

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

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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.



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A FUTURE WITH HOPE

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening prayer

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision
Brigham Young University - Noteworthy

Opening song *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* World Vision Staff

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.

Offering prayer

O God, we confess that we often come to this place with questions and uncertainties instead of faith and hope. But always we come with gratitude for the gift of life and the abundance that is ours. Grant us the grace to respond to our bounty and blessings with generosity, that through us others might know of your love. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response *Amazing Grace* Rosemary Siemens

Scripture Psalms 71:4-14 OT #532

Message **A Future With Hope** Don Anderson

Hymn *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* Norton Hall Band

Blessing for the Road:

And now, let us run with patience the race that is before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

May God give us his sustaining power and grant us the strengthening presence of his Spirit in whatever challenges await us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Postlude

September 6, 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 will receive 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 8th and Keri will be hosting. The topic: *What was the first band or singer that you really liked? What do you listen to now?*

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 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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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.

- **Elsie**, Martha’s sister, who will be transitioning to a new healthcare facility
- **Tom Miller** who will be having minor surgery
- **Lauren Huebert**, Martha’s daughter-in-law, who is recovering from cervical spine surgery for a ruptured disk
- **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
- **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 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.
- 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

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- 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