

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.

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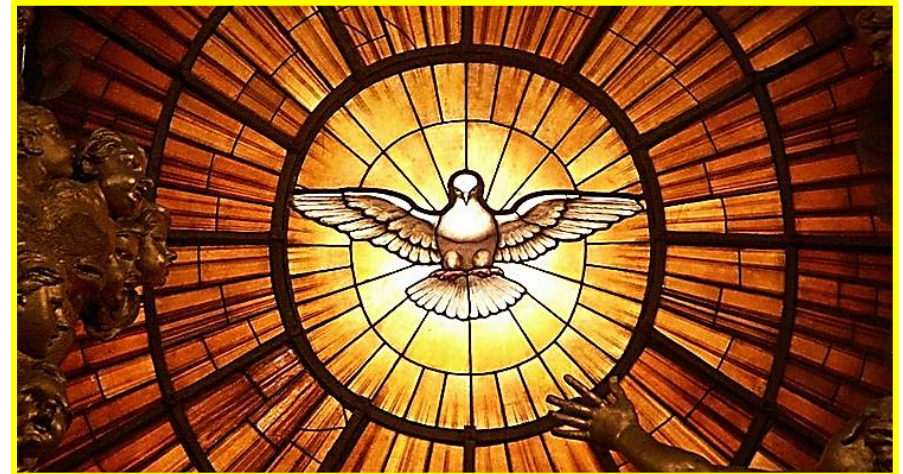
Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



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 22, 2021



Tending The Holy

August 22, 2021
Theme: The Holy Spirit

Welcome and Announcements Don Anderson

Opening prayer Don Anderson

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise music *Praise, I will Praise you, Lord* #76

*Call to worship – Responsive

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Be the wind and fire that transform our lives.

People: Breathe upon us as we study your word of life.

Leader: Kindle faith from our believing doubt.

People: Cleanse us from our waywardness.

Leader: Deepen our passion for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Give us voice to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue.

All: Fill your church with power. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

*Opening song *They Will Know We Are Christians* Youtube
First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln NE

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

Offering prayer

With gratitude for all your good gifts to us, O God, we dedicate these offerings to you. Use them to sow seeds of hope where there is despair, seeds of compassion where there is pain and peace where there is discord. Help us not to grow weary in doing what is right with the resources you have given us. We pray in our Savior's name. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Prayer Response *Holy Day as The Day is Spent*
Carrie Newcomer - performed by Jill Weaver

Scripture John 1:32-33 #92

Message **Tending The Holy** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Closing song *Move in Our Midst* #418

***Blessing for the Road**

As you enter a new week, may you experience the Spirit of God's presence. May you feel the Holy Spirit over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips, over your hearts and your feelings and emotions and your compassion for all others, and over your hands and your feet as you put into action all that God commands you. May you find gratitude this week as you notice the gifts of the Spirit in your life.

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 22, 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.

- Lifting all Olympians and Jerry & Julie's grandson, **Sam Grewe**, who is a three-time Paralympic world champion in high jump.
- **Tommie Smith** has moved to Tennessee – pray for this new chapter of peace and joy in her life. ^{8/22}
- Martha Huebert's cousin, **Edwin Metzner**, from New Jersey, passed away. Martha asks prayer for his his wife, Sue. ^{8/22}
- **Sue Boggs**, sister of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmiller, was diagnosed with breast cancer and subsequently has had seven surgeries in just 10 weeks. Scans show cancer is gone but she has infection complications and has started 6-8 weeks of radiation.
- Celebrating with **Gary Black**. The new oxygen treatments have made a difference in his healing and he has significantly less pain. ^{8/8}
- Prayers for **Deneise Weyhmiller**. She has been diagnosed with three hernias and will be having surgery in September. ^{8/22}
- Please keep **Bev Short** in your prayers cares for her sister, Sue.
- Jill Weaver's sister, **Karen**, who has work challenges and asking for peace and calm. ^{7/11}
- **Betty Hydorn** who was diagnosed with lung cancer and is going through extensive treatment while caring for herself.
- **Michael Yutzy update**: married to Alyssa, Roebuck's niece, has been diagnosed with cancer under his tongue that has metastasized into his tonsils. He has begun chemo and radiation. ^{8/15}

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August 22, 2021 Announcements

Sunday school today - is a final meeting with OEP and Matt Guynn at 11:00
You should have a received a packet via email or placed in your mailbox. If you haven't received one, please let us know; we have extras.



During the next few Sunday mornings I will be taking pictures of everyone to create a pictorial directory for the incoming pastor. Pastors like to have a visual to help get to know people. In order to be consistent and to get close-ups I will be taking the photos in the office against the wall. Please come see me so I can get your pic. Thank you!

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.

- **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}

- 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