

## 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

**TEMPORARILY  
CANCELED**

Children 10 yrs and

/ 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

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*Middlebury Church of the Brethren is a welcoming and inclusive congregation offering Christ's hospitality to the world.*

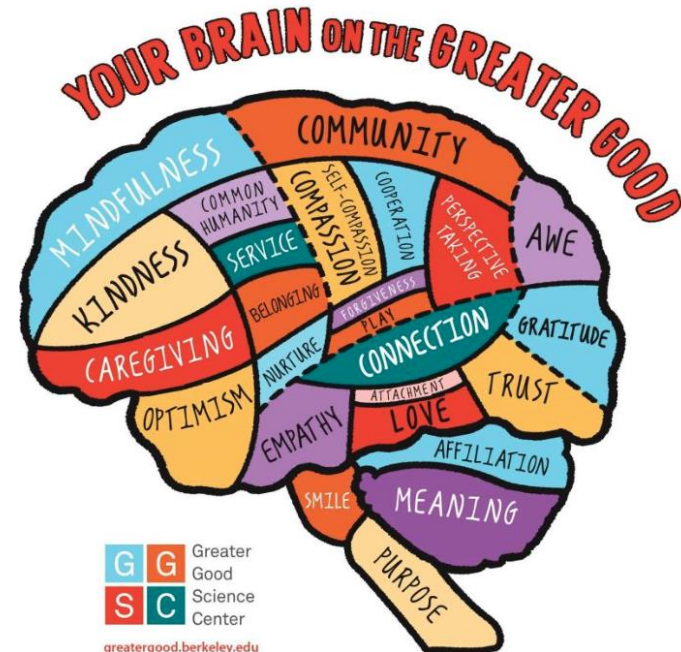
Pastoral Minister – Janet Shaver; cell 574-214-6741  
e-mail: middleburypastor@yahoo.com  
Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



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 October 11, 2020



# BRIDGERS

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Theme: Bridging our differences for the greater good

Welcome and Announcements

Opening prayer

Prelude *Total Praise for Humanity*  
Greensleeves Gospel Choir

Hymn *Longing For Light (Christ Be Our Light)* 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.*

Offering prayer

Gracious God, your gifts to us are boundless: life and liberties, vibrant color and melodious sounds, forgiveness and your divine presence, intelligence and creativity, work and worship, love and compassion. There is no end to your goodness and generosity toward us, and we thank you. We offer these gifts in response to all you have shared with us, for we always and only give you what is already yours. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Screen

Scripture *Philippians 4:1-9*  
Reading from *The Message*

Message **Bridgers** Pastor Janet Shaver

Hymn *Bind Us Together* Screen

Blessing for the Road:

I bless you with joy  
May you find moments of laughter and bliss  
In the midst of suffering and distress  
May you cherish those times and may they sustain you

I bless you with the fruits of humility  
May your humble and sacrificial actions  
Be instrumental in preserving your community  
And loving your neighbors

I bless you with peace  
In the face of financial hardship and uncertainty  
May you know the faithful presence of the God who provides

Go in peace.

Wash your hands.

Love your neighbors.

You are not alone.

Postlude

## October 11, 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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>** the group will meet in the [Board Room](#).

**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, [October 13<sup>th</sup>](#); Byrl will be hosting. The topic: *What is the single most profound act of kindness you will never forget ~ kindness to you or to someone else?*

**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.

**From Gordy Mock:** "I wish to thank everyone for the memorable birthday cards and for all the well wishes and support that you have voiced for both Ginny and I. Also for the kind words in regard to our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. McoB means a lot to both of us."

**Little Lites Daycare** is having trick-or-treating for the kids on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. You are invited to decorate one of the tables set up throughout the church so the kids are having a trick-or-treat experience. You may dress up if you would like to. Candy will be provided unless you would like to provide a special treat. Let the office know as soon as possible if you can help with a table. Thank you!

**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.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS October 11, 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.**

- **Sherry Bickel** for teaching challenges due to the pandemic
- **Byrl Shaver** who went to the ER on Thursday with Covid symptoms.
- **Linda Byrd** for shoulder surgery on Tuesday, 10/13
- **Carolyn Ridenour** in the loss of her sister, Marlene Kimmel
- **Anna Yutzy**, great granddaughter of Caroline Ridenour has been released from Riley Hospital and is at home continuing her recovery
- **Mike Sommer** in the loss of his mother, Mary Patricia Wooten on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Katy Wilson's** sister, Cheryl Homan, who is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- **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 14<sup>th</sup>
- **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's last treatment was Tuesday, 9/29. In three weeks he will be having surgery.
- For all **health care workers** and prayers for the end of the Coronavirus

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- **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
- 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