

## 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 under 9 yrs meet in classrooms west of kitchen / Keri Anderson,  
Sharon Lemmon

Children 10 yrs and older meet in Room 401 / Mark & 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 April 11, 2021



# OUR FUTURE HOPE

April 11, 2021

Theme: Surviving the Pandemic

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Janet

Opening prayer Pastor Janet

Prelude Ode to Joy Beethoven 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony YouTube  
Performed by the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra

Opening Song *Here in This Place* YouTube  
First-Plymouth Church Lincoln Nebraska Men's Choir

Scripture Jeremiah 29:11 OT #731

Sharing our pandemic survival stories

Video *The Sky is Clearing* – An inspirational film YouTube  
Coronavirus Pandemic - Created by Debarup Mukherjee

*You are invited to leave your offering on the table by the sanctuary doors*

Offering prayer  
Generous God, here are our gifts of time;  
here are our gifts of talents; here are our gifts of money;  
building stones for your beloved community awaiting shaping and  
placing within your loving purpose. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn *Longing for Light – Sing the Journey* Screen

Video The Cat and the Lawyer Zoom video

Sharing our pandemic survival stories

Blessing of the pandemic symbols

Closing hymn *God of the Bible-Sing the Journey* Screen


Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* as you leave the Sanctuary to be  
annointed if you choose.

April 11, 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 – Fellowship re-opening: social distance and masks are required. There will be four (4) chairs at each table and 6 ft marks to avoid closeness while getting coffee and snacks. It's important that we each respect the measures taken to remain safe.**

**Today** Sunday school is Wired Word with Don Anderson.

**With the new door system** there is a delay when using the  paddle or when I open the door for you from the office.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** – The Parables from Goshen College will do a virtual program

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. Weather permitting the group will be in the corncrib. Bring your own drink. Chairs are provided. Call Steve Poyser with questions – 574 215-2158

**All women are invited** to coffee and conversation at Krider Gardens on Tuesdays at 3:00 pm. This is contingent upon the weather being 60° or above and dry.

The **Zoom Tuesday Talks** have been suspended until next fall.

**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 today, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Messenger is a Church of the Brethren publication.

**May/June 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.

**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

April 4, 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.

- Renee Black's cousin, Kent and his wife Joy, whose daughter was killed in the train wreck in Taiwan
- **Sue Boggs**, sister of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmilller, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Her daughter, Emily continues with addiction control, and Emily's daughter, Riley, is undergoing intense counseling.
- 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 Muhlnickel'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. Prayers for comfort as they travel for Easter to Kentucky.
- **Sherry Bickel** for continuing teaching challenges due to the pandemic.

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- 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