

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

Adult Group Discussion – Room 105

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

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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.



Middlebury Church of the Brethren October 13, 2019



BAPTISM

October 13, 2019

Receiving new members and baptism

Welcome and Announcements Dalis Andrews

Opening Prayer Dalis Andrews

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

*Praise music *God of the Bible* Insert/screen

*Call to Worship (**Responsive Prayer**)

Leader: In Christ, we are made new

All: And filled with hope.

Leader: In God, we belong to a new community,

All: Discovering we are friends, sisters and brothers in Christ.

Leader: In Christ, the old ways have lost their glitter and appeal,

All: For we have turned toward the new light.

Leader: In God, we receive a new name and a new call;

All: We are God's beloved, and we carry on the ministry of love.

Leader: In Christ, we are a new creation.

All: The old is passed away, and we live as signs of grace and love.

*Hymn *Lord, I Want to Be A Christian* #444

Sharing Joys & Concerns

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

Offering prayer

New life in Christ opens our hearts, and opens our minds to a world inside ourselves and beyond ourselves. Let it be, loving God, that this new life is manifest in what we give, that new life might be possible for others. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17 NT #2

Meditation on Baptism Pastor Janet Shaver

Receiving the new members and baptism

- Words from the Candidates
- Members and Baptism vows
- Congregational Response (see screen)
While candidates prepare, sing:
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant #307
For We Are Strangers No More #322
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken #619
- Baptism
- Congregation will sing while candidates prepare to greet you in the fellowship hall
Come, Thou Fount #521
O Jesus I have Promised #447
I Sing The Mighty Power of God #46

*Hymn *For We Are Strangers No More* #322

*Benediction: (unison)

We are a chosen people, called for the purpose of being sent. Go, therefore, to shine the light of Christ into the darkness, to speak truth to falsehood, to love in the midst of hatred and to live as those who belong to another. Amen.

*Please go directly to the fellowship hall to greet our new members

*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.

October 13, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Dalis Andrews

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

Ushers: Today: Don M & Beth S
Oct 20: Ken & Dalis
Oct 27: Don A & Tom



Welcome new members:

Baptism: William Coffey and Matt Weaver

Reaffirmation: Todd Grathen and Martha Huebert

Following Worship please go directly to the fellowship hall to congratulate and celebrate the new members with cake and refreshment.

October 20, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Dalis Andrews

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

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.

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 talk to Dalis in the office before making a purchase.

REVIVE GIVE OR TAKE!!! Do you have fall decorations that you no longer want? What about jewelry or a tool that you don't need now? Please bring it in to share on the table – it could be someone else's treasure! NO CLOTHING PLEASE.