

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

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 July 27, 2021



Every Day Love Feast

July 25, 2021

Theme: The importance of Love Feast

Welcome and Announcements Don Anderson
Opening prayer Don Anderson
Prelude Lorie Copeland
*Praise music Christ Be Our Light Insert/screen

*Call to worship

Leader: In beauty and mystery,

People: We see the face of God.

Leader: In the common and the ordinary,

People: We know the love of Christ.

Leader: In the bread and the cup,

People: We taste the presence of God.

Leader: In the song and in the embrace,

All: We share the joy of faith.

*Opening song Let Us Break Bread Together #453

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

Offering prayer

Gracious God, we bring now a portion of the abundance God has committed to our care as an offering of thanksgiving. You reward our faithfulness with further opportunities and responsibilities, with deeper fulfillment and joy. Let all around bring gifts to You – the creator of things good. May it be So, Amen

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Prayer Response *Come to the Table of Grace* Insert/screen

Scripture John 13:1-7 NT #107
Message Every Day Love Feast Pastor Janet
Shaver
Solo *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Ginny Mock

HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Blessing

Words of Affirmation

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup which we bless is the communion of the love of Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing song *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* #307

*Blessing for the Road:

May the Lord bless you in the service of a world in deep need.

May the Lord break you -- for your growth and wholeness.

May the Lord give you away, like bread to revive the starving, like wine to comfort the sorrowing.

Remember his body broken for you; his love given for you.

Now go in peace, and be thankful. 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

July 25, 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.

- Sharing Martha Huebert's joy that her Germany family is okay during the flooding.^{7/25}
- Prayers for Deneise Weyhmiller as she struggles with liver problems.^{7/25}
- Jill Weaver's sister, **Karen**, who has work challenges and asking for peace and calm.^{7/11}
- Celebrating with William's daughter, **Ashley and Ross**, on their recent wedding.^{7/11}
- Celebrating with Tammy's granddaughter, **Sara and Jordan**, on their recent wedding.^{7/11}
- **Betty Hydorn** who was diagnosed with lung cancer.^{7/4}
- Congratulations to **Jacob Cripe** on his team's Little League championship!^{7/4}
- Friends & Family of the **deceased and missing victims** of the Surfside building collapse.^{7/4}
- **Michael Yutzy**, married to Alyssa, Roebuck's niece, has been diagnosed with cancer under his tongue that has metastasized into his tonsils
- Peace and comfort for Jill Weaver's dad, **Don Weaver**, who has moved to Florida to live with her sister.^{7/4} Update: Don Weaver is doing well following his move.^{7/11}
- **Nance Taege**, friend of Martha Huebert, whose husband died on Saturday, 6/26.^{7/4}
- 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.

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July 25, 2021 Announcements

Today – Communion Sunday

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

Keri & Don Anderson are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary by sharing cake and ice cream with the congregation during fellowship time on 8/1.

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.



Outdoor Worship and carry-in brunch August 15th. 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.

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- **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
- **Sharon Lemmon** for healing of a new infection in her foot. She had surgery on Tuesday, 6/22. ^{6/27}
- Roger Copeland's mother, **Patty Copeland**, in the loss of her sister and her transition into healthcare. ^{6/13}
- **Sue Boggs**, sister of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmler, 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. ^{5/31}
- 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