

## 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.***

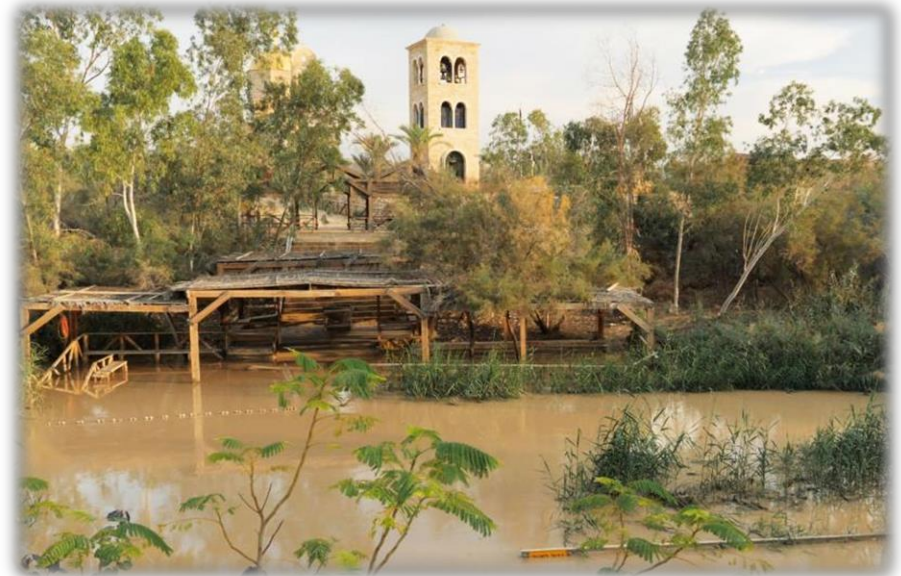
Pastoral Minister – Janet Shaver; cell 574-214-6741  
e-mail: [middleburypastor@yahoo.com](mailto:middleburypastor@yahoo.com)  
Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



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 January 12, 2020



# OUR MESSY LIVES

**January 12, 2020**

**Theme: Jesus calls us out of our messy lives**

Welcome and Announcements Mark Roebuck

Opening prayer Mark Roebuck

Prelude - *Please quiet your hearts & minds*

\*Praise music *10,000 Reasons* Handout/Screen

\*Call to Worship:

Leader: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

**People:** Jesus emerges from the water.

Leader: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

**People:** "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Leader: Jesus is named. Claimed.

**People:** We come to the water. We remember we are named.

Claimed.

Leader: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

**ALL: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.**

\*Hymn *O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic* #112

Anointing of leadership

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

Offering prayer WL

Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. With the energy bestowed by the Spirit, we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for your way. Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring as a blessing to you. Amen

Scripture Matthew 3:13-17 NT #3

Message **Our Messy Lives** Pastor Janet Shaver

\*Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #327

\*Blessing for the Road - WL

God has called us by name, inviting us into new holy living in Jesus Christ. We are a people of faith and of calling. We have been baptized in Christ and now we are to share and live the Good News in all the world. Go now from here with Christ. Go into the world to live with Christ. 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.**

## **January 12, 2020 Activities/ Announcement**

**9:30 am** – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver  
Worship Leader – Mark 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

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| <b>Ushers: Today: Matt &amp; Beth M</b> |
| <b>Jan 19: JoAnn &amp; William</b>      |
| <b>Jan 26: Don M &amp; Beth S</b>       |



**Today** - Anointing new leaders

**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm** – Women in Community at Bev Short's house.

### **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.

## **January 19, 2020 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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>** – Celebrating Martin Luther King Day



**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.