



# Middlebury Church of the Brethren March 3, 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  
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Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



# GLORY IN ACTION



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 3, 2019**  
**Theme: An Act of Worship**

Welcome and Announcements Dalis Andrews

Opening Prayer Dalis Andrews

Prelude Lorie Copeland

\*Praise Team *In the Eye of the Storm* - Video

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: God, you bring us together in this place,

**People:** we come to be fed, to be renewed, to seek understanding.

Leader: God, you challenge us in this place,

**People:** we embrace the challenge, trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.

Leader: God, you are revealed in this place,

**People:** sometimes in shining glory, sometimes in tears and struggle.

Leader: God as we worship in this place,

**People:** refresh, renew, and challenge us so that we would see your awesomeness.

**ALL:** We come in Jesus' name, as we strive to walk the path of discipleship.

\*Hymn Fairest Lord Jesus #117

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of extravagant love, fill our spirits with your love and place upon our hearts your call to serve all in the name of Christ. We ask that you dedicate our gifts and our lives to faithful service and ministry. Amen.

Intergenerational Bell Choir *Amazing Grace*  
*Do Lord*

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

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord* #76

Scripture Luke 9:28-43 NT #69

Message **Glory in Action** Pastor Janet Shaver

\*Hymn Move In Our Midst #418

**\*Blessing for the Road:**

We have spent this hour together in the presence of our Holy God. As you depart, remember that you are the face of Jesus to everyone you encounter. Live and love as he would. And may the world be changed because they have met Jesus face-to-face.

\*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 3, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver  
Worship Leader – Dalis Andrews

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



**FAT WEDNESDAY** pancakes and eggs on **ASH WEDNESDAY** at 11:00am



**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.



**“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 10, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver  
Worship Leader – Lorie 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



**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30am** – Carry-in breakfast to kick off Lent. Casseroles will be provided; please bring dishes that complement the breakfast casseroles.

**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm** – Board meeting



**Women in Community** will meet **Tuesday, March 12, 2:00-4:00**. Bev Short and Jill Weaver are coordinating the event. The goal of the gathering is to practice deep listening and be creative together. Please tell Bev or Jill if you will be attending, so there can be sufficient supplies. A contribution of \$3-5 will help cover the cost of supplies.

### 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!

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.

**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.