

## 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 7, 2021 Remembering our Saints

**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 7, 2021

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Praise music**

**\*Call to Worship - Responsive**

One: This morning we gather to worship You, O God, with hearts full of gratitude  
for the cloud of witnesses that have gone on before us, those who have  
lived lives of faith that inspire us still.

**All: We give You thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped You**

One: Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals, weathered wooden churches or  
crumbling cement meeting houses, wherever Your name has been lifted  
and adored.

**All: We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:**

One: Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil, strong hands and  
also those weakened and gnarled with age:

**All: All holy hands that prayed and served and comforted and cared.**

One: We thank You, God, for hardworking saints; whether hard-hatted or steel-  
booted or aproned; blue-collared or white-collared:

**All: All who left their mark on this earth for You, for us, for generations to  
come,**

One: In this congregation, in this community.

**All: Thank you, God, for the faithful witness and generous spirit evident in  
those who have gone before us.**

One: Bless the memories of Your saints, O God.

**All: And may we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith,  
dedication, worship, and love.**

**Unison Invocation: Bless us this hour with Your abiding presence, O God.  
Renew us, restore us, strengthen us and guide us in Your ways in this life  
and the next. Amen.**

**Interlude**

**Joys and Concerns  
Prayers for the People**

**Remembering our saints**

Hymn *For All the Saints* (vs. 1, 4, 5, 6) #636

*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**

Rev. 21: 1-6a

Pew Bible New Testament #259

**\*Hymn**

*Beyond a Dying Sun*

#323

**\*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 – Martha Huebert, Tom Miller  
Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver  
Remembering our Saints – Dalis Andrews

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

The call to worship is based on a prayer by Safiyah Fosua.

Free online version of Vernard Eller's *The Most Revealing Book of the Bible:*

*Making Sense out of Revelation:* <http://www.hccentral.com/eller7/index.html>

**Upcoming in worship**

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

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

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

**November 7, 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 – 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.

**Church maintenance work day** has been scheduled for Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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, November 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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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