

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 – Debbie Eisenbise

e-mail: pastordebbie@mcob.org

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 19, 2021



When the Promised Land is Stolen Land

September 19, 2021

Welcome and Announcements Keri Anderson

Opening prayer Keri Anderson

Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise music *Ubuntu* Insert/screen

*Call to worship – Responsive #684

*Opening song *For the Beauty of the Earth* #89

Scripture Luke 4:14-21 NT #61
Jesus' inaugural address-the beginning of Jesus' ministry

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

Offering prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for gift that belongs not to us alone, but to all our sisters and brothers, since they, too, are created in your image.

Let their need become our need; let their hunger become our hunger;

And grant to us also a portion of their pain, so that in sharing ourselves, we discover the Christ who walks with our brothers and sisters. Amen

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Hymn *Let the Whole Creation Cry* #447

Scripture Matthew 28:16-20 NT #34
The Great Commission-the end of Jesus' ministry. The beginning of ours.

Message **When the Promised Land is Stolen Land**
Ken Gingerich

*Closing song *New Earth, Heavens New* #299

*Blessing for the road

We came to worship. We go now to serve.

We have been given the light. We go now to let it shine.

We have been blessed by God's love. We go now to share it.

We are Christ's disciples. We go now to witness to all.

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.

- **Barb Anderson** who is having severe back pain.
- Keri and Don Anderson's grandson, **William**, who had some unexpected seizures.
- **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.
- **Gary Black** as they deal with setbacks of his wound healing.
- **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}
- 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 the Gold Metal in the Paralympic world champion in high jump. **Congratulations Sam!!!**
- **Beth Sholly's** nephew has had another stroke and in a rehab unit in Atlanta GA and doing better.

Over →

September 12, 2021 Announcements

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.

September 26th our speaker is **Lorie Copeland**

Beginning October 1st Pastor Debbie will keep the following schedule with some exceptions:

Mondays	Her Sabbath/day off
Tuesdays	11am-3pm
Wednesdays	11am-3pm
Fridays	11am-4pm

She will be out of the office the week of October 11th and off on Friday, October 22nd.

Your October calendar will give those details plus her scriptures for each Sunday.

Pastor Debbie's email: pastordebbie@mcob.org

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.

- **Sue Boggs**, sister of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmiller, was diagnosed with breast cancer and is having continued problems with treatment and is going to be doing hormone therapy.
- Prayers for **Deneise Weyhmiller**. She has been diagnosed with three hernias and will be having surgery on September 27th. ^{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 as she speaks about making a good marriage a wedding on 10/16 of making a good marriage.
- 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