

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 June 20, 2021



Where Is Our Anger Coming From?

June 20, 2021

New Member Day ~ Father's Day

Theme: Handling Conflict Pt 3 - Anger

Welcome and Announcements Dalis Andrews

Opening prayer Dalis Andrews

Prelude *Change My Heart, O God* Lorie Copeland

Opening song *Everyone Born* YouTube
Doin' It Justice Chorus, St John's Episcopal Church, Chico CA

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

Offering prayer

God of justice and peace,
We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth
and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied,
and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always
the time when more good can be done and we can make a
difference.

May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of
our lives. Amen.

(Source: Prayer for Justice and Peace, Iona)

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

Unison Prayer

All loving God, We pray for our LGBTQ+ sisters and brothers:
For those who lived their lives in closets of shame;
For those who furtively visited the bars, where nobody knew your
name; For the Stonewall riot—and the fierce transwomen who
fought; For the persecuted, which still takes far too many, too young,
too soon.

So many gone. So many never lived to see Out gay kids singing on
TV, Out gay people serving in the military, marriage equality, families
formed by intention.

We pray for all these and for all our siblings of the rainbow, surviving,
living life out, in the open, with Pride.

May it be so, Amen

Adapted from Living With Pride Lori Gorgas Hlaban

Prayer Response *Spirit of Life* YouTube
by Carolyn McDade Performed by All Soul's Choir

Receiving New Members
Steve and Sheila Poyser
Becky Lengel and Sue Lancaster
Kent Baily

Scripture Mark 3:1-6 NT #37

Message **Where Is Our Anger Coming From?**
Pastor Janet Shaver

Closing song *Born This Way* YouTube
by Lady Gaga, Performed by Eastminster United Church Choir

Blessing for the Road:

Source of Life, you have blessed each of us with Your Spirit. In Your
Wisdom, you have made each of us a unique treasure. Wellspring of
our Lives, cause us to flow with courage, strength, and compassion
to live our stories openly, proudly, and joyfully. Go in Peace!

Adapted from Ritualwell.org

Postlude

JOYS and CONCERNS

June 20, 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.

- Beth and Jill's neighbor and friend, **Kay Ferry**, had cancer in her arm removed earlier in February and has now been diagnosed with the same type of cancer in her skull. She will be having surgery on 6/28. Beth helps with caregiving. ^{6/20}
- **Katy Wilson** with the loss of her brother-in-law, Noel Brock. ^{6/13}
- **Sharon Lemmon** for healing of a new infection in her foot. She will need infusions. ^{6/13}
- **Jill Weaver** for recovery from back issues and pain. ^{6/13}
- Roger Copeland's mother, **Patty Copeland**, in the loss of her sister and her transition into healthcare. ^{6/13}
- Roger Copeland's co-worker, **Tim Dahlenberg**, for recovery from having part of his foot amputated. Tim and his wife are also recovering from Covid. ^{6/13}
- **Mike Sommer** as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.
- **Jeannie Berkey** in the loss of her mother ^{5/14}
- **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. ^{5/31}
- **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. ^{5/30}
- **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 20, 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.

Our friend, **Tim Morpew**, will be filling the pulpit on June 27th for Janet's absence.

Envelopes are available at the back of the Sanctuary if you would like to make a donation to the **CAP Scholarship fund for Ethan Bickel**. We are hoping to raise \$750.00.



Today:

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

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.

Peace & Justice Group is being revived beginning Saturday, June 26th at 10:00 am. More information is coming about speakers and discussions. Everyone is welcome to join this group as we seek ways to make a difference in our community and world.



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. ^{6/13}

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.

Thank you for your generous donations for the Snack Packs for Food Pantry!

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.

AND MORE!

Over →

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.