

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 31, 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 *God of the Bible* screen

***Call to Worship - Responsive**

Leader: God, You are always faithful, Your love perfect, Your truth eternal. You alone judge us. With compassion, You look upon us. You know our hearts.

People: So, to all who join in worship today, welcome. Beloved children of God, welcome, let us hear God's word for us this day.

Leader: Transforming Christ, you encourage us, and enable us to grow into Your likeness. You redeem us.

People: Beloved children of God, welcome, let us pray with confidence and live in hope.

Leader: Empowering Holy Spirit, without whom we see only divisions, grant us wisdom to forego judging and to reach out to others with forgiveness and understanding.

People: Beloved children of God, welcome, let us find in this fellowship acceptance and grace.

Invocation

Interlude

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

Offering prayer

Hymn *Teach Me Thy Truth* #548

Affirmation of faith *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (vs. 1 & 2) #328

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 Ruth 1:1-18 Pew Bible Old Testament #241
Message *On the Journey Together*

***Hymn** *Guide My Feet* #546

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

Upcoming in worship

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

November 14th – 1 Samuel 1: 4-2: 10

November 21st – John 18: 33-37

November 28th – Jer. 33: 14-16; Luke 21: 25-36

“Thy Word” words and music is by Amy Grant. CCLI#14301
The call to worship is adapted from one by Carol Mason, published by Brethren Press.

**October 31, 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.

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

Pastor Debbie's email: 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.

Two church maintenance work days have been scheduled for Saturday, November 6th and Saturday, November 13th, both from 8-11am. The necessary maintenance includes everything from simple cleaning tasks to repairs that need tools. Please see Mark Roebuck for more information or get a detailed repair list in the office to see how you might be able to help. Materials will be provided.

COMING SOON – Camp Mack is offering “Tuesday To-Go” meals beginning November 2nd. The menus offered each week are listed on the Camp Mack bulletin board in the fellowship hall; the meal for November 2nd is meatloaf. Individual meals are \$10.00 and meals to serve six are \$50.00. Catherine Roebuck is willing to go pick up the meals if people are interested in ordering – let her know if you would like to order a meal. Or you can order by texting **Mack2Go to 91999**.

Everyone is welcome to join the next **Peace & Justice** group on Saturday, November 20th in the fellowship hall. Rod Hollingsworth-Janzen is speaking on Indiana's Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. You are encouraged to invite any friends or family that you think may be interested in hearing more about this. It is open to everyone.

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 – Non-perishable food and other items are always being collected or you may donate money for milk vouchers. Bring your donations to the church at the back of the sanctuary. Our supply of foods was depleted recently for a homeless person in need and we need to replenish. Also, canned goods should have the pop-top lids when possible.

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

The women's Tuesday group has decided to discontinue meeting.

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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