

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.



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WOW FACTOR

January 31, 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! 2¢ A meal offering

Today 11:00 am – Sunday school continues with Julie and *The Sermon on the Mount* lesson.

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, February 2nd with Beth Sholly hosting. The topic: Describe your baptism

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 SOME OF 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 (40 days), 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.

New 2021 Directories are complete. Check your mailbox, if you come in regularly, or let me know that you are willing to pick yours up. I will send one to you if you haven’t picked it up by end of January.

There is now a **Puzzle and Book Nook** in the hallway leading back to the daycare, just outside the sanctuary. Bring your old puzzles and books to exchange or just take one; you do not need to bring a book or puzzle to take one. Do not bring any book or puzzle that you may not want to lose. Please do not bring magazines or periodicals.

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.

- **Tammy Houser** has her first great grandson, Vincent, weighing 7#6oz. He is the son of Sara Houser and grandson of Eric Houser.
- **Eleanor Hawkins** for recovery of Covid
- **Marj Miller** whose cancer is shrinking. Also, following shingles in her eye she may undergo an eye transplant.
- Please keep Martha Huebert’s daughter-in-law, **Lauren Zamora** in prayer; she tested negative for Covid but has been diagnosed with at least three auto-immune diseases
- **Randy VanOrman** during recovery from having toes removed. He is at home now.
- Please keep the **Carmon Cripe’s family** in your prayers. Carmon was also Don Muhl Nickel’s brother-in-law.
- **Hanna Rhoads** for healing of her broken foot.
- **Gary Black** update: Prayer is needed that the drainage of his wound will stop so that it can heal.
- **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 Weyhmilller, is now working and able to have visitation with her daughter.
- Mike Byrd for declining health
- Andy, Dalton and Gretchen Showalter
- Our peaceful existence in the world
- Little Lites Daycare
- Middlebury Church of the Brethren in Community
- EYN Nigerian COB healing and restoration