

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

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 August 29, 2021



Thresholds of Life

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Theme: God accompanies us on our journey

Welcome and Announcements		Dalis Andrews
Opening prayer		Dalis Andrews
Prelude		Lorie Copeland
*Praise music	<i>Ubuntu</i>	Insert/screen
*Call to worship – Responsive Leader: God calls us to move People: But we fear the unknown places. Leader: God calls us to move People: But movement can be uncomfortable. Leader: God calls us to move People: So we move, trusting that God goes with us preparing the way.		
*Opening song	<i>God of the Bible</i>	Insert/screen
Solo	<i>You've Got a Friend</i> Performed by Jill Weaver	by Carole King

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

Offering prayer
Generous God, with thankful hearts we bring our gifts. May our many resources enrich and renew the church, and may we share and live the Good News today and every day. May it be so, Amen

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Solo	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>	Ginny Mock
Scripture	Joshua 3:1-17	OT #195
Flute Solo		Sherry Bickel
Message	Thresholds of Life	Pastor Janet Shaver
*Closing song	<i>Room at the Table</i> Carrie Newcomer	Insert/screen

***Blessing for the Road**

Blessed is the path on which we travel.
Blessed is the body that carries us upon it.
Blessed is our hearts that have heard the call.
Blessed is our minds that discern the way.
Blessed is the gift that we will receive by going.
Truly blessed is the gift that we will become on the journey.
May we go forth in peace.

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

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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 and presently competing in Tokyo
- **Ethan Bickel** as he adjusts to campus life away from his family^{8/29}
- Celebrating with **Sharon Lemmon** now wearing two shoes!!
- **Weather and climate changes** that are causing severe weather around the world
- Martha Huebert's cousin, **Edwin Metzner**, from New Jersey, passed away. Martha asks prayer for his his wife, Sue.^{8/22}
- Martha's family traveling home from Germany
- Boca Haram persecution taking place with EYN Nigerian COB. Pray for healing and restoration.
- Severe flooding in Haiti
- **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.
- 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.

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Announcements

Join us for Janet's retirement meal and party in the fellowship hall. No Sunday school today.



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. **If you haven't had your picture taken please come to the office at the beginning of fellowship time or by 9am Sunday morning.**

Our speaker next week will be Todd Eastis.

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.

- **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}
- **Hanna Rhoads** for health concerns related to dementia

- 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