

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.

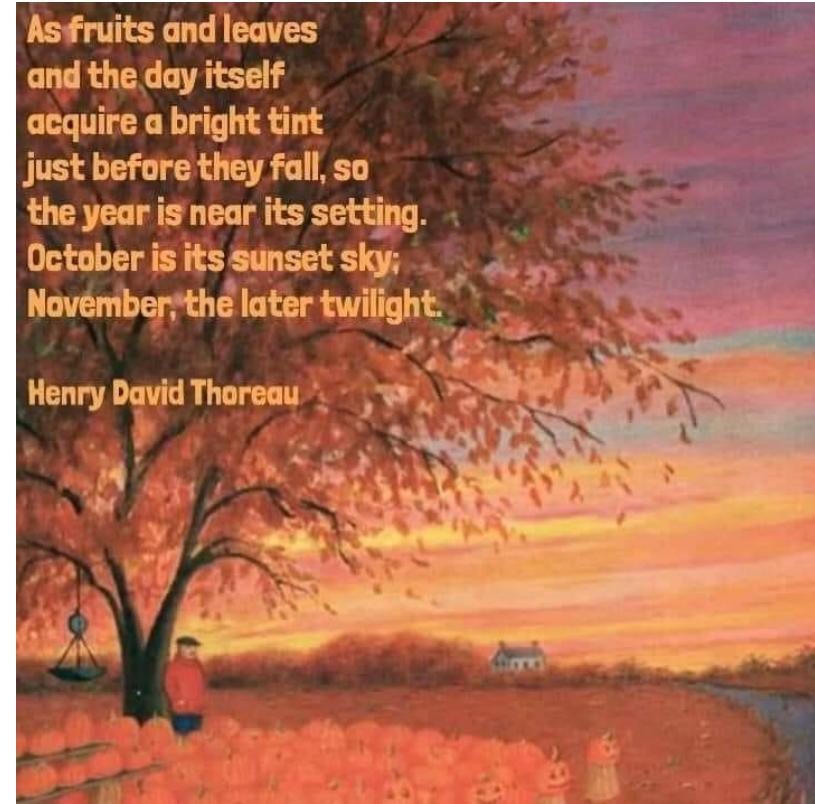
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Middlebury Church of the Brethren

**As fruits and leaves
and the day itself
acquire a bright tint
just before they fall, so
the year is near its setting.
October is its sunset sky;
November, the later twilight.**

Henry David Thoreau



November 21, 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 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* screen

***Call to Worship - Responsive**

One: O God, You rule the world from end to end and for all time.

All: You alone are God.

One: In You alone we hope.

All: We worship You. We pray to You:

One: Forgive our sins. Heal our diseases. Redeem us and save us and this earth
from destruction.

**All: We repent of our stubbornness and pride. We desire to yield ourselves
more fully to Your will.**

One: Keep us in Your presence, O God, that we might serve and witness in Your
name,

All: Sharing Your love with all.

**Unison Invocation: Your love is given to us to share, O God. May we open
ourselves anew to receive that great gift and to offer it to others, to all who
need healing and hope. Amen.**

Interlude

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

Offering prayer

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer *Bind Us Together* sing twice
*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
bind us together in love.
There is only one God,
there is only one King;
there is only one body,
that is why we sing.:*

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 John 18:33-37 Pew Bible New Testament #113
Message

*Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #116

*Benediction – Responsive #721

***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 – Don Anderson
Pianist – Lorie Copeland Flutist – Sherry Bickel Song Leader – Tammy Houser
Ushers – Steve Poyser, Matt Weaver
Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

The call to worship is based on #692 in our hymnal.
“Thy Word” words and music is by Amy Grant. CCLI#14301

Upcoming in worship

November 28th – Jer. 33: 14-16; Luke 21: 25-36 – 1st Sunday of Advent
December 5th – Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 3:1-18 – 2nd Sunday of Advent
December 12th – Zeph. 3:14-20; Phil. 4:4-7 – 3rd Sunday of Advent
December 19th – Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-55 – 4th Sunday of Advent

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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'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.



Poinsettia order is now available – deadline for orders is Wednesday, December 1st.



Hanging of the greens – Saturday, November 27th, 10:00am. Come help set up the sanctuary for the Christmas season.



December 12th we will be displaying your special nativity sets.
Bring your nativity to the church **by December 8th** to be part of the display. Why is your nativity special? What does it mean to you? Has it been handed down or was it a gift? Write it down and bring it to the office so it can be typed on a nice card to display with your nativity.



Tell us your favorite Christmas carols to sing during the Advent/Christmas season. There are cards in a basket on the table beside the sanctuary doors.

And much more over→



Do you have scarves or small table covers that you no longer use or want? Don't give them to the recycler or to Good Will – we need them here at the church! Please see Dalis with your cast-offs!!

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**.

We are using **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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