



Middlebury Church of the Brethren August 25, 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 Muhlnickel

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



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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.



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.

CHRISTIAN STATUS

August 25, 2019

Welcome and Announcements Catherine Roebuck

Opening Prayer Catherine Roebuck

Prelude - *Please quiet your hearts & minds* Sherry Bickel

*Praise music *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* Insert/screen

***Call to Worship – Responsive**

When the Lord calls us to the banquet, we get puffed up with importance.
Humility needs to be our attitude; humility and gratitude.

Help us, O Lord, be grateful for the many ways in which you love us.
Help us return that love by the way in which we care for others.

Be with us, O Lord, this day.
Open our hearts to hear your words of hope and encouragement. AMEN.

*Hymn *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* Insert

Prayers of the People – Sharing Joys and Concerns
Please keep your joys and requests brief and respect the privacy of others by avoiding personal details; always ask permission of the recipient before asking for prayer for him/her or their situation.

Special Music Jill Weaver

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

Offering Prayer – WL
Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet where the last may be first, and the humble and the mighty trade places.
Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity;
let us greet strangers as angels you have sent!
Send your Spirit now so that we may find a place at your table and welcome others with radical hospitality.
In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.
Written by Rev. Christopher Ney

Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* #349

Scripture lesson Luke 14:1, 7-14 NT #77

Message: **CHRISTIAN STATUS**
Pastor Tim Sollenberger Morphew

*Hymn *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* #229

***Benediction - Responsive**
Practice humility and hospitality.
Invite the lowly to your table.
Remember the imprisoned and the tortured.
Honor your covenants.
Be content with what you have.
Love God, and walk in God's ways.
May the way we live offer praise to God, our helper and our strength.
And may God feed you with the finest wheat and the sweetest honey. 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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Classes are listed on back of bulletin
2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary
Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

Tuesday, 8/27 6pm – Faith Mission Meal & Service in Elkhart

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.

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Sep 8th Beth S & Ken**

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Blessing of and celebrating our dogs (Dog Days of summer)

Carry in meal (Grilled burgers & hotdogs provided; bring a side or dessert to share)

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