



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 Muhlneckel & 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*

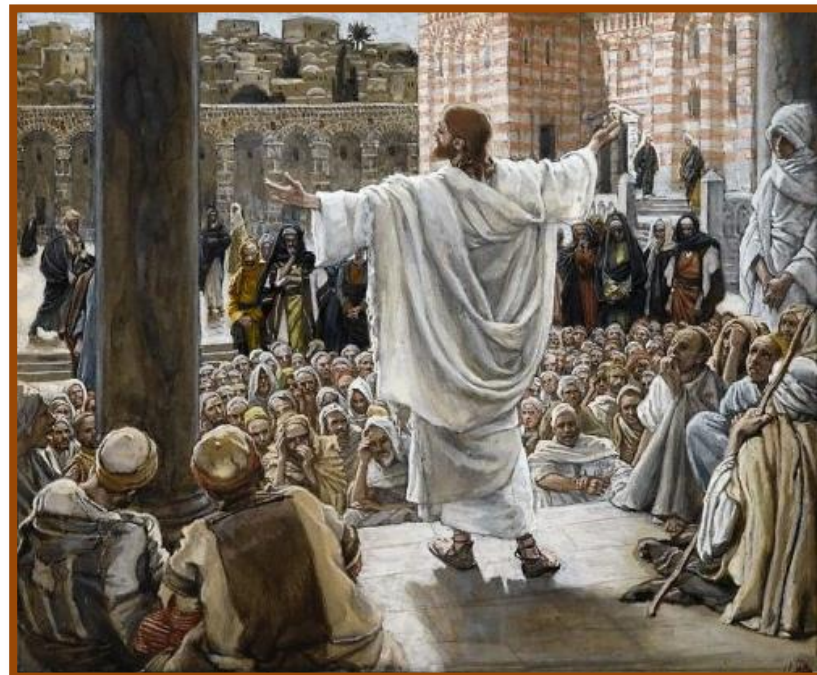
Contemplative & Silent Meditation-Rear of Sanctuary.....Self directed

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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
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Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.

Middlebury Church of the Brethren February 3, 2019



CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE



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.

February 3, 2019
Theme: The heart of the gospel

Welcome and Announcemen Britta Copeland

Opening Prayer Britta Copeland

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise Team *Room at the Table* Insert/screen

*Invocation: Responsive

Leader: O Christ, you who proclaimed jubilee, freedom from oppression and healing for the afflicted, lived as an ordinary man not in style but simply, yet still you caused uproar and questions everywhere; you drew the expectations of hungry crowds, and brought buried conflicts to the light.

People: May we, who are sometimes swayed by the crowd's approval, and who often avoid conflict for fear of its cost to us, hold fast to the gospel of peace and justice and follow faithfully in your way of compassion and solidarity with those who are poor and excluded, wherever it may lead us. Amen

*Hymn *You Are Salt For the Earth* #226

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, we offer our gifts and our lives; may the spirit in which they are given allow them to free rather than bind, to heal rather than wound, and to serve the creator. Amen

Taize meditation: The Kingdom of God is Justice and Peace

cripture Luke 4:14-21 NT pg 61

Message **Changing the Landscape** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *New Earth, Heavens New* #299

* BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us! We have been called, we have been anointed, So go out from this place into the mission field that is the world. We go carrying Good News to the world: news about freedom from oppression and healing for the afflicted. The time of jubilee is now! 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 3, 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



Peace & Justice Action Group - See you on February 9th at 10am



“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 10, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

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

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

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 new custodian, Todd Bush.** He comes to us from the maintenance position at Crystal Valley Manor Apartments. Please make him feel welcome.

