

## 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

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***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](mailto: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 May 30, 2021



## What We Believe

May 30, 2021

Theme: Is there a hell?

Welcome and Announcements		Julie Bontrager
Opening prayer		Julie Bontrager
Prelude		Sherry Bickel
Opening song	<i>God of the Bible</i> Sing the Journey #2	Screen
<i>You are invited to leave your offerings on the table by the sanctuary doors.</i>		
2¢ a Meal offering	<i>Magic Penny</i>	Youtube
Offering prayer		
In response to the overwhelming love of God, let us give with a generosity that tugs at our hearts. Let our giving provide grace to those who have forgotten what grace feels like. Let our giving deliver joy to those who have forgotten what it is to walk with a lightness of heart. We give our gifts in celebration and thanksgiving for the God who knows us — and loves us still. Amen.		
Hymn	<i>Spirit Song</i>	YouTube
Scripture	John 3:1-17	NT #93
Message	<b>What We Believe</b>	Pastor Janet Shaver
Closing song	<i>Learning to Sit Without Knowing</i> By Carrie Newcomer	Jill Weaver

Blessing for the Road:

God loves you and sends you out into the world to share the Good News of God's love. Be, therefore, agents of change, mediators of reconciliation, heralds of good news. Amen.

Postlude

JOYS and CONCERNS

May 30, 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.

- **Nancy Swinehart** in the loss of Ron on Thursday, 5/27
- **Jeannie Berkey** in the loss of her mother last weekend. The funeral was Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **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.
- **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

## May 30, 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! Fifth Sunday



**2¢ a Meal Offering & Logo Shirt Day**



**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.

**Sunday school, June 6<sup>th</sup>** begins a listening of 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. Contact Julie if you would like to get the book

**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 from Bookstore.UpperRoom.org or call 800.972.0433.

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.**

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### Cards for Susan Boggs may be sent to:

15619 Hix  
Livonia, MI 48154

**Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** – MCOB's graduate Sunday celebrating Ethan Bickel.

**Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30am** – Seasoned Senior meal

**Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** – 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 27<sup>th</sup>** – 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

**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

**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. Although we won't be working at the food pantry in July as we normally do, they still need supplies.

**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.

**AND MORE!**

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