



Middlebury
Church of the Brethren
April 21, 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 / Keri Anderson, Jill Weaver,
Sharon Lemmon,

Children 10 yrs and older meet in Room 401 / Mark & Catherine Roebuck

Adult Group Gathering

Book study.....Room #105 with Dana Snider

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.

**THE TOMB IS
EMPTY!**

April 21, 2019

EASTER

Welcome and Announcements Catherine Roebuck

Opening Prayer Catherine Roebuck

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise music God of the Bible Insert/screen

*Call to Worship – WL followed by response

“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!” (Psalm 118:1-2)

“The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

ALL: This is the day that Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:14-24)

Candle Liturgy – WL and Mark Roebuck

Hymn Low in the Grave He Lay #273

Congregational prayer response:

All: Joyful God, we are here to worship, Prepared to see your life and the world through new eyes. For Christ is risen, **he is risen indeed. Hallelujah!**

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.

Intergenerational Bell Choir – all are welcome to join

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

Offering Prayer – WL

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world. Amen.

Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today #239

Scripture Luke 24:1-12 NT pg#90

Message: **HIS TOMB IS EMPTY!**
Pastor Tim Morphew

*Hymn Proclaim The Tidings #282

*Benediction – WL

May all the joy and excitement of this day go with us.

May the power of Christ’s resurrection go with us.

May the good news of this wondrous day go with us.

May the promise and hope of Easter go with us.

May we in the days ahead, sing, pray, live, love, act and serve all for the glory of God.

A joyous Easter. Amen. Go forth!

*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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April 21, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Timothy Morphew
Worship Leader – Julie Bontrager

10:20 am – Fellowship time – Birthday Sunday
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY

2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary
Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

April 28, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Mark Riege
Worship Leader – Catherine 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

PLEASE BE SURE TO TAKE YOUR FLOWERS HOME TODAY.



See The Journey for the schedule of speakers through June.

Tuesday, April 23rd 6pm – Faith Mission outreach in Elkhart

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE –

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.



“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.

April 28th – Mark Riege will return as our speaker

Pastor Janet is at home. Cards & visits go to
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Nappanee, IN 46550

★ Please call before stopping in