

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.

Christian Education at 11:00am

Children under 9 years of age meet in classrooms west of the kitchen with Keri Anderson & Sharon Lemon

Children 10 years and older meet in Room 401 with Mark & Catherine Roebuck

Adult Group Gathering

Adult Group Discussion meets in the board room next to the offices.

You are also welcome to stay in the sanctuary for quiet time of prayer and contemplation.



For children 6 years and under, we have a play area set up along the back wall to your left as you enter the sanctuary. Please sit close to that play area to supervise your children/grandchildren. Clipboards with activities are available for children of all ages.

You are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments following the worship service.

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Middlebury Church of the Brethren



October 10, 2021

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

a welcoming and inclusive congregation

offering Christ's hospitality to the world

Worship – 9:30am Fellowship – 10:45am Christian Education – 11:00am

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

*Praise music *Gathered Here in the Mystery of this Hour* screen

***Call to Worship - Responsive**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: With grateful hearts we worship our God.

Invocation

Interlude

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

Stewardship Invitation

Hymn *God, whose Giving* #383

Offering prayer

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Preparation for Hearing the Word: sing twice

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Scripture Mark 10:17-31 Pew Bible New Testament #46

Message ***A Good Investment***

*Hymn *We Give Thee But Thine Own* #384

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Congregation stands in body or spirit, as you wish.**

If you are new or visiting, you are most welcome in worship and to stay for a time of fellowship afterwards. 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.

Interim Pastor – Debbie Eisenbise Worship Leader – Catherine Roebuck
Pianist – Lorie Copeland Flutist – Sherry Bickel Song Leader – Tammy Houser
Ushers – Todd Grathen and Dalis Andrews
Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

Upcoming in worship

October 17th – Mark 10: 35-45, please bring your commitment cards and time and talent sheets to worship

October 24th – Mark 10: 46-52

October 31st – Ruth 1: 1-18, 2nd a meal offering for Global Food Initiative; also logo shirt day (no political messages please)

November 7th – Revelation 21: 1-6a All Saints' Day

The invocation is by Amy Fedele from The African Sisters Education Collective.
"Thy Word" words and music is by Amy Grant. CCLI#14301

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Announcements**

Pastor Debbie will keep the following schedule with some exceptions. Additional times in the office are noted on the calendar outside her office door.

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

Pastor Debbie will be out of the office the week of October 11th for a silent retreat and off on Friday, October 22nd for the Northern Ohio District Women's Conference.

Pastor Debbie's email: pastordebbie@mcob.org

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.

Please look in your mailbox for the Joys and Concerns list.

We are transitioning to **individually packaged treats** that we will be serving during fellowship time. If you are planning to bring in a treat, please consider making sure they are individually packaged. If you have questions please contact Sherry Bickel. Thank you, Fellowship Commission

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 or for directions - 574 215-2158

All women are invited to coffee and conversation at the Poyser farm on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Call Martha Huebert with questions or for directions – 574 825-4304

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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