



Middlebury Church of the Brethren March 17, 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 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



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

THE FAITH OF ABRAM



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.

March 17, 2019
Theme: Faithfulness

Welcome and Announcements Don Anderson

Opening Prayer Don Anderson

Prelude Lorie Copeland

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

Candle Extinguishing Liturgy – WL and Martha Huebert

*Hymn *In The Bulb There is a Flower* #614

Congregational prayer response:

All: God of promise and blessing, we give thanks that we do not travel alone on this journey of faith. We are grateful for the wisdom of our ancestors in faith and for the wisdom and witness of our community of faith today. Guide our steps that we may follow Jesus and seek to emulate his ministry of compassionate service. Encourage us when we face challenges and feel discouraged. Remind us of your constant presence as we walk together, this day and in the days to come. Amen

Bring your Symbols of New Life during the Taize Meditation with Jill Weaver:

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Heart-of-a-Child storyteller – Keri Anderson

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

Offering Prayer - WL

God of all goodness, we thank you for your blessings: more numerous than the stars, more bountiful than the greatest of harvests, more steady than the beat of our hearts. Here we dedicate our gifts and rededicate ourselves to your vision of hope and wholeness. May all that we do and all that we give be pleasing to you, and a testimony to your loving purposes.

We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.

Scripture Genesis 15:1-12, 17 & 18 OT pg#12

Message THE FAITH OF ABRAM Carol Spicher Waggy

*Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #327

*Benediction

*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.

March 17, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

9:30 am – Worship – Carol Spicher-Waggy
Worship Leader – Don Anderson

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

TODAY



Peace & Justice Action Group meets on Saturday, 3/23 at 10am. Speaker Michelle Kircher will be there.



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.

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE – With our small congregation, every person absent on Sunday is greatly missed. If someone is missing we always know it and find that it would be wonderful to know if someone is simply traveling or will be away for any reason.

If you would like to let friends in our congregation know you are traveling or will be out of town, there is now a calendar for you to share that information at the back of the Fellowship Hall beside the door.

Please be assured that the calendar will be in the office during any event with outside people; ie: during the community meal.

IT'S HERE!

A Give-and-Take table in the Fellowship Hall for both congregation & community. Bring those items of value you no longer want that may be someone else's treasure. *No clothing, no broken or damaged items, no furniture, etc.* Unclaimed items will be removed after one month.

March 24, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Mark Riege
Worship Leader – Don Andersom

10:20 am – Fellowship time

10:45 am - Sunday school Classes –
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2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary
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SUNDAY, 3/24 our speaker is Mark Riege, Moderator-elect, from the Union Center CoB.

Faith Mission Outreach Tuesday, 3/26 at 6pm in Elkhart.

SUNDAY 3/24 - 5¢ A MEAL

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!

Pastor Janet will be in the hospital for another week to 10 days.

Send cards to: 600 East Blvd. Elkhart 46514 – use her home address as the return address

Short visits of one or two people – her room is #3110

PROJECT PROMISE EASTER PLAY is here at MCOB this year. The cast and crew are members of the former Goldenrod. Project Promise provides spiritual and social support for persons with disabilities. They have several practices planned on Saturday afternoons, 3/2, 3/15, and 3/23, in addition to Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 4/9 and 4/11. Their performances will be on April 13th at 3:00pm and 6:00pm, with a meal following.



“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.**