

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN "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

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN

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 March 28, 2021



POWER

March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday

Palm Parade *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Youtube

Welcome and Announcements Renee Black

Opening prayer Renee Black

Prelude *Blessed is the One Who Comes* YouTube
Hal Leonard and Shawnee Press Church Choral

Lent reading and extinguishing the candle Renee Black

Lent Prayer

Loving God, there are so many choices before us every day. Choices offered by our friends, our families, our culture, our own past. Some of them encourage the well-being of the earth, ourselves and our neighbors; others are destructive. Affirm us in our discernment to know the right choice. May we learn from the choices of Jesus and embody compassion, justice, and inclusion in all we say and do. Amen.

Lent reading response song *Christ is Alive* CD & PPT

Opening song *Hosanna* YouTube
Words of Worship

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

Help us to give and count not the cost, and love without boundaries and stipulations. As we are transformed by your love, Lord, so may our gifts and our lives transform our world. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Prayer Response *Radical Jesus* performed by Jill Weaver
(tune of *Blessed Assurance*)

Scripture Mark 11:1-11 NT #47

Message **Power** Pastor Janet Shaver

Closing song *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* YouTube
Avalon

Blessing for the Road:

Jesus offers us a vision
A celebration of transforming power
May we hold fast to his vision of goodness
Peace from the practice of justice,
equality from the practice of respect.
As this week unfolds,
We will let ourselves be overtaken by God's love
We will pour it back out into the world.


Postlude

March 28, 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 the loft activates it, so if it isn't there immediately, leave the page and try again.

Today 11:00 am – Sunday school with Don Anderson and Wired Word.

Thursday, April 1st – 7pm Meditation Service with foot washing video

With the new door system there is a delay when using the paddle. Please be patient.

Join Rene Black for **Who Will Be a Witness** in person on Thursday morning 10 a.m. and Thursday evening on ZOOM at 7 p.m.

All men are invited to coffee and conversation at the Poyser Farm on Wednesdays, at 1:00 pm. They have moved inside for now instead of the corncrib. 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. Poyser's are hosting and next week's topic: *Did you have a favorite parent or relative - and why?*

Messenger Magazine subscriptions are due. Please let Julie know if you want to cancel your subscription or be added to the list. The due date is April 11th. The Messenger is a Church of the Brethren publication.

March/April 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 go to bottom section and find *The Upper Room* daily devotional.

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.

The Brethren Press Lenten devotionals are available in the rack outside the office.



From Jerry & Julie: We are feeling so blessed by this congregation. The cards, phone calls, offers to help, and prayers were so appreciated following Jerry's accident. He is healing wonderfully well.

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.

JOYS and CONCERNS March 28, 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.

- Healing for **Don Muhnickel** for his shoulder injury
- Healing for **Sharon Lemmon** following foot surgery on 3/23
- **Cheryl Homan**, Katy Wilson's sister, who is suffering cirrhosis of the liver.
- **Kay Ferry**, close neighbor and friend of Beth & Jill, has undergone surgery to remove malignancy in her left arm. A prosthetic has been implanted to replace missing bone.
- **Martha Huebert** in the loss of her brother, Bill Wagoner.
- **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 has been diagnosed with at least three auto-immune diseases
- Please keep **Carmon Cripe's family** in your prayers. Carmon was Don Muhnickel'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
- **Emilie Boggs**, niece of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmler, is now working and able to have visitation with her daughter.
- Mike Byrd for declining health
- Andy, Dalton and Gretchen Showalter
- Eleanor Hawkins for leg pain
- Our peaceful existence in the world
- Little Lites Daycare
- Middlebury Church of the Brethren in Community
- EYN Nigerian COB healing and restoration