

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.

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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 23, 2020



HOLY MOMENTS

February 23, 2020

Theme: The presence of the holy changes us

Welcome and Announcements Don Anderson

Opening prayer Don Anderson

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

*Praise music *A New Hallelujah* Handout

*Call to Worship: **Responsive**

LEADER: The mountain top, the shining face, the glowing clothes, the voice of God speaking from the cloud, the commandments etched in stone.

PEOPLE: Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny, in a place we can go, a light we can see, a voice we can hear, a stone we can touch.

LEADER: Sometimes there is the veil, the overshadowing, terrifying cloud, the questions, the appearing and disappearing, the excitement, the wondering, the silence.

PEOPLE: Sometimes God shows up in ways we cannot deny.

ALL: Always God shows up somehow. So we have shown up here, now. May God give us eyes to see.

*Hymn *Here In This Place* #6

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

Offering prayer WL

Give away yourself and your resources, so you can grow.
Give away your beauty and your energy, so your neighbor can grow.
Give away your love and hope, so that this church can grow.
Give, as you have been given.

Hymn *Holy As A Day Is Spent* Handout/screen

Scripture Matthew 17:1-9 NT #18

Message **Holy Moments** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *May The Lord, Mighty God* #435

*Blessing for the Road – WL

The time has come to depart this holy place.
Be not afraid. The Spirit of the Living God goes ahead of you, with you, guiding you.
May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look kindly upon you and give you peace.

*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 23, 2020 Activities/ Announcement

BIRTHDAY AND GAME DAY!!

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Don Anderson

10:20 am – Fellowship time

10:45 am – Sunday school classes -
Classes are listed on back of bulletin

Today - Adult Sunday school is a discussion led by Ron Adams called “The Path to Point One; A calming journey in chaotic times.” Ron was a former member of our church.

2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary
Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented

Ushers:	Today: JoAnn & William
	Mar 1: Don M & Beth S
	Mar 8: Ken & Dalis



TODAY - come one! come all! Everyone is welcome to join our carry-in birthday party and game day!! Don't worry if you didn't bring a dish – WE HAVE PLENTY!



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 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.

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, if possible. Or send an email on Sunday morning.

March 1, 2020 Activities/Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Julie Bontrager

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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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 1st**.

“**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.



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.