

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.



We are an intentionally intergenerational congregation welcoming all ages. And so **for younger children, 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.
Thank you.

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Middlebury Church of the Brethren



World Communion Sunday October 3, 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 3, 2021

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

***Praise music** *Praise, I will Praise You Lord* #76 verse 1 / 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

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

Preparation for Hearing the Word:

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

Scripture Mark 10: 13-16 Pew Bible New Testament #46

Message ***Children of God***

***Hymn** *Lord of Our Growing Years* #479

Communion

Confession

Lord's Prayer (sung with "debts" and "debtors")

Unison Affirmation of the Bread: **The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.**

Unison Affirmation of the Cup: **The cup which we bless is the cup of the new covenant in Christ's blood.**

***Hymn** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* #589

***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 – Mark Roebuck
Pianist – Lorie Copeland Flutist – Sherry Bickel Song Leader – Tammy Houser
Ushers – Don Muhlnickel, Beth Sholly
Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

Upcoming in worship

October 10th – Mark 10: 17-31, Stewardship Sunday

October 17th – Mark 10, 35-45, please bring your commitment cards to worship

October 24th – Mark 10: 46-52

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

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

**October 3, 2021
Announcements**

Welcome Pastor Debbie Eisenbise

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.

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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**JOYS and CONCERNS
October 3, 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. Each prayer request will be removed after 30 days unless the office is notified.

- **Barb Anderson** who is having severe back pain.^{9/19}
- Keri and Don Anderson's grandson, **William**, who had some unexpected seizures.^{9/19}
- **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.^{9/12}
- Katy Wilson's younger sister, **Cheryl Hohman** is working toward a liver transplant.
- **Gary Black** as they deal with setbacks of his wound healing.^{9/12}
- 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}
- **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 had surgery on September 27th.^{8/22}

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- Peaceful co-existence in our world. Especially prayers for peace in Nigeria for those in the Church of the Brethren enduring violence from the Boko Haram.
- Severe flooding in Haiti & New Orleans
- **Michael Yutzy update:** married to Alyssa, Roebuck's niece, has been diagnosed with cancer under his tongue that has metastasized into his tonsils. He is going through chemo and radiation. ^{8/15}
- Please keep **Bev Short** in your prayers as she speaks about making a good marriage at a wedding on October 16th.

All those who are not able to come to worship due to health concerns or other issues:

- Mike and Linda Byrd
- Andy, Dalton and Gretchen Showalter
- Eleanor Hawkins
- Betty Hydorn
- Hanna Rhoads