

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.

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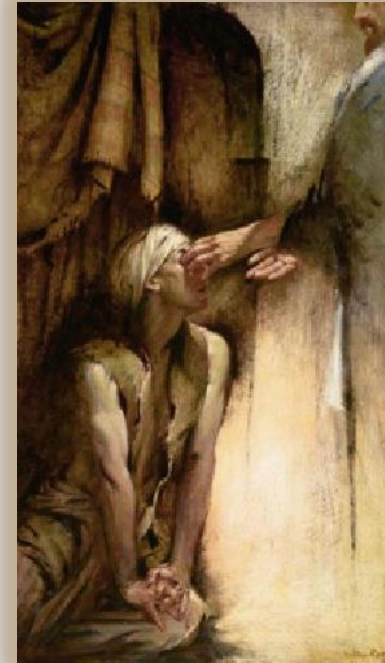
Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



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 22, 2020



Faith in God, Faith in Each Other

March 22, 2020

Theme: The grace that goes before us

Welcome and Announcements

Opening prayer

Scripture Psalm 23

Prelude

Message **Faith in God, Faith in Humanity** Pastor Janet Shaver

Opening song *Longing for Light* Screen

*Hymn *Psalm 23-The Lord is My Shepherd* (video with words)

*You are invited to send your offering in or dropping it off at the church.
Please call ahead to make sure someone is available to receive it.*

*Blessing for the Road – WL

As we depart from this place, may our eyes be illuminated, may we flee from all darkness and may our lives reflect the light of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Go in peace.

Offering prayer WL

As we dedicate our gifts to you, O God, we come to an awareness of the tasks set before us to bring peace to our relationships and peace to our world. Give us strength to be the one to offer the words of comfort. Let our hearts be so full of love that we can love those who know no love. Open our eyes that we may fully see the abundance that is ours as well as the poverty of the world around us. Embolden us to give freely so that others might know what freedom looks like. With gratitude for all that we have and all that we are, we offer our gifts and ourselves to you. Amen.

*Postlude

Joys & Concerns (please let Pastor Janet know before Sunday if you don't mind sharing online)

Music *Gentle Shepherd* Screen

Prayer Response

March 22, 2020 Activities/ Announcement
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Live Worship has been canceled

TO ACCESS OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICE go to mcob.org, bottom left of page where you will click on YouTube. It doesn't go live until Mark activates it, so if it isn't there immediately, give it a few minutes.

During our time of closure the bulletin will be sent to everyone by email on Thursdays. Music during the livestream will be on the screen. If you know of someone who would like a hardcopy of the bulletin, please contact the church office – there will be bulletins available on the table outside the office.

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 29, 2020 Activities/Announcements
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Live Worship has been canceled

Project Promise postponed the Passion play. They will announce a new date later.

“Holy Envy” Book Study group scheduled for Sunday, March 29th has been postponed. A new date will be selected later.

Our mailboxes have become messy looking with name labels completely varied and boxes scattered and out of order. When you return from our break, please make sure that you are taking mail out of the box with your name on it.

In addition, on the far right each commission now has a box of its own. We are doing this in an attempt to keep storage in unmarked boxes at a minimum.

JOYS AND CONCERNS
March 22, 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.

- Joy for JoAnn & Ken Abbott whose grandson was born on Friday, March 13th. His name is Lucas William Weber, 7#1oz, born to Alison & John Weber.
- Bev Mauck is at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange, Room 18
- For the new Camp Mack Steering Committee ^{3/8}
- 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
- Jill Weaver's uncle Lyle Scifres, who has had a slight stroke and has transitioned to a feeding tube ^{3/8}
- John Saltzman, brother of Betty Hydorn, who is ill with cancer ^{12/15}
- 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, who is in a Lutheran Home for rehab and is in the process to reinstate custody of her daughter ^{3/8}
- 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
- Our peaceful existence in the world
- Little Lites Daycare
- Middlebury Church of the Brethren in Community
- EYN Nigerian COB healing and restoration