



Middlebury Church of the Brethren September 15, 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 Muhnckel

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

Adult Group Gathering

Adult Group Discussion – Room 105

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.

KOINONIA

September 15, 2019

Theme: Sharing our lives together

Welcome and Announcements Roger Copeland

Opening Prayer Roger Copeland

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

*Praise music *Ubuntu* Insert/screen

*Call to Worship – **Responsive**

Leader: We have gathered from our different places to worship here.

People: How good it is to worship together in unity!

Leader: We come from our different occupations, our diverse activities.

People: How good it is to worship together in unity!

Leader: We come as unique individuals, bound together in the love of Christ.

People: How good it is to worship together in unity!

*Hymn *Here in This Place* #6

*Greet each other in Christ's love

Prayers of the People – Sharing Joys and Concerns

Please keep your joys or concerns to approx. 30 seconds

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

Offertory prayer – WL

Teach us, Lord, the difference between the affluence of our culture and the abundance of your kingdom. Help us to rejoice in all that you give us, and to hold only lightly the goods of the world. For we pray in the name of the one who is your greatest gift. Amen.

Hymn *Sweet Hour of Prayer* #11

Scripture lesson Philemon 1:21 NT #216

Message: **KOINONIA**
Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *Bind Us Together* Insert/screen

*Blessing for the road

The way is difficult; let us help each other.

The way is joyful; let us share it

The way is Christ's, for Christ is the Way; let us follow.

The way is open before us; let us go: with the love of God, the grace of Christ and the communion of Holy Spirit. 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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FOOD PANTRY

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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 in the office.

**A NEW USHER CUPBOARD AND OFFERING TABLE
ARE NEEDED AT THE ENTRY TO THE SANCTUARY.**

**Do you have some skills you could share to help build a
new one or maybe you attend yard and estate sales?**

Please see Dalis in the office!!

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