



# Middlebury Church of the Brethren July 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 Muhnicket

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.***

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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.



# POINTERS FOR PRAYERS

July 28, 2019

Welcome and Announcements Don Anderson
Opening Prayer Don Anderson
Prelude - Please quiet your hearts & minds Sherry Bickel
\*Praise music Longing for Light (Christ Be Our Light) Insert/screen

\*Call to Worship - Responsive from Psalm 138
I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
I give thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness... On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.
For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly.... Your steadfast love, O Lord endures forever.
All: We give you thanks, O Lord, with all our hearts; before the gods we sing your praise.

Prayers of the People - Sharing Joys and Concerns

\*Hymn The Lord's Prayer Insert

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

Offering Prayer - WL
Holy God, we turn to you in this hour of prayer. We come, minds still busy with the cares and concerns of our lives. We come to quiet our hearts, open our minds and make room for more of your Spirit in our lives; we come seeking a clearer understanding of your will, so that we may know you more clearly, follow you more nearly, and love you more dearly, day by day.
Though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Scripture lesson Luke 11:1-13 NT #72
Message: POINTERS FOR PRAYERS
Pastor Tim Sollenberger-Morphew
\*Hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus #573

BREAD & CUP COMMUNION

Prayer of Blessing



The Bread:

The bread that we break is the communion of the body of Christ



The Cup:

The cup that we bless is the communion of the love of Christ

\*Benediction in Unison
May the body and love of Christ, which alone can satisfy our hunger and quench our thirst, fill us with peace.
May God bless us tomorrow with daily manna for strength and sweet water for refreshment so that we may live with joy.

\*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 28, 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

**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

Supplies are always needed; however, these items are always especially needed: cooking oil, feminine hygiene items, diapers, toothpaste and all personal hygiene items.



**Thanks to all who volunteered their time at the food pantry**

**Ushers: Today Don M & Beth S  
August 4<sup>th</sup> Ken & Dalis  
August 11<sup>th</sup> Don A & Tom**

## August 4, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Roseanna McFadden  
Worship Leader – Lorie Copeland  
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.***



**“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.



**September 8<sup>th</sup> - Mark your calendar!!!**

**Outdoor worship to include:**

**Blessing of the backpacks**

**Blessing of and celebrating our dogs (Dog days of summer)**

**Carry in meal (turkey sandwiches provided; bring a side or dessert to share)**