

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 4 and under meet in Room 204- the Ark room

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 15, 2020



REFRESHING

March 15, 2020

Theme: Jesus and the Dignity of Women

Welcome and Announcements Renee Black

Special Announcement

Opening prayer Renee Black

Prelude - *Please quiet your hearts & minds* Yvonne Riege

*Praise music *10,000 Reasons* Handout/screen

Candle Liturgy – Unison Prayer

Draw us together in your love, O God. May our restless hearts not resist you, but continue to search until they find their rest in you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Responsive Singing *Healer of Our Every Ill* vs 1 #377

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

Offering prayer WL

Source of life, may the works of our hands bring you honor. May the life we live reflect the risen Word of life. May the service we offer be inspired by the Breath of life. Amen.

Prayer Response Yvonne Riege

Readers' Theatre John 4: 4-42
WL, Sherry and Ethan Bickel

Message **Refreshing** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn *New Earth, Heavens New* #299

*Blessing for the Road – WL

Go now from this service of worship to the service of God's people near and far, refreshed by the living water that Jesus offers to you. Listen for the parched voices of the least of these; search out the dry places and the arid souls, and become for them a spring of living water. And as you go, may the blessings of the God of life, the Christ of love, and the Spirit of grace be upon you this day and forevermore. 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.

March 15, 2020 Activities/ Announcement

Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Renee Black

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
Mar 22: Matt & Beth M
Mar 29: JoAnn & William

Today - Yvonne Riege is providing the prelude and offertory response as a percussionist. Read her bio on the bulletin insert.

Today – One Great Hour of Sharing offering

Thursday, March 19th, 9:30am – Worship team meeting

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.

APOLOGIES for not including the cost of the Easter flowers!
They are \$9.00 each.

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.

March 22, 2020 Activities/Announcements

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Renee Black

10:20 am – Fellowship time

10:45 am – Sunday school classes –
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Saturday, March 28th, 3pm and 6pm – Project Promise will be performing the Passion Play in our sanctuary. Admission is free with love donations welcome.

“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 should be available now. Please see Renee if you have more questions.

Sunday, March 29th – Fifth Sunday – **you are welcome to wear your logo shirt** – any “appropriate” logo shirt is welcome.



Also Magic Penny day

LOGO HOODIES & VESTS should arrive by Thursday, March 26th will be available for pick up on Friday during the day or prior to church on Sunday, March 29th



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.