

## 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

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

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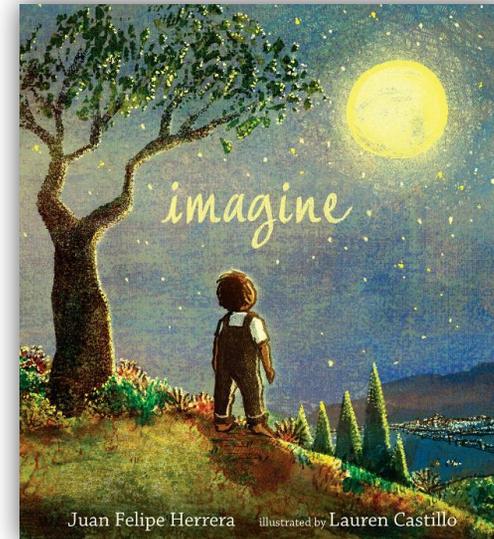
Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



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 November 1, 2020



# IMAGINING WHAT WE CAN BE

**November 1, 2020**

**Theme: Imagining our life together after COVID**

Welcome and Announcements

Opening prayer

Prelude                      *Be Thou My Vision*                      YouTube  
   Brigham Young University, Noteworthy

Opening Song                      *Room At The Table*                      YouTube  
   Carrie Newcomer

*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.*

Stewardship Chair                      Mike Sommer

Stewardship Testimonies

Offering prayer

We pledge to You our ongoing formation as stewards and our responsibility to call others to that same endeavor. Almighty and ever-faithful God, it is our fervent hope and prayer that You Who have begun this good work in us will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response                      *Help In Hard Times*                      Jill Weaver  
   Carrie Newcomer

Scripture                      Ephesians 3:16-21                      NT #193

Message                      **Imagining What We Can Be**                      Pastor Janet Shaver

Hymn                      *Imagine*                      YouTube  
   Performed by Unicef World Version

Blessing for the Road:

You are God's servants, gifted with dreams and visions, Upon you rests the grace of God like flames of fire. Love and serve the Lord in the strength of the Spirit. May the peace of Christ be with you, the strong arms of God sustain you, And the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you in every way. Amen

Postlude

## November 1, 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.

**Attention all writers!!** The worship commission is inviting everyone who enjoys writing to help write our own MCOB Advent devotional books. There are 39 days of Advent and Epiphany, beginning November 29<sup>th</sup> and ending on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Contact the office for more information on scriptures to use and some guidance for your writing.

Due to the increasing COVID numbers, the **Women’s group** will discontinue meeting on Thursday mornings.

**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, **November 17<sup>th</sup>**. The topic: *What is a long-lost childhood possession that you would love to see again?*

**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.

**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.

**November/December 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 November 1, 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.**

- **Martha’s friend** in Colorado who has a son who has been ill and recently attempted suicide.
- **Sherry Bickel** for teaching challenges due to the pandemic
- **Linda Byrd** recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Carolyn Ridenour** in the loss of her sister, Marlene Kimmel
- **Anna Yutzky**, great granddaughter of Caroline Ridenour continues with severe lung and breathing problems at Riley Hospital
- **Mike Sommer** in the loss of his mother, Mary Patricia Wooten on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **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
- **Gary Black** update: Gary’s last treatment was Tuesday, 9/29. He will have an MRI at the end of November to determine whether his healing has progressed enough to schedule surgery. Prayers for continued healing.
- 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 Weyhmilller, who is out of rehab and continuing the process to reinstate custody of her daughter

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- 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