

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 + Office
Wired Word 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.



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LET'S TALK

September 13, 2020
Theme: Reconciling our differences

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Response *O Lord Hear My Prayer* - Taize
YouTube

Opening prayer

Scripture Matthew 18:15-20 NT #20

Prelude *Be Still My Soul*
Thomas-Cumberland Choir

Message **Let's Talk** Pastor Janet Shaver

Opening song *Come to the Table* Sidewalk Prophets

Hymn *Bind Us Together*
YouTube Screen

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.

Blessing for the Road:

Go out in love, reconciled to one another in Christ.
Show your heart light.
Live like you are in love with the world.

Offering prayer

Gracious God, you have blessed us so that we may bless others. Use these gifts of our lives and our pockets, we pray, to feed, clothe and house our neighbors; to give hope and healing to those sick in body, mind, soul or spirit; and to bear witness to Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

And may God bless you with new friends and richer relationships. May you be reminded of the Christ Spirit within you to embrace them.

And may the Holy Spirit help you keep them.
We go in peace to love and to serve God in the service to each other.
May it be so.

Joys and Concerns

Postlude

Pastoral Prayer

September 13, 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.

Today at 11:00 am - Wired Word with Beth Sholly - also on Zoom. You have received a new invitation with updated ID and password for WW.

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, September 15th and Steve will be hosting. The topic: *Mystery question – prepare to be surprised!*

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 Krider park by the quilt garden, or the Poyser corncrib, on Thursday mornings at 9:30. Bring your own drink and chair if meeting at Krider Park. The setting is casual as will be the conversation. Call Julie if you have questions about the meet-up location.

All men are invited to coffee and conversation in the corncrib at the Poyser Farm on Wednesdays, 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 the [September Camp Mack Newsletter](#) that includes classes and events.

Carmon Cripe can receive visitors at Courtyard if you sit outside his window – Room 320 Dogwood, 2400 College Ave, Goshen - and call his room phone 574 538-3455 so you can see each other while you chat. His room number and telephone number are both on the outside of his window. He welcomes visitors.



Carmon's 87th birthday is on Wednesday, September 23rd. Since he loves getting cards, Beth M is asking for a card shower for him.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

September 13, 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.

- **Jill Weaver & Beth Snider** in the loss of Jill's mother, Dixie Weaver on Sunday, 9/6.
- **Beth Snider** as she recuperates from a hip replacement
- **Elsie**, Martha's sister, who will be transitioning to a new healthcare facility
- **Tom Miller** will be having minor surgery on 9/15
- **Lauren Huebert**, Martha's daughter-in-law, recovering from cervical spine surgery for a ruptured disk
- **Sharon Davidson** thanks everyone for the recent cards and prayers; she is doing fine and will continue to pay close attention to her blood pressure.
- **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
- **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; he started radiation and chemo on Thursday, 8/20. Gary asks for prayer during his ongoing treatments.
- 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 Weyhmler, who is out of rehab and continuing the process to reinstate custody of her daughter
- Mike Byrd for declining health^{8/25}
- 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