

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

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.

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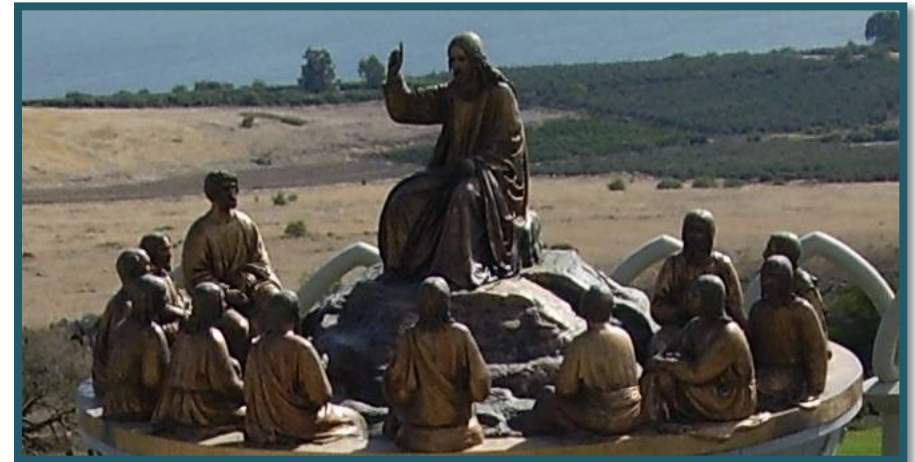
Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



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 February 2, 2020



LIVE “DIFFERENT”

February 2, 2020

Theme: Making the world a better place

Welcome and Announcements Catherine Roebuck

Opening prayer Catherine Roebuck

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

*Praise music *Come to the Table* Handout/Screen

*Call to Worship: **Responsive**

Happy are we

when our treasures cannot be quantified.

Happy are we

when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

Happy are we

when our pain is held in the balm of love.

Happy are we

when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

*Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* Handout/screen

*Greet each other in Christ's love

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

Offering prayer WL

Source of life, receive the gifts we offer; and let all our service, inspired by the Breath of life give you glory and praise; in the name of the Word of life. Amen.

Hymn Video: *Blest Are They* by David Haas Screen

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12 NT #4

Message **Live "Different"** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn They Will Know We Are Christians Handout/screen

*Blessing for the Road – WL

God's people! You pray each week for the kingdom of God to come. Go forth in the sure knowledge that the kingdom of God comes through you. Live like it does. 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.

February 2, 2020 Activities/ Announcement

- 9:30 am** – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Catherine Roebuck
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

Ushers: Today: Ken & Dalis
Feb 9: Don A & Tom
Feb 16: Matt & Beth M



In your mailboxes you will find a **corrected** birthday list of everyone in our congregation. One person in your birthday month has been or will be asked to chair your group. They are as follows:

January – Tammy	July – Mark R
February – Julie & Jerry	August – Renee
March – Martha	September – Beth Sholly
April – Julie	October – Jill & Beth
May – Sheila Poyser	November – Janet
June – Keri	December – Dalis

These people aren't necessarily decorating but coordinating - they need your help. Please volunteer if you would like to help

On **February 23rd** at 11:45 we are having a **Birthday Celebration** with a carry-in; your birthday month group will be responsible to decorate a table representative of something your month is known for, ie: a school or fall theme for September, Halloween for October, St Patrick's items for March, etc. Following the carry-in meal (with birthday cake and ice cream) we will play games until 4pm; there will be corn hole, bocce ball, board games, croquet, card games, etc. You may bring a game you love to play and you may move around to play various games. Invite your friends to join us and RSVP if possible. More to follow – we hope you will all come!

“Holy Envy” Book Study group will meet on Sunday, March 29th at 11:45 at Steve & Sheila Poyser's house. This will include a carry-in meal followed by discussion of the book. The paperback of this book will be available in March, with hardcover and Kindle available now. Please see Renee if you have more questions.

If you can't be at church worship and would like to have a bulletin emailed to you for the livestreamed service please let Dalis know in the office.

February 9, 2020 Activities/Announcements

Birthday Sunday

- 9:30 am** – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Catherine Roebuck
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
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YOU ARE INVITED TO A FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION!

In celebration of the Lenten season, Pastors Byrl and Janet will be serving pancakes and eggs to the church from 11:30-1:00 on Fat Tuesday, February 25th.

We would like to serve pancakes to the daycare staff and children. However, we need your help. We would need some extra griddles and pancake flippers (the human ones) to help around 10:00 that morning. The daycare staff and children eat lunch at 11. Please see Pastor Janet if you can lend a hand.



RECYCLES!! At the end of the mailboxes (near the office door) is a box with a slot for recycles. Please feel free to recycle your bulletins (NOT the music handouts) and other church papers that you have finished using.

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.

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