

## 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

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Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



# Middlebury Church of the Brethren September 1, 2019



# IS THERE A BURNING BUSH IN YOUR LIFE?



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.

## September 1, 2019

God calls us to free the oppressed

Welcome and Announcements Britta Graber

Opening Prayer Britta Graber

Prelude - *Please quiet your hearts & minds* Lorie Copeland

\*Praise music

\*Call to Worship – Britta and Ryan Graber

**Voice I** Blessed are you poor who have no work or too little income.

**Voice II** God has promised: yours is the kingdom of heaven.

**Voice I** Blessed are you who are hungry now.

**Voice II** God has promised: you shall be filled.

**Voice I** Blessed are you who weep over unpaid bills, the loss of a job,  
or your children's lack of opportunities.

**Voice II** God has promised: you shall be comforted, you shall laugh.

**Voice I** Blessed are you who are merciful.

**Voice II** God has promised: you shall receive mercy.

**Voice I** Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for justice.

**Voice II** God has promised: you shall be filled.

**All** The time is surely coming when God's justice and peace shall reign  
throughout the land. Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* #395

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.*

Minute for Mission – Annual Conference Summary Don Anderson

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

Offertory prayer – WL

Loving and generous God, you are the font of every blessing, the source of  
all we have. Your breath gives us life, your love gives us courage and  
strength, healing and compassion. You care for us like a loving parent and  
feed our spirits, our minds, and our bodies. We thank you for your  
abundance given freely to all. Great Teacher, write your law on our hearts:  
God's abundance is enough for all if we share. Amen

Hymn *Seek Ye First* #324

Scripture lesson Exodus 3:1-15 OT #50

Message: Is There a Burning Bush in Your Life?  
Pastor Janet Shaver

\*Hymn *You Are Salt for the Earth* #226

\*Blessing for the road:

The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you.  
You are the salt of the earth and you bring light to the world.

You are not too young or too old,  
you are not too rich or too needy  
to bring good news to the impoverished,  
to give a hand to the broken-hearted,  
and to live out freedom and pardon  
through the gifts you have been given.

So remember to pack peace in your toolbox,  
hope in your briefcase,  
love in your lunch box,  
and may integrity, honesty, and joy be your designer wear of choice.

Do not be frightened, for you are never alone.  
The God in whose image you are made  
will walk with you and guide you today, tomorrow, and every day.

\*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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Worship Leader – Britta Graber

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*Classes are listed on back of bulletin*

2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary

Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

### FOOD PANTRY

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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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