

## 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 17, 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  
October 17, 2021

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

\*Praise music *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* screen

**\*Call to Worship - Responsive**

Leader: With all that is within us, let us bless God,

**People: who forgives us and heals us,**

Leader: who lifts us up and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

**People: With all that is within us, let us give praise and thanks to God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us.**

**Invocation**

**Interlude**

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

**Offering prayer**

**Dedication of Time and Talent Sheets and Commitment Cards**

**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 10:35-45 Pew Bible New Testament #47  
**Hymn** *Count Well the Cost* #437  
**Message** *Another Way of Living*

\*Hymn *Will You Come and Follow Me* insert  
Verses 1 + 2 + first optional verse (at the bottom, vs. 3)

**\*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 – Steve Poyser, Matt Weaver  
Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

**Upcoming in worship**

October 24<sup>th</sup> – Mark 10: 46-52

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

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Revelation 21: 1-6a All Saints' Day

November 14<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 1: 4-2: 10

“Thy Word” words and music is by Amy Grant. CCLI#14301

**October 17, 2021  
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.**

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

Pastor Debbie will be off on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Northern Ohio District Women's Conference.

Pastor Debbie's email: [pastordebbie@mcob.org](mailto:pastordebbie@mcob.org)

Office hours for Dalis: 9:30am – 2:00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.  
Bulletins are printed on Thursday and can't be adjusted after that. 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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