

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 September 12, 2021



Dying for Jesus

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Welcome and Announcements Julie Bontrager
Opening prayer Julie Bontrager
Prelude Lorie Copeland
*Praise music *God of the Bible* Insert/screen

*Call to worship – Responsive

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God

People: May our worship reflect God's glory.

Leader: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

People: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Leader: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

People: We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.

Leader: With Christians across geography and across time,

All: Let us worship!

*Opening song *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* #12

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

Offering prayer

God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day, and in the peace you give which passes understanding. Having received so much, we offer all we have, our time, talents and money for your glory. Bless these gift for the work of your church. Amen

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised* #447
Scripture Mark 8:27-38 NT #43
Message **Dying for Jesus** Tim Morpew
*Closing song *Faith of the Martyrs* #413

*Benediction

Growing God, we have known your presence. We have lived in your love. Show us your glory; reveal your glory in us. We will carry your glory from here. We will show it to all your children. 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

September 12, 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.

- **Britta Graber** who is struggling with respiratory and blood pressure issues.^{9/12}
- **Wayne Andrews** who is struggling with several health issues.^{9/12}
- Martha's sister-in-law, **Anna Wagner**, who has fallen and broken her foot.^{9/12}
- **Dana Snider** in the loss of his sister, Thyra Keiser.^{9/12}
- Roger Copeland's coworker, **Calvin**, who has been diagnosed with spots on both his brain and his colon, possibly being cancer
- Katy Wilson's younger sister, **Cheryl Hohman** is working toward a liver transplant.
- Katy Wilson's older sister, **Helen Rinehart**, died on Tuesday, August 31st.
- Renee Black's great nephew, **Kierce**, has Covid and now missing school as the entire family quarantines.
- **Beth Muhlnickel's** brother **Tom**, who is having serious health issues.
- **Hanna Rhoads** recovering from a stroke.^{8/29}
- Northridge friends and family of **Ethan Michael Baker** who suicided on August 23rd.^{8/29}
- **Marj Miller**, who will be having a cornea transplant
- Beth & Jill's neighbor and friend, **Kay Ferry**, whose graft became infected, has had surgery and now at Holy Cross rehab for six weeks of antibiotics^{9/5}
- Jerry & Julie's grandson, **Sam Grewe**, won a Gold Metal in the Paralympic world champion in high jump. **Congratulations Sam!!!**
- **Ethan Bickel** as he adjusts to campus life away from his family^{8/29}
- **Beth Sholly's** nephew has had another stroke and in a rehab unit in Atlanta GA and doing better.

September 12, 2021 Announcements

Our speaker today is Tim Mophew.

No Sunday school today – Meet & Greet with Pastor Debbie Eisenbise with open forum. Special meeting to follow.

No carry-in meal as planned.

Sunday, September 19th our speaker will be Ken Gingerich, a Middlebury native who is a retired Mennonite pastor now living in New Mexico. Ken has been actively seeking reparation for native people.

Please read two nice thank you cards on the bulletin board.

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

Ethan Bickel's school address:

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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.

- **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}
- Boca Haram persecution taking place with EYN Nigerian COB. Pray for healing and restoration.
- Severe flooding in Haiti & New Orleans
- 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}
- 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