

## 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

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***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 16, 2020



# LIVING FROM THE INSIDE OUT

**February 16, 2020**  
**Theme: Living in relationships**

Welcome and Announcements Don Anderson

Opening prayer Don Anderson

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

\*Praise music *A New Hallelujah* Handout/Screen

\*Call to Worship: **Responsive**

**Leader:** We would be perfectly happy if our path were faultless, if we were always in step with God.

**People:** This is my commandment: That you love one another.

**Leader:** God, has given us commandments that we may live as effectively as possible. With our eyes fixed on doing the right thing, we shall never be put to shame.

**People:** You are to love one another in the same way as I have loved you.

**ALL:** O Lord, touch our lips with your saving grace, that our lives may declare your praise!

\*Hymn *Come Let Us All Unite to Sing* #12

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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

Offering prayer WL

Generous God, we offer our gifts and our lives; may the spirit in which they are given allow them to free rather than bind, to heal rather than wound, and to serve the reign of the Lord of Life. Amen.

Hymn *Spirit Song* Handout/screen

Scripture Matthew 5:21-37 NT #4

Message **Living From The Inside Out** Pastor  
Janet Shaver

\*Hymn *For We Are Strangers No More* #322

\*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.**

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Worship Leader – Don Anderson

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:</b> | <b>Today: Matt &amp; Beth M</b>    |
|                | <b>Feb 23: JoAnn &amp; William</b> |
|                | <b>Mar 1: Don M &amp; Beth S</b>   |



## **NEXT SUNDAY - come one! come all!**

**If you haven't heard from your head person in your birthday month please contact them to ask how you can help.** They are as follows:

January – Tammy

February – Julie, Jill & Dalton

March – Martha

April – Julie

May – Sheila Poyser

June – Keri

July – Mark R

August – Renee

September – Beth Sholly

October – Jill & Beth

November – Janet

December – Dalis

**These people aren't necessarily decorating – they are coordinating - and they need your help decorate your table.**

On **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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: 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. Your friends can sit at your table to eat.**

More to follow – we hope you will all come!

“**Holy Envy**” **Book Study** group will meet on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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 ahead of time.

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**Adult Sunday school** on 2/23 is a discussion led by Ron Adams called “The Path to Point One; A calming journey in chaotic times.” Ron was a former member in our church.



### **YOU ARE INVITED TO A FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION!**

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

We will 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.



**ORDER FORMS for Hoodies, vests and fleece jackets** are on the table inside the fellowship hall. Be aware that there are color limitations on the items. The embroidered logo will be in white unless you order white clothing, in which case the embroidery will be black. **Order deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>**.