

## 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 + Board room

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

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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 August 1, 2021



## An Imperfect Match

**August 1, 2021**  
**Theme: Our relationships**

Welcome and Announcements                      Lorie Copeland

Opening prayer    Lorie Copeland

Prelude Violin Duet                      Sam and Lena Saraswat  
    Grandchildren of Keri & Don

Opening song                      *Great is Thy Faithfulness*                      YouTube

\*Invocation (Unison prayer)

Eternal God, we look to you in thanksgiving for the joy, the beauty, the sacredness of this hour. We thank you for your love, which surrounds all our days, and especially for the way it comes to focus in the hearts of all of your people here today.

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

Offering prayer

Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. With the energy bestowed by the 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.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Prayer Response                      *Sweet Hour of Prayer*                      YouTube

Dance Performance      Wedding Variation from *Sleeping Beauty*  
    Lauren Bemisderfer - Granddaughter of Keri & Don

Scripture    1 Corinthians 13    NT #175

Message    An Imperfect Match                      Pastor Janet Shaver

\*Closing song                      *Guide My Feet*      vs 1-3    #546

\*Blessing for the Road:

May the love of God be above you to overshadow you,  
beneath you to uphold you, before you to guide you,  
behind you to protect you, close beside you and within you,  
to make you able for all things; and to reward both your faith and  
your faithfulness with a joy and a peace that the world cannot give,  
neither can it take away. Amen

Postlude

**\*Congregation stands in body or spirit, as you wish.**

If you are new or visiting.....WELCOME!

Please fill out the guest card located in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary.

## JOYS and CONCERNS

August 1, 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.

- **Sue Boggs**, sister of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmiller, was diagnosed with breast cancer and now has infection in the surgery sight. Sue really appreciates all our prayers as she works through the new problems and discouragement from the setbacks.<sup>8/1</sup>
- Celebrating with **Gary Black**. The new treatments have been successful and he has significantly less pain.<sup>7/25</sup>
- Prayers for Deneise Weyhmiller. She has been diagnosed with three hernias and will be having surgery soon.<sup>8/1</sup>
- Please keep **Bev Short** in your prayers as she travels back and forth caring for her sisters.
- Jill Weaver's sister, **Karen**, who has work challenges and asking for peace and calm.<sup>7/11</sup>
- **Betty Hydorn** who was diagnosed with lung cancer and going through extensive treatment while caring for herself.
- **Michael Yutzy**, married to Alyssa, Roebuck's niece, has been diagnosed with cancer under his tongue that has metastasized into his tonsils
- **Hanna Rhoads** for health concerns related to dementia
- **Sharon Lemmon** for healing of a new infection in her foot. She had surgery on Tuesday, 6/22.<sup>6/27</sup>
- Roger Copeland's mother, **Patty Copeland**, in the loss of her sister and her transition into healthcare.<sup>6/13</sup>
- 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

## August 1, 2021 Announcements

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

**Today -Keri & Don Anderson** are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by sharing cake and ice cream with the congregation during fellowship time.

**Celebrating Sanctuary at Camp Mack Giving Day on 8/7.** See bulletin board for more information.



**Outdoor Worship** and carry-in brunch August 15<sup>th</sup>. No Sunday school.

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

15619 Hix  
Livonia, MI 48154

**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.

**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.

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.

**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.