

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 February 9, 2020



INFLUENCERS & CHANGEMAKERS

February 9, 2020
Theme: Jesus made simple

Welcome and Announcements Catherine Roebuck

Opening prayer Catherine Roebuck

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

*Praise music *Blest Are They* Screen

*Call to Worship: **Responsive**

Leader: In a world that is always asking us to become something, someone, some success story,

People: In this place we say: don't become, be who we already are.

Leader: Don't become light – be the light you already are

People: This is what God anciently placed in us.

Leader: Don't become salt – be the salt you already are

People: It is in this way we are known to God.

Leader: For from these elements: Salt and Light,

People: God uniquely crafted us.

ALL: Don't become anything – be who you are, and discover the one who loves us in our be-ing.

*Hymn *You Are Salt For the Earth* #226

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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

Offering prayer WL

Thank you, extravagant God, for your blessings in our lives. We offer ourselves in grateful response, seeking to live with such compassion toward others that your blessings will flow through us to bless our community and our world. For the sake of Christ Jesus we pray.
Amen.

Hymn *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord* #76

Scripture Matthew 5:13-20 NT #4

Message **Influencers and Changemakers**
Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *This Little Light of Mine* Handout/screen

*Blessing for the Road – WL

The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you.

You are the salt of the earth and you bring light to the world.

You are not too young or too old, you are not too rich or too needy to bring good news to the impoverished, to give a hand to the broken-hearted, and to live out freedom and pardon through the gifts you have been given.

Do not be frightened, for you are never alone.

The God in whose image you are made will walk with you and guide you today, tomorrow, and every day.

*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 9, 2020 Activities/ Announcement

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
Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

Ushers: Today: Don A & Tom
Feb 16: Matt & Beth M
Feb 23: JoAnn & William



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	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 – they are coordinating - and they need your help decorate your table.

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: 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.

February 16, 2020 Activities/Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Don Anderson
10:20 am – Fellowship time
10:45 am – Sunday school classes –
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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 Janet and Byrl 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.

Marj Miller's new address: 121 Montgomery Ave., Apt. 314, Staunton, VA 24401
Her cell phone is 540 430-9036

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.