

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

e-mail: middleburypastor@yahoo.com

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 6, 2021



Care-Fronting

June 6, 2021

Pride Month

Theme: Handling Conflict Sermon Series- Week 1

Welcome and Announcements Mark Roebuck

Opening prayer Mark Roebuck

Prelude *It Is Well With My Soul* Lorie Copeland

Opening song *Ubuntu* Screen
Ken Medema

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

Offering prayer

Generous God, thank you for the privilege of partnering with you and each other in the work of ministry. We know that our efforts and faithfulness are blessed. Affirm your love, grace, and provision for each giver in our midst. Let us continue to give with cheerfulness in the knowing that our generosity goes out into the world making the world a better place. Amen

Joys and Concerns

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

Unison Prayer (use for joys and concerns instead of the pastoral Holy One of Blessing, eternally we co-create ourselves in your love.

All companionship orientations;

All gender identities and expressions;

All ways of having family.

We celebrate LGBTQ+ peoples everywhere

Knowing that many are still not safe to come out;

To be free;

To live life abundantly.

Heal all who are ill in body, mind, heart or spirit.

Bind up all wounds and provide adequate care.

Extinguish any stigma people are enduring.

Continued→

We celebrate because everyone should be celebrated.

We are your body on earth.

May our love and hope be sent on the wings of this prayer to all who need refreshing, affirmation, and love's embrace. May it be so. Amen. (openandaffirming.org)

Hymn *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* YouTube
First Plymouth Congregational Church Choir-Lincoln, Nebraska

Scripture Ephesians 4:1-4 and 12-15 193 NT #

Message **Care-Fronting** Pastor Janet Shaver

Closing song *Help Us to Accept Each Other* YouTube
Fred Kaan

Blessing for the Road:

Progressive Brethren

All Really Are Welcome!

Through the power of God's Holy Spirit,

May we live, love, and act in ways that grow the Beloved Community of Jesus Christ for ALL people.

Postlude

JOYS and CONCERNS

June 6, 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.

- Roger Copeland's mother, **Patty Copeland**, in the loss of her sister and her transition into healthcare
- **Mike Sommer** as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.
- **Katy Wilson** for recovery from cataract surgery on Thursday, 6/3. Her next surgery will be this week, Thursday, 6/10
- **Nancy Swinehart** in the loss of Ron on Thursday, 5/27
- **Jeannie Berkey** in the loss of her mother
- **Sue Boggs**, sister of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmiller, was diagnosed with breast cancer several weeks ago. She had a surgery on Wednesday 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 6, 2021 Announcements



Today we are celebrating Birthday Sunday



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.

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

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.

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 – 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.

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.

Cards for Susan Boggs may be sent to:

15619 Hix
Livonia, MI 48154

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

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.

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.

Some anniversaries are just more special than others!!



Steve & Sheila Poyser

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.

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