



# Middlebury Church of the Brethren March 24, 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](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.

# A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW

**March 17, 2019**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Welcome and Announcements Don Anderson  
Opening Prayer Don Anderson  
Prelude Sherry Bickel  
\*Praise Team *Room at the Table* Insert/screen

Candle Extinguishing Liturgy – WL and Tammy Houser  
\*Hymn *Fill My Cup, Lord* Insert  
Congregational prayer response:  
**All:** O God of spirit and truth, you have blessed us with an abundance of living water. You have blessed us with love and forgiveness. When our wells run dry with the cares of this life, you fill us again with the living water that quenches the longings of our souls. You invite us to live in the healing refreshment of your presence and you welcome us to invite others to share in the blessings you provide. As a community of faith, we gather to offer our thanks and praise to you, O God. Amen

Bring your Symbols of New Life

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.*

Sharing your Joys and Concerns

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

Offering Prayer – WL  
Through Christ we are called to be sowers of God's truth and reapers of God's blessings.  
Therefore, let us joyfully share a portion of what we have received from God so those in need may rejoice with us.

Message A Sower went out to Sow  
Scripture: Matthew 11:1-9, 18-23 NT pg#11

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

\*Benediction - WL  
Depart from this time of worship,  
restored and refreshed by the living water  
from Jesus, the Rock of our salvation.  
Go forth, in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
into the world as witnesses of God,  
ambassadors of reconciliation, and praising God's holy name.

\*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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## March 24, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

9:30 am – Worship – Mark Riege

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** our speaker is Moderator Mark Riege, from the Union Center CoB.

**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.**

### **DONATIONS NEEDED**

Wrapped candy small enough to fit inside plastic Easter eggs for the Daycare Easter egg hunt.

You can place your donations in the box in the office. Deadline for candy is 4/12.

**THANK YOU!**



**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.



**“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.**

## March 31, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Deanna Beckner

Worship Leader – Don Andersom

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**, speaker will be Deanna Beckner from Camp Mack

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



**SUNDAY 3/31 - 5¢ A MEAL**

**Deacon Meeting** Sunday, 3/31 – after Sunday school

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm and 6:00pm, with a meal following.