

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
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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 January 26, 2020



Ask Us About Our Religion

January 26, 2020

Theme: Inviting people into a life with God

Welcome and Announcements Dalis Andrews

Opening prayer Dalis Andrews

Prelude - *Please quiet your hearts & minds* Sherry Bickel

*Praise music *Ubuntu* Handout/Screen

*Call us to Worship:

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus person is.

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come with open hearts to experience Jesus.

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come to deepen our relationship with God.

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

ALL: Yes, Lord we come to follow you!

*Hymn *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* #229

Sharing Joys & Concerns

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

Offering prayer WL

All we have is a gift from your hand. Help us loosen our hands, giving to the work of this church on your behalf, for in giving freely to you, we gain the opportunity to live abundant lives!

Hymn *See Ye First The Kingdom of God* #324

Scripture John 1:29-42 NT #92

Message **Ask Us About Our Religion** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* #307

*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 26, 2020 Activities/ Announcement

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

<p>Ushers: Today: Don M & Beth S Feb 2: Ken & Dalis Feb 9: Don A & Tom</p>



In your mailboxes you will find a birthday list of everyone in our congregation. One person in your birthday month will be asked to chair your group.

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 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; 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 arrive at 1pm and join the fun until 4pm. More to follow – we hope you will all come!

“**Holy Envy**” **Book Study** group will meet on Sunday, March 29th 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.

February 2, 2020 Activities/ Announcements

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

10:20 am – Fellowship time

10:45 am – Sunday school classes –
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2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary
Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented



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 25.

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.