

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 January 3, 2021



Our Deepest Longings

January 3, 2021 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 11:00 am – Sunday school continues with Julie and *The Sermon on the Mount* lesson.

Saturday, January 9th we will be taking down the greens. A few helping hands would be appreciated. Masks are required.

Sunday, January 17th – Honoring leadership and people in the church

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, January 5th with Julie hosting. The topic: What is your favorite bird / where do you see it / do you have a “bird” story?

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.

January/February *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.

NOW THAT WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE – all writers are welcome to submit writings for the Lenten Devotional book that we are making. Ash Wednesday starts Lent on February 17th and the deadline for your writings is February 1st – so get busy!!! You can start sending them to Dalis immediately – the earlier the better for layout purposes. Since we need six weeks’ worth, please submit as many as you would like. Please pick up the Lectionary in the office or request it to be emailed or sent by regular mail.

JOYS AND CONCERNS January 3, 2021

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.

- **Randy VanOrman**, a former attendee of our church had surgery on Wednesday, 12/30, for a wound that wouldn’t heal. His big toe has been removed and they will do an MRI to determine if the infection has gone into his bones. Randy suffers with diabetes.
- **Carmon Cripe** died on Thursday at 1:00am. Please keep the Cripe family in your prayers.
- **Continued prayers** for those who lost family members in 2020: **Jill Weaver, Mike Sommer, Carolyn Ridenour, Betty Hydorn, Bill Hawkins.**
- **Hanna Rhoads** for healing of her broken foot
- **Pastor Janet’s sister, Carol**, as she recovers from knee replacement and bladder issues
- **Dan Reiff**, brother-in-law of Bev Short’s long-time coworker, with COVID; prayers for his lungs to recover. Update – Dan continues to improve
- **Gary Black** update: Gary came home on Monday with a colostomy, catheter and a drain. Although he still has pain it can now be managed, different than before. He is learning to manage his own care.
- **Gretchen Showalter** for depression
- **Sherry Bickel** for teaching challenges due to the pandemic
- 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 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