

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

Children under 9 yrs

Children 10 yrs and

**TEMPORARILY
CANCELED**

/ Keri Anderson,
Sharon Lemmon
Catherine Roebuck

Adult Group Gathering

Adult Group Discussion – 11:00 a.m. following Worship on ZOOM + Board Room
International Lesson

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 August 23, 2020



SUNDAY JESUS

August 23, 2020

Theme: A question lived

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Response *Som'landela (We Will Follow)* Screen
Sing The Story hymnal

Opening prayer

Scripture Matthew 16:13-20 NT #18

Prelude *Quien decen que soy you (Who Do You Say That I am?)*
From *Sing The Story* hymnal

Song *First Born of Mary*
Sing The Story hymnal Listen

Opening song *This Good Day* Screen

Message **Sunday Jesus** Pastor Janet Shaver

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

Hymn *Guide My Feet*
YouTube Screen

Offering prayer

Generous God, all we have is a gift from your hand. Help us loosen our hands, giving to the work of this church on your behalf, for in giving freely to you, we gain the opportunity to live abundant lives! May it be so! Amen!

Blessing for the Road:

Let your lives witness to Christ's love.
Let your words bring reconciliation.
Let your thoughts be of peace.
Let your touch bring healing.
Let your actions count for justice.
Be a sign of hope and a beacon of joy.
Go and may God's blessing go with you.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Postlude

August 23, 2020 Announcements

TO ACCESS OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICE go to mcob.org, bottom left of page where you will click on YouTube. Toward the top, click on "Live." It doesn't go live until Mark activates it, so if it isn't there immediately, leave the page and try again.

Julie Bontrager is teaching the international lesson each Sunday at 11:00 am. As usual, you have been sent the Zoom invitation. Also as usual, you will **actually be seeing each other.**



ANNOUNCEMENT: You are invited to join the weekly **Tuesday Zoom discussion** from 10:30am – 11:30am. The host will pose a question and all can join in to discuss your answers. Next meeting is Tuesday, August 25th and Sheila will be hosting. The topic: *What are your past or present favorite hobbies or interests?*

FOOD PANTRY - Supplies are always being collected; however, these items are always especially needed: cooking oil, all personal hygiene items, and toothpaste. Also, you may donate money for milk vouchers. Bring your donations to the church.

September/October The Upper Room devotionals are in and you are welcome to stop in to pick up yours. The other option now is to receive it online. Go to: <https://www.upperroom.org>, go to bottom section and find *The Upper Room* daily devotional.

All women are invited to coffee in the park on Thursday mornings at 9:30. Bring your own drink and chair and meet in front of the quilt garden at Krider Park. The setting is casual as will be the conversation.

All men are invited to coffee and conversation in the corncrib at the Poyser Farm on Wednesday, August 26th at 1:00 pm. Bring your own drink. Chairs are provided. Call Steve Poyser with questions – 574 215-2158

Camp Mack updates about activities will be emailed to you whenever the office receives them. You have been sent an email announcing the cancelation of the Fall Festival.

Carmon Cripe can receive visitors at Courtyard if you sit outside his window – Room #327 - and call his room phone 574 538-3462 so you can see each other while you chat. His room number and telephone number are both on the outside of his window, which is to the right of the dumpster. He welcomes visitors.

Tyler Roebuck's new address: 1407 Hunt St., Richmond, IN 47374

JOYS AND CONCERNS

August 23, 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.

- **Sharon Davidson** is recovering at home from a heart attack
- **Hanna Rhoads**, who is going through transitions with her nursing care
- **Carol Stoner**, daughter of Bill Hawkins and Eleanor Hawkins, recovering from colon surgery on August 14th
- **Sharon Lemmon** is recovering from toe surgery; Joe also has health issues and care for both of them is a challenge
- Prayers for **Carm Cripe and his family**. He had an auto accident and has suffered a broken clavicle, cuts and bruises. He is at Courtyard in Goshen. **Cards for Carm** should go to 14052 Claire Lane, Middlebury 46540
- **Marj Miller**, who lives in Staunton VA has shingles in her eye; she continues with cancer treatments. Additionally, please pray that she finds a church she likes
- **Gary Black** has been diagnosed with rectal cancer; on Wednesday they found that the cancer has spread into the muscle wall surrounding rectum. Surgery is no longer an option. He started radiation and chemo on Thursday, 8/20. Gary asks for prayer for ongoing treatments.
- For **Dixie Weaver**, who has chosen to stop chemo therapy. Her wish is for prayers of gratitude for all her blessings. She has stated that quality over quantity is most important to her and she asks that prayers of support contain joy and love.
- **Sophia Bendes**, 4½ yr old granddaughter of Pastor Mark Bendes from Yellow Creek CoB, lost her battle with cancer on Saturday, July 18th. Please keep the Bendes family close in prayer.
- For all **health care workers** and prayers for the end of the Coronavirus
- **Bill Wagner**, Martha Huebert's brother, whose myelodysplasia syndrome (MDS) is progressively worsening. He continues to need transfusions; however, there is a shortage of blood at this time.
- **Emilie Boggs**, niece of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmiller, who is out of rehab and continuing the process to reinstate custody of her daughter

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- Mike Byrd for declining health^{18/25}
- Andy, Dalton and Gretchen 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