



Middlebury Church of the Brethren May 12, 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 Muhlcnickel

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.



EMBRACE THE MESS?



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.

May 12, 2019

Welcome and Announcements Mark Roebuck

Opening Prayer Mark Roebuck

Prelude Lorie Copeland

*Praise music *Come to the Table* (Sidewalk Prophets) Insert/screen

*Call to Worship – Responsive

Leader: God of life, once more you have called us together for worship;

People: We have come to be refreshed.

Leader: We have come to be reminded of whose we are;

People: We have come to explore who and how you are calling us to be in the world.

Leader: God of light, in this time together, open our eyes, our hearts and our very beings to see, hear and feel your presence in our midst. May the time we spend listening for your still, small voice in our often chaotic world awaken an awareness of how we can draw on creativity, insight and passion we may never have known we have and can see more clearly the Christ working among us.

*Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* #517

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

Accept these gifts we humbly offer, gracious God.

Use them, and use us, to reach into places where your goodness is not yet known. Make us good stewards of your word.

Amen.

Hymn Obey My Voice #163

Scripture Luke 10:38-42 NT pg #72

Message: **Embrace the Mess?** Carrie Eikler

*Hymn For We Are Strangers No More #322

*Benediction – WL

May God bless you with Discomfort ... at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with Anger ... at Injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with Tears ... to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough Foolishness ... to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. 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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May 12, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

9:30 am – Worship – Carrie Eikler from Goshen City

Worship Leader – Mark 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



SEE CAMP MACK INFO ON BACK OF JOYS & CONCERNS



"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 IN BULLETIN FOR NEEDED ITEMS.



During this summer please know that your fresh flowers are a welcome addition to the foyer or sanctuary.

May 19, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Carol Pfeiffer from Columbia City

Worship Leader – Beth Snider

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

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.



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
304 Mack Dr.
Nappanee, IN 46550

★ Please call before stopping in



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