

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.

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 March 1, 2020



SCRIPTED

March 1, 2020
Theme: Good versus evil

Welcome and Announcements Julie Bontrager

Opening prayer Julie Bontrager

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

*Praise music *In The Eye of the Storm* Handout

*Candle Liturgy – Worship leader and Jacob Cripe

Unison Prayer: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

*Responsive Singing *Healer of Our Every Ill* #377

Sharing Joys & concerns

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

Offering prayer WL

We rejoice that we are able to love, O God, because you first loved us. May these gifts be used by your church as agents of your love, compassion and justice that we might provide for our neighbors' needs with more than bread alone. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11 NT #3

Message **Scripted** Pastor Janet Shaver

Blessing of the Vision Board

*Hymn *Take My Life* #389

*Blessing for the Road – WL
May the Holy Spirit fill us with your water of life,
so that even as we walk through the desert we might know the Spirit
is our refreshment and share it with those around us.
Lead us, as you led Jesus, on a journey to new life.

*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.**

March 1, 2020 Activities/ Announcement

First Sunday of Lent

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

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 M & Beth S
Mar 8: Ken & Dalis
Mar 15: Don A & Tom



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 Today -March 1st.**

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 or text on Sunday morning.

March 8, 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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“**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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

March 1, 2020

Please notify Dalis Andrews in the church office if you would like to add a prayer request, share a joy, or if something should be removed.

- For Dixie Weaver, Jill's mom, praise and deep gratitude for your prayers; also for a good PETscan report. Guidance and support for upcoming decisions about chemo therapy and for energy and strength
- Lyle Scifres, Dixie's "little brother", joy and gratitude for his move to a wonderful care facility in Ft Wayne. Prayers for him to build strength and a renewed enthusiasm for life.
- Prayers for Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmiller as they travel in Australia ^{2/9}
- Marj Miller is at home now and doing well. Her address is: 121 Montgomery Ave., Apt. 314, Staunton, VA 24401 Her cell phone is 540 430-9036 ^{2/9}
- Martha's sister, Elsie, while she transitions into her assisted living home ^{2/2}
- Prayers for the safety of Christians from Islamic extremists Boko Haram in Nigeria ^{2/2}
- Betty Hydorn in the loss of her sister, Wanda Saltzman, who passed away on Thursday, 1/23 ^{1/26}
- John Saltzman, brother of Betty Hydorn, who is ill with cancer ^{12/15}
- Sharon Lemmon for recovery from surgery and healing of her feet ^{1/26}
- Bill Wagner, Martha Huebert's brother, whose myelodysplasia syndrome (MDS) is progressively worsening. He is content and they are keeping him comfortable ^{2/2}
- Emilie Boggs, niece of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmiller, for her transition when released from incarceration in March ^{1/26}
- Mike Byrd for declining health^{8/25}
- Gretchen, Dalton and Andy Showalter
- Eleanor Hawkins for leg pain
- Carla Hawkins, daughter of Bill Hawkins and Eleanor Hawkins, for her infusion treatments
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- Little Lites Daycare
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