



Middlebury Church of the Brethren April 7, 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



WHAT SHE DID... REMEMBER!

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.



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.

April 7, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome and Announcements Julie Bontrager

Opening Prayer Julie Bontrager

Prelude Lorie Copeland

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

Candle Extinguishing Liturgy – WL and Bev Short

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

Congregational prayer response:

All: Gracious God, you breathe new life into our lives every moment of every day. In this Lenten season, help us to be attentive to your life-giving spirit in the ordinary activities of our lives. May we trust in your enduring and faithful presence as we seek to discern your guidance for us as people of faith. We give thanks for your love made known in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. 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.

Meet and Greet each other in Christ's love

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

Offering Prayer – WL
May we embody God's grace through acts of compassion, support & through our offerings until all people enjoy the *Shalom (well-being)* that God intends for all of his children. Amen

Scripture John 12:1-8 NT pg 106

Message: **What She Did... Remember!**
Pastor Timothy Morpew

*Hymn *What Wondrous Love is This* #530

*Blessings for the road – WL
This week, take a moment each day to listen to the still, small voice of God within the bustle of the day which has begun. Find a quiet place where you can enjoy precious moments of peace in God's presence. Sit quietly and listen to the sounds of the world around you, both outside and in the place where you are. Breathe slowly and rest in God's presence.....

*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 7, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

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

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

Tuesday, April 9th, 2-4pm WOMEN IN COMMUNITY –

A time of sharing, deep listening & being creative together. We meet in Bev Short's home. If you plan to attend, please let Bev or Jill Weaver know so materials can be planned. If able, we ask a donation of \$3-5.00 to cover costs of materials.

*We meet every month, second Tuesday, 2-4pm.

PROJECT PROMISE EASTER PLAY is here at MCOB this year. During this live drama, the actors will interpret the events leading up to Easter. Admission is free; a goodwill offering will be taken. Project Promise provides spiritual and social support for persons with disabilities. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 4/9 and 4/11 they will be rehearsing. Their performances will be on April 13th at 3:00pm and 6:00pm.

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.



“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.

April 14, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

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

10:20 am – Fellowship time

10:45 am - Sunday school Classes –
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2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary
Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

April 14th – Palm Sunday



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.

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!

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 is now home. Any cards or visits go to
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Nappanee, IN 46550



Please call before stopping in