

## 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

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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 July 11, 2021



## Starting Over

**July 11, 2021**

**Theme: Changing our relationships**

Welcome and Announcements Don Anderson

Opening prayer Don Anderson

Prelude *Kingsfold* Lorie Copeland

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: We long for your peace,

All: And trust in your promise;

Leader: We hear your call to turn toward you,

All: To change our lives and welcome you in.

Leader: Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom

All: and our hearts with your peace,

Leader: that our worship together

may open us to the challenge

All: of your dream of wholeness for all.

Opening song *Christ is Alive* YouTube

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

Offering prayer

Wonder-working God, use all of who we are, and all of what we have, to uproot what is unjust, and plant what is loving. Through our gifts, speak your gospel to people we may never meet. May all come to hear your call to prophetic living. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Prayer Response *If We're Honest* Jill Weaver  
Written by Francesca Battistelli

Scripture Mark 1:14-15 The Message

Message **Starting Over** Pastor Janet Shaver

Closing song *We Are One With the Spirit* YouTube  
Jars of Clay

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

July 11, 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.

- **Gretchen Showalter** who sprained her ankle at Camp Mack and is on crutches.
- **Betty Hydorn** who was diagnosed with lung cancer.
- Congratulations to **Jacob Cripe** on his team's Little League championship!<sup>7/4</sup>
- Friends & Family of the deceased and missing victims of the Miami building collapse.<sup>7/4</sup>
- **Michael Yutzky**, married to Alyssa, Roebuck's niece, has been diagnosed with cancer under his tongue.<sup>7/4</sup>
- Peace and comfort for Jill Weaver's dad, **Don Weaver**, who has moved to Florida to live with her sister.<sup>7/4</sup>
- **Nance Taege**, friend of Martha Huebert, whose husband died on Saturday, 6/26.<sup>7/4</sup>
- 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 had successful surgery on 6/28 where they discovered the cancer had not entered her brain.
- **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>
- Roger Copeland's co-worker, **Tim Dahlenberg**, for recovery from having part of his foot amputated.<sup>6/13</sup>
- **Sue Boggs**, sister of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmilller, was diagnosed with breast cancer several weeks ago. She will have surgery and further treatment will be necessary. See announcements page for Sue's address for cards.<sup>5/31</sup>

## July 11, 2021 Announcements

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

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. *This is the final Sunday collecting donations.*

**In your bulletin please find Janet's request** for songs you would like to hear on July 18<sup>th</sup> and the scripture or theme you would like to hear her preach on from July 25<sup>th</sup> through August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please place your requests **in the offering plate**.

Masking is no longer required

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** Distancing ended

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** Singing begins

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

**July 25<sup>th</sup> – Communion Sunday.** Ginny Mock will bless us with a solo.

**Peace & Justice Group** next meeting is Saturday, 7/31 at 10am. Cliff Kindy will speak on the racism of Potawatomi indigenous people and their Trail of Death. All are welcome, including guests you may want to bring.

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

**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.

**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.

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**THERE IS MORE!**

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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.

- **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. <sup>5/30</sup>
- **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