

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 May 23, 2021



Celebration of The Holy Spirit

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

**Theme: Celebration of the Holy Spirit in our lives
Saying Good-bye to JoAnn & Ken Abbott**

Welcome and Announcements	Dalis Andrews
Opening prayer	Dalis Andrews
Prelude <i>Here I Am to Worship</i> (Medley)	Lorie Copeland
Opening song <i>Room At The Table</i>	Jill Weaver

Closing song	<i>'Tis a Gift to be Simple</i> Jill Weaver	Video/Screen
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Blessing for the Road:
May the light of the Spirit God surround us, the love of the Spirit of God enfold us, the power of the Spirit of God protect us, the fire of the Spirit of God dwell in us, now and for always. Amen.

Postlude

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

Offering prayer

Bountiful God, With the energy bestowed by the Holy Spirit, we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for your way. Receive the work we do and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight.

Scripture	Acts 2:1-13	NT #119
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Hymn	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>	YouTube
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Congregation's Remarks – Please come to the front if possible, or you may ask for a mic to be brought to you.

Special Music	<i>God of Wonders</i>	Sherry Bickel
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Comments from Ken and JoAnn

Blessing on Ken and JoAnn

May 23, 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.

Office hours for Dalis: 9:30am – 2:00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Please know that emails and voicemails that come into the office Friday – Monday will not be seen until Tuesday.

Today – Abbott farewell during worship. As you know, Ken & JoAnn are relocating to Indy to be nearer to children and grandchildren. Pastor Janet asks for memories or blessings to be shared and welcomes the same from the Abbotts.

OEP (On Earth Peace) presentation will be held on **Today**. Worship will end at 10:15. We will break for coffee and reconvene in the sanctuary at 10:30. Beverages may be taken into the sanctuary and a table of coffee and water, along with pre-packaged snacks will be at the back of the sanctuary. Matt Guynn with OEP will livestream the program "Congregational Peace Health Checkup". We will be finished at 12:30. You will find copies of the OEP program in your mailbox.

PENTECOST OFFERING today



Due to disappearing coffee cups, it is important that you wash your own coffee cup and place it back on the cup cart on Sundays after fellowship time. It is even more important that you write your name on the bottom of your cup. Several cups have gone missing and can be identified more easily with names on them.

You Are Invited to Ethan Bickel's graduation open house on Saturday, May 29th, 2:00-5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Join Renee Black for **Who Will Be a Witness** in person on Thursday mornings 10 a.m. or Thursday evenings on ZOOM at 7 p.m.

Sunday school, June 6th begins a listening to and discussing stories from Phillip Gulley's book, *Hometown Tales: Recollections of Kindness, Peace and Joy*. There is no need to purchase a book unless you would like to follow along.

Fifth Sunday – May 30th



2¢ a Meal Offering & Logo Shirt Day

JOYS and CONCERNS May 23, 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.

- **Jeannie Berkey** in the loss of her mother last weekend. The funeral was Thursday, May 20th.
- **Sue Boggs**, sister of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmler, was diagnosed with breast cancer several weeks ago. She had a surgery on Wednesday.
- **Gary Black** is seeing a new wound care doctor and seeks peaceful understanding of this extremely difficult journey.
- **Hanna Rhoads** for health concerns related to dementia
- **Tom Miller** as he recovers from cataract surgery
- Healing for **Don Muhlnickel** for his shoulder injury
- Healing for **Sharon Lemmon** following foot surgery on 3/23
- Martha Huebert's daughter-in-law, **Lauren Zamora** has been diagnosed with at least three auto-immune diseases
- **Sherry Bickel** for continuing teaching challenges due to the pandemic
- 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

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Over →

Sunday, June 13th – MCOB's graduate Sunday celebrating Ethan Bickel.

Sunday, June 20th – New member Sunday. We have five people joining our church and since it is also National Ice Cream Soda Day ice cream sodas will be served in celebration of our new members.

Sunday, June 27th – Be prepared! It's National Sunglasses Day.

All men are invited to coffee and conversation at the Poyser Farm on Wednesdays, at 1:00 pm. Call Steve Poyser with questions – 574 215-2158

Change!

~~All women are invited~~ to coffee and conversation at the Poyser farm on Tuesdays at 10:00 am instead of 3:00 pm. Call Martha Huebert with questions – 574 825-4304

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 a **Puzzle and Book Nook** in the hallway leading back to the daycare, just outside the sanctuary. Bring your old puzzles, books & magazines to exchange or just take one; **you do not need to bring a book, puzzle or magazine to take one.** Do not bring anything that you may not want to lose. **Publications are now accepted.**

Food Pantry – Supplies are always being collected or you may donate money for milk vouchers. Bring your donations to the church at the back of the sanctuary.