

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.



Middlebury Church of the Brethren September 27, 2020



Celebrating Milestones

September 27, 2020

**Theme: Ginny & Gordy Mocks's 65th Wedding Anniversary
and Gordy's 90th Birthday**

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Response *Blessed Assurance*
performed by John Berry

Opening prayer

Words spoken from Ginny and Gordy

Prelude *Softly and Tenderly* performed by Alan Jackson

Scripture Joshua 4: 1-3, 6-7, 9 OT #196

Hymn *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*
at Calvary Church

Response *Move in our Midst*
Jacob Crouse, Arlington Church of the Brethren

Worlds of Love for Ginny and Gordy

Message **Celebrating Milestones** 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 *In The Bulb There is a Flower* Screen
performed by Jenni Wright

Offering prayer

Gracious Spirit, you have showered us with your gifts, and we embrace you with thanksgiving. May our embrace be arms wide open, ready to share, to serve and to love. Use our spiritual gifts that we may live the spiritual life, moving according to the Spirit's heated touch and bending in the direction of God's holy will.

Blessing for the Road:

We leave this celebration, enriched by our time with our friends.
We are grateful for our memories and the joy they bring.
God bids us to be loving, be kind and be true.
Celebrate life.

Joys and Concerns

Postlude

Pastoral Prayer

September 27, 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 Don Anderson - also on Zoom. You have received an invitation with ID and password for WW.

10/4 Communion will be served in the sanctuary while seated during worship

All women are invited to coffee (BYOD *bring-your-own-drink*) on Thursday mornings at 9:30. The setting is casual as is the conversation. Location to be determined week by week as the weather changes. **Thursday, October 1st** the group will meet in the Fellowship Hall

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

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 29th; Byrl will be hosting. The topic: *If you could be reborn and were allowed to take one memory with you into your new life, what would that memory be?*

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.

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS September 27, 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
- **Lauren Huebert**, Martha’s daughter-in-law, recovering from cervical spine surgery for a ruptured disk
- **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** update: Gary continues with chemo and radiation for rectal cancer. He is suffering a great deal of pain during this time.
- 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
- 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