

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



You may encounter this new face around our building and some of you may recognize him. **This is our custodian, Todd Bush.** He comes to us from the maintenance position at Crystal Valley Manor Apartments. Please make him feel welcome.