

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.

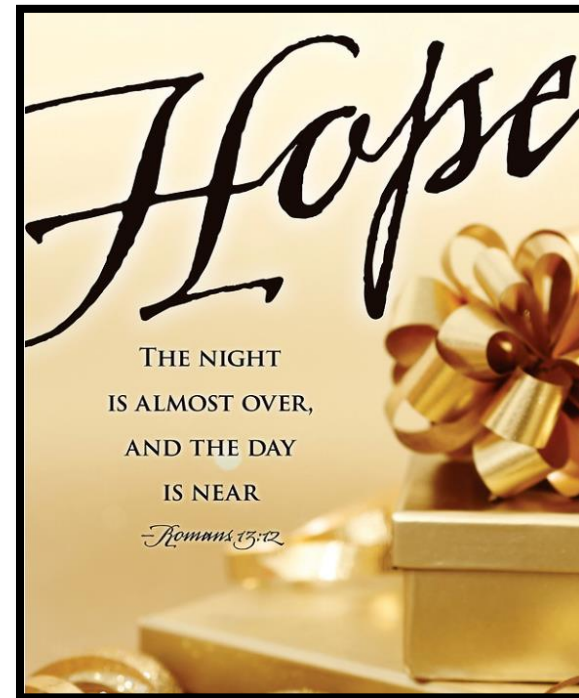
Pastoral Minister – Janet Shaver; cell 574-214-6741
e-mail: middleburypastor@yahoo.com
Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



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.



Middlebury Church of the Brethren December 1, 2019



HOPE: A PRINCE OF PEACE

December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Beth Sholly

Prelude - *Please quiet your hearts & minds*

Sherry Bickel

Advent Candle Lighting - Hope

Bev Short & Todd Grathen

Bev: O God, we light the first candle of Advent. The candle of hope

(Todd lights the first candle while the reader reads this line)

We kindle it with hope. We long for the world to stream to your mountaintop in compassion, justice and peace. O God, Renew your presence with and within us.

The prophet Isaiah cried out." Let us walk in God's light". We will walk in hope with our God who fulfills her promises. This Advent, we call out to you, O God, renew your presence with and within us.

All People: Mighty God, creator of the world, let your light transform us from all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your shalom.

People (sing): Emmanuel (handout)

Emanuel, Emanuel

His name is called Emmanuel

God with us, Revealed in us

His Name is called Emmanuel

*Praise music

Longing for Light

Insert/screen

*Call to Worship – **Responsive**

based on Psalm 122 & Isaiah 2

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord!

All: We come, great God, to give thanks and praise Your blessed name!

Leader: This is where You teach us Your ways, that we may walk in Your paths.

One: This is where Your word is heard and acted upon; so that instruments of war are turned into tools of production;

Leader: and nation shall not lift up arms against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

All: We wait before You, o righteous Judge. Grant us a vision of Your holiness. Show us Your way of peace! Amen!

*Hymn

To Us a Child of Hope is Born

#189

While you bring your ornament forward to hang on the tree

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

Offering prayer WL

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope. And we give in hope. Hope for your coming reign; hope because of your presence with us even now. Receive these generous offerings, and use them for your work of healing and hope in our world. Amen.

Hymn

Doxology vs A

#119

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

OT #631

Message

Hope: a Prince of Peace

Pastor Tim Morpew

*Hymn

What Child is This

#215

*Benediction – WL

Go into this week, filled with the peace of God, nourished by the life of Jesus Christ, stimulated by the insight of the Holy Spirit (laidlaw)

*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.

December 1, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

Advent begins today with HOPE

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Tim Sollenberger Morphew

Worship Leader – Beth Sholly

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 – Advent begins with HOPE

Ushers: Today: Don A & Tom
Dec 8: Matt & Beth M
Dec 15: JoAnn & William

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



Little Lites Fundraiser – Caramel candies. Deadline December 6th.
Order blank on table in fellowship hall.



TODAY IS THE DEADLINE 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 8, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

Week 2 of Advent - PEACE

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver

Worship Leader – Beth Sholly

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

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



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.



Poinsettia Order Form

**DEADLINE
TODAY**

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