



Middlebury Church of the Brethren April 28, 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, Beth Muhnckel

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

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

FROM SEEDS TO WEEDS



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.

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Welcome and Announcements Catherine Roebuck

Opening Prayer Catherine Roebuck

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise music *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

*Call to Worship – Responsive

Leader: We come to worship God, who has made us and knows us;

People: We come to celebrate God’s presence among us!

Leader: We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to new life;

People: We come with joy, knowing in Christ we have eternal life!

Leader: We come to listen to the Holy Spirit, who calls us forth;

All: May we enter this worship knowing the Spirit is alive among us:

Amen

*Hymn *This is My Father’s World* #154

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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

Offering Prayer – WL

Look around at all that is ours: the promise of flowers in the green sprouts pushing toward the sun; the space to create our own gardens on our porches or in our yards; the freedom to plant what we choose with the gifts we give. How grateful we are for the opportunity to change what *is* into what might *be*. Thank you, God, for allowing us the pleasure of giving. Amen

Hymn *You Are Salt For The Earth* #226

Scripture Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 NT pg #14

Message: **FROM SEEDS TO WEEDS** Mark Riege

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

*Benediction – WL

Arise! Christ has restored you to new life by the power of his love. Go forth therefore from this place to renew the hope in each person you meet through the love of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Postlude

*Congregation stands in body or spirit

New or Visiting.....WELCOME.....Please fill out Guest cards located in the pews and place in the offering plate when finished.

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April 28, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

9:30 am – Worship – Mark Riege

Worship Leader – Catherine Roebuck

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

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 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.

WITNESS-TO-HOST-CITY GIFTS GO IN BOX AT BACK OF SANCTUARY. SEE LIST FOR NEEDED ITEMS.



To my McoB Friends:

Thank you all for the many lovely cards for my 92nd birthday!
Each and every one was greatly appreciated.

Mabel Nisley

May 5, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Tim Morphew

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

Tuesday, May 7th 2-4pm – Women in Community

Thursday, May 9th 7pm – Board Meeting

Tom Miller would like anyone wanting to learn to drive the new Gravely mower to contact him.



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.

Pastor Janet cards & visits go to

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Please call before stopping in