



# Middlebury Church of the Brethren July 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, Beth Muhnicketl

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

### **Adult Group Gathering**

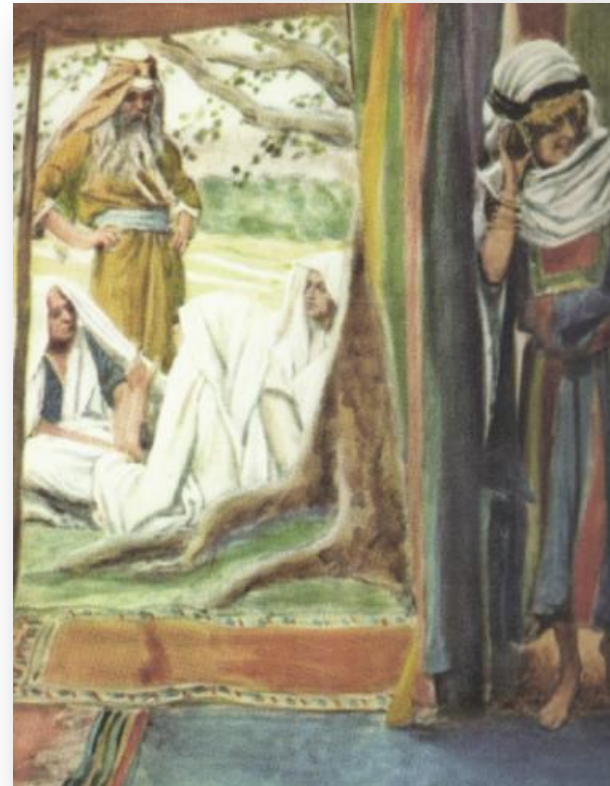
Book study.....Room #105 with Dana Snider

Contemplative & Silent Meditation-Right 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](mailto:middleburypastor@yahoo.com)  
Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



# HOLY UNEXPECTED



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 Don Anderson

Opening Prayer Don Anderson

Prelude Lorie Copeland

\*Praise music God of the Bible Insert/screen

\*Call to Worship – Responsive

As Abraham welcomed the strangers

**So God welcomes us.**

God greets us with joy

**and says, “rest here for awhile.”**

God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

**God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.**

So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

**Let us rest in this holy place**

**where there is shade and water, food and laughter.**

Written by Joanna Harader

Prayers of the People – Sharing Joys and Concerns

\*Hymn Come and See #20

Scripture lesson Genesis 18:1-15 #14

Message: Holy Unexpected Pastor Tim Sollenberger-Morphew

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

Offering Prayer – WL

Remembering Abraham and Sarah’s generous hospitality to you when You appeared to them as a stranger – And then considering your overflowing generosity to them, to their family, to ALL the families of the earth, even to us and our families, Oh God, our offerings today seem small. Yet we ask your blessing on them as a down payment on debts that we can never repay. Nevertheless, we ask that you will smile on our offerings and on us, and inspire and instruct us and make us ever more generous stewards of your many gifts. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

\*Hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness #327

\*Benediction pg #770

The blessing of the God of Sarah and of Abraham,

The blessing of the Son, born of Mary,

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who broods over us as a mother over her children, be with us all. 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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## July 21, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

- 9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Tim Sollenberger Morphew  
Worship Leader – Don Anderson  
10:20 am – Fellowship time  
10:45 am – Sunday school Class  
*Classes are listed on back of bulletin*

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

**Tuesday, 7/23, 6pm** - Faith Mission Outreach - Elkhart

**MCOB sponsored a table at the Open Table Mix-n-Mingle at Annual Conference. The full sponsorship was \$300 and donations are still welcome. You may put them in the offering plate or give to Lorie.**



### FOOD PANTRY JULY IS MCOB MONTH AT THE PANTRY.

Supplies are always needed along with items for the snack packs:

- Pudding or fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Candy bars
- Juice boxes
- Cracker packs
- Any small individually wrapped snack
- Individual oatmeal packages



**FOOD PANTRY volunteers: Please arrive by 8am**

**Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

Dana & Nelda, Lorie, Julie, Britta & Ryan, Dalis, Beth Sholly

**Ushers: Today JoAnn & Wayne  
July 28<sup>th</sup> Don M & Beth S  
August 4<sup>th</sup> Ken & Dalis**

## July 28, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

- 9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Tim Sollenberger Morphew  
Worship Leader – Don Anderson  
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

### 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.**



Your fresh flowers are a welcome addition to the foyer or sanctuary.



**AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAMP MACK GOLF OUTING  
BLACK SQUIRREL GOLF COURSE IN GOSHEN**

**For more information or to register:  
Campmack.org or call 574 658-4831  
See brochure on our bulletin board**