

## 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



# November 14, 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  
November 14, 2021

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

\*Praise music *God Who Touches Earth with Beauty* #511

**\*Call to Worship - Responsive**

One: Let us come into the church this morning to meet the Spirit of God:

**All: Not to give religion an hour, but to enter into the eternal;**

One: Not to maintain a habit, but to bow before the Holy One;

**All: Not to judge the words of the preacher, but to draw life from God's  
Living Word;**

One: Not to be moved or soothed by music, but to sing praises from the heart;

**All: Not to be distracted by lights and colors, but to allow our soul to gaze  
upon God's beauty;**

One: Not to have our thoughts wander, but to know the peace of God.

**All: Here in the house of our Lord, we are glad, and give thanks, and adore  
our God.**

**Invocation**

**Interlude**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* #353

**Prayers for the People**

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

**Offering prayer**

**Preparation for Hearing the Word:** sing twice

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

**Scripture Message** 1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10 Pew Bible Old Testament #244

\*Hymn *My Life Flows On* (vs. 1 & 2) #580

\*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 – Dalis Andrews  
Pianist – Lorie Copeland Flutist – Sherry Bickel Song Leader – Tammy Houser  
Ushers – Beth Sholly and Todd Grathen  
Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

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

The call to worship (by Dean of York) and invocation (by Roy Pearson) are from *For All Who Minister*

***Upcoming in worship***

*November 21<sup>st</sup> – John 18: 33-37*

*November 28<sup>th</sup> – Jer. 33: 14-16; Luke 21: 25-36 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

*December 5<sup>th</sup> – Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 3:1-18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**November 14, 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](mailto:pastordebbie@mcob.org)

Office hours for Dalis: 9:30am – 3:00pm, 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.

**Today** is birthday Sunday – please join us in the fellowship hall to celebrate November birthdays with coffee, lemonade and pre-packaged snacks.

**Phone tree caller ID** begins with **area code 405**. Your caller ID may say "Fullnet" or "Call Multiplier." Please watch on Thursday or Friday for the weekly call that highlights events and activities for the weekend.



During Advent of 2019 we did a sharing of our **nativities/crèches** and displayed them at the back of the sanctuary. This year we want to do this again. Any time before or during Advent (which begins on 11/28) please bring your nativity to set up on the tables that will be set up inside the sanctuary doors. Someone can help set it up if you need help. Also give Dalis a brief description of the nativity that can be typed onto a card; it's always interesting to know the history of your share.

**Camp Mack** is offering "Tuesday To-Go" meals. The menus offered each week are listed on the Camp Mack bulletin board in the fellowship hall. 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, 10:00am, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Middlebury Public Library. Rod Hollinger-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 will be served 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

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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