

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

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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 April 4, 2021



BEING THE RESURRECTION

April 4, 2021
Easter
Theme: Resurrection

Christ The Lord is Risen Today YouTube
Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Welcome and Announcements Don Anderson

Opening prayer Don Anderson

Prelude *Spirit Song* performed by Jill Weaver
by John Wimber

Proclamation

The light which the world tried to extinguish cannot be put out. Today we light the candles again, proclaiming the transforming power of God. As the light returns, we give thanks that God's transforming love has been, is now, and will ever be at work within us. Today we celebrate: new life, new joy, new possibilities. Christ is alive and living among us!

Candle Re-lighting Don Anderson

As we light the candles, we acknowledge that there is still pain and suffering in the world, but we place our trust in God and in the way shown by Jesus Christ. In the midst of darkness, there is light. In the pain of death, there is life. In the face of what appear to us to be overwhelming odds, God is at work in us and in the world, working for justice and peace, compassion and love, and life abundant. Christ is risen, Christ is in us, for wherever we gather in his name, he is there.

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed!

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

Opening song *Morning Has Broken* YouTube
Libera in America

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

Offering prayer

Resurrect in us, O God, the power to really give so that we may be fully open and empty, like the tomb, ready to receive new life at any moment. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Prayer Response *The Holy City* Ginny Mock
by Francis Crosby

Scripture Mark 16:1-8 NT #54

Message **Being the Resurrection** Pastor Janet Shaver

Closing song *Because He Lives* YouTube
Gracias Choir

Blessing for the Road:

Go forth with renewed hope,
trusting in the transforming love of God.
God does not leave things as they are.
With God, all things are made new.
All creation responds to God's presence,
the world is alive with possibility
Christ is Risen; Christ is Risen Indeed

Postlude

April 4, 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 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.

With the new door system there is a delay when using the  paddle. Please be patient **and** pull the door shut behind you.

April 11th – 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.

April 18th – 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

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. Julie Bontrager is hosting and next week's topic: *If you could run away for one day where would you go and what would you do.*

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.



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 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.

- On Monday **Gordy Mock** will be having a scan done on his kidneys, due to pain he is experiencing
- **Sue Boggs**, sister of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmiller, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Her daughter, Emily continues with addiction control, and Emily's daughter, Riley, is undergoing intense counseling.
- Healing for **Don Muhlnickel** 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 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