

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.

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 November 22, 2020



The Power of Gratitude

November 22, 2020
Theme: Gratitude heals

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Response *Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart* YouTube

Opening prayer

Scripture Luke 17:11-19 NT #80

Prelude *We Gather Together* YouTube
Performed by The Hymns Ensemble

Message **The Power of Gratitude** Pastor Janet Shaver

Opening Song *10,000 Reasons* YouTube
Matt Redman

Hymn *Come Ye Thankful People, Come* YouTube

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 forth with thankful hearts. Go forth into the world with God's renewing and strengthening Spirit. May that Spirit fill us full of praise and joyous affirmations of life. Amen.

Offering prayer

Thanks be to thee, O God, for all good gifts, and especially for thy inexpressible gift of the Lord Jesus. Help us, O Lord, to see wherein we have been blessed, and to be a blessing to others. Amen.

Postlude

What are we grateful for?

Pastoral Prayer

**November 22, 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.

December 6th 11:00 am – Sunday school - Julie and Pastor Janet will be using Matthew chapters 5-7 – Sermon on the Mount, an Old Testament perspective. Again, this will be Zoomed and there will be a new ID and password.

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 24th. The topic:

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.

Cards for **Betty Hydorn's brother** may be sent to:

John Saltzman
9750 S. Avenue L
Chicago, IL 60617

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.

Advent Devotional Books have arrived and can be picked up from the rack outside the office door. You may use these in addition to the ones we are writing.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS
November 22, 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.

- **Bill Hawkins** for the loss of his sister, June Callahan, on Saturday, 11/7
- **John Saltzman**, Betty Hydorn's brother, who is in the hospital for 14-16 weeks for radiation for bone cancer. Address for cards is provided.
- **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 Yutzy**, great granddaughter of Caroline Ridenour is home from Riley and excitedly catching up on homework.
- **Mike Sommer** in the loss of his mother, Mary Patricia Wooten on Friday, September 25th.
- **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
- **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