

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,
Sharon Lemmon, Beth Muhlnickel
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
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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 November 24, 2019



HARVEST TIME CALCULATIONS

November 24, 2019

Welcome and Announcements Julie Bontrager

Opening Prayer Julie Bontrager

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

*Praise music *Room at the Table* Insert/screen

*Call to Worship - **Responsive** *from Psalms 107*

O give thanks to God for all the goodness we have known? God's steadfast love lasts forever!

We come from east and west, from north and south to give God thanks and praise!

Once we were a lost people, wandering, hungry and thirsty in a desert land.

We cried to God for deliverance and we were led to a new land, rich in promise and harvest!

We give thanks for God's steadfast love!

Thanks be to God, who quenches the thirsty, fills the hungry and leads us from the wilderness to a harvest home!

*Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People* #94

Sharing your gratitude

Prayer of Gratitude

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

Offering prayer WL

Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness. We are so grateful that we can always count on you. Out of your abundance and great mercy, you have given us so much. And so we give you this offering today. With it we worship you and give our whole selves to you. Take it now and use it for your kingdom and your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence, we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* #86

Scripture Deuteronomy 26:1-11 NT #180

Message **Harvest Time Calculations** Pastor Tim Morphew

*Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #327

*Benediction – WL

Remember the Lord our God, who has given us many good gifts. Go now with the grace of God, to share God's many gifts with all the world. Take care to remember God has given us these gifts. Go now with thankful hearts. Go forth in joyous thanksgiving, living the good news of Jesus Christ every day and everywhere.

*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.

November 24, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Tim Sollenberger Morphew
Worship Leader – Julie Bontrager

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

Today – Giving thanks together with snacks during Fellowship

Ushers: Today: Beth S & Ken
Dec 1: Dalis & Don A
Dec 8: Tom & Matt



Do you have an ornament that you would like to bring to help decorate our chancel Christmas tree? On **December 1st** we will allow a time during worship to bring your ornament forward to hang on the tree. You will take your ornament home after the holidays



December 15th we will be displaying your special nativity sets. Bring your nativity to the church **by December 8th** to be part of the display. Why is your nativity special? What does it mean to you? Has it been handed down or was it a gift? Write it down and bring it to the office so it can be typed on a nice card to display with your nativity.



Time to order shirts! See table in fellowship hall for more information.

FOOD PANTRY

Supplies are always needed; however, these items are always **especially** needed: cooking oil, all personal hygiene items, and toothpaste. Also, you may donate money for milk vouchers.

December 1, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

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Worship Leader – Beth Sholly

10:20 am – Fellowship time

10:45 am – Sunday school Classes –

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November 30th – Hanging of the Greens, 10:00am – **bring a snack to share**

December 1st – Advent begins

December 6th – Little Lites Christmas program. **We can use donations of cookies and need some kitchen helpers. Please see Lorie to volunteer.**

December 8th – Congregational business meeting

 **Check the bulletin board, District Section,** to see the Holiday shopping opportunities in various churches.

 **Check the bulletin Board, Community Section,** if you are interested in the Food Pantry's Resolution Run fundraiser.



Poinsettia Order Form

**MUST HAVE ORDER
BY DECEMBER 1ST**

I want to order ___RED ___WHITE ___PINK poinsettia(s)
(\$8.00 each)

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

I want to donate \$_____ to Samaritan Fund

In Memory/Honor (please designate) of _____

Please place order and money in Church office box

