

## 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 5, 2020



## A BATHROOM EPIPHANY

**January 5, 2020**

**Theme: Expecting God to reveal God's self to us**

Welcome and Announcements Mark Roebuck

Opening prayer Mark Roebuck  
Prelude - *Please quiet your hearts & minds*

\*Praise music *Som' landela (We Will Follow)* Handout/Screen

\*Call to Worship:

**Leader:** People of God, arise, shine, for your light has come!  
The light of Christ has come into the world.  
Immanuel. God with us.

**Men:** So arise; shine, for your light has come!  
And we will follow the light—  
when it shines brightly in the night sky  
when it glows dimly on the horizon.

**Women:** We will follow the light—  
when it leads down familiar paths to expected destinations  
when the road is unfamiliar and the star rests above a dubious-looking home.  
We will lift up our eyes and look around.  
And when we see the Christ child may our hearts be overwhelmed with joy.

**ALL:** When we are in the presence of Immanuel may our knees  
bend in worship.  
When our journey brings us, finally, to the heart of God.  
May our hands open in generous sharing.  
May our mouths open in generous praise.

\*Hymn *We Three Kings* Handout/screen

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

Offering prayer WL

God of light and hope, we bring our gifts to further your work and ministry of love in all the world. May our gifts bring light and new opportunities to all. May our gifts and our lives bring great light into the pains and sorrows of the world. In the name of Jesus. Amen

Hymn *Tis' The Gift to be Simple* Handout/screen

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 NT #2

Message **A Bathroom Epiphany** Pastor Janet Shaver

\*Hymn *New Earth, Heavens New* #299

\*Blessing for the Road - WL

Light has broken into our world of darkness. Open up your eyes and your hearts and go forth into the world renewed and filled with confidence on God's new tomorrow. 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 5, 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

**Ushers: Today: Don A & Tom**  
**Jan 12: Matt & Beth M**  
**Jan 19: JoAnn & William**



**TAKING DOWN THE GREENS – TODAY** immediately following  
Sunday school. The more the merrier!!!



**Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** – In celebration of New Year and “Old Christmas” (an Amish name for Three Kings Day), Martha is inviting friends and neighbors over for a cup of coffee and snacks. Drop in if you can, between 2 and 6 pm.

**Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm** – Board meeting

### **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.

*Happy  
New Year*

## January 12, 2020 Activities/ Announcements

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



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>** - Anointing new leaders

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29<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.