

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 June 13, 2021



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

e-mail: middleburypastor@yahoo.com

Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.

SIMPLE TRUTH



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.

June 13, 2021
Graduate Sunday
Theme: Handling Conflict Week 2

Welcome and Announcements Mark Roebuck

Opening prayer Mark Roebuck

Prelude Sherry Bickel

Opening song *Let Justice Like Waters Roll Down* Screen
Rev. Larry E. Schultz conducts Chancel Choir
Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina

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

Offering prayer

We are all one human family. In your love you created us. Through your grace you reach out to us. You are great enough to hold us all in your arms at the same time. Help us to open our hearts to the world that you love. Teach us to weave our lives together. We yield to Spirit, offering what we have to the greater good. In this way, each day, we begin again in love. Amen.
<https://openandaffirming.org/worship/>

Honoring our graduate, Ethan Bickel.

Joys and Concerns

Open mic for all who would like to speak encouraging, supportive words to our LGBTQ beloved member.

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, you love all that you have created, and you celebrate the diversity of your creation. Throughout your history with your people, you have reminded us that those whom the world sees as the least are the greatest in your eyes. We ask that you give us the grace to celebrate with our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender sisters and brothers as they choose to live authentically in the world. Teach us to honor and celebrate their gifts, and help us to create a world in which gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender teenagers and adults are loved, accepted and celebrated. We ask this in your many names. Amen.

Response *Truly Brave* YouTube
San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus

Scripture James 1:19 NT #229

Message **Simple Truth** Pastor Janet Shaver

Closing song *Love Has Broken Down the Wall* YouTube
Music by Mark Miller, Anton Armstrong conducting

Blessing for the Road:

As the God of healing has healed us,
Let us go now and share that compassion with the world,
Let us go and greet our beloved transgender, bisexual, lesbian, and gay siblings,
Our Black, Latinx, and Indigenous siblings
Sharing the good news that they are seen, they are heard, they are Beloved.
Go now in hope. Amen.

Postlude

JOYS and CONCERNS
June 13, 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.

- **Katy Wilson** with the loss of her brother-in-law, Noel Brock.
- **Sharon Lemmon** for healing of a new infection in her foot. She will need infusions.
- **Jill Weaver** for recovery from back issues and pain.
- Roger Copeland's mother, **Patty Copeland**, in the loss of her sister and her transition into healthcare
- Roger Copeland's co-worker, **Tim Dahlenberg**, for recovery from having half of his foot amputated. Tim and his wife are also recovering from Covid.
- **Mike Sommer** as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.
- **Katy Wilson** for recovery from cataract surgery on Thursday, 6/10.
- **Jeannie Berkey** in the loss of her mother
- **Sue Boggs**, sister of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmilller, was diagnosed with breast cancer several weeks ago. She had surgery and further treatment will be necessary. See announcements page for Sue's address for cards.
- **Gary Black** is seeing a new wound care doctor and seeks peaceful understanding of this extremely difficult journey. His wound is now making some healing progress.
- **Hanna Rhoads** for health concerns related to dementia
- Martha Huebert's daughter-in-law, **Lauren Zamora**, for continuing health issues
- 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

June 13, 2021
Announcements

Sunday school Today - listening to and discussing stories from Phillip Gulley's book, *Hometown Tales: Recollections of Kindness, Peace and Joy*.

OFFICE INFO:

- **Pastor Janet** will be on vacation beginning Monday, June 21st through Monday, June 28th.
- **Lorie Copeland** will be on vacation beginning Thursday, June 24th through Tuesday, June 29th.

TODAY – MCOB's graduate Sunday celebrating Ethan Bickel.

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.

CAP Donations for Ethan Bickel may be made through July 18th. You may place your donations in the offering plate.



Unmasking schedule:

June 20th Masking ends for those vaccinated

July 4th Distancing ends

July 18th Singing begins

Anyone who wants to continue masking should feel free to do so.

Cards for Susan Boggs may be sent to:

15619 Hix
Livonia, MI 48154

Tuesday, June 15th 11:30am – Seasoned Senior meal – everyone is invited!! Please RSVP Pastor Janet or Dalis if you are coming. We'll be assembling Snack Packs for the food pantry.

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.



Martha Huebert would like you to know that her new telephone does NOT have an answering machine. Feel free to call her cell 574 849-1946.

AND MORE! Over →

July/August *The Upper Room* devotionals are in the rack outside the office door. The other option now is to receive it online. Go to go to bottom section and find *The Upper Room* daily devotional.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

FOOD PANTRY SNACK PACK LIST

Every year we collect food items to go into snack packs for kids on summer break. All items must be individually wrapped. During the Seasoned Senior meal on Tuesday, June 15th they will be assembled into the snack packs. The meal is for anyone who would like to come; please RSVP to Pastor Janet or to Dalis.

Following is a list of items that would be appropriate for the Snack Packs. Remember – individually wrapped!

- Granola bars
- Pudding cups
- Fruit cups
- Crackers
- Microwave mac & cheese
- Microwave Spaghettios
- Debbie cakes
- Instant oatmeal packages
- Chips
- Individual Cereal boxes
- Juice boxes or packages
- Applesauce cups

**BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH ON SUNDAY, 6/6
AND 6/13 SO WE CAN ASSEMBLE ON TUESDAY 6/15**