

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 currently meets in the fellowship hall.

You are also welcome to stay in the sanctuary for quiet time of prayer and contemplation.

Or join us in the fellowship hall for conversation and refreshments after worship. Please be mindful of social distancing.



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.

Our Mission Statement

Believe God's Word. Live Christ's teaching.
Grow spiritually and share God's love, peace, hope and joy.

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**Middlebury
Church of the Brethren**



January 16, 2022

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

Preparing our Hearts for Worship *Light Awakes* screen

*Call to Worship

One: O God, Author of Eternal Light,
All: Lead us in our worshipping this day:
One: That our lips may praise You,
All: Our lives may honor You,
One: And our meditations glorify You.
All: Bless us as we gather here in Your presence, we pray.

Invocation
Interlude

Joys and Concerns
Prayers for the People

Hymn *Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly* (vs. 1 & 3) #514

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

Offering Prayer

Preparation for Hearing the Word *Listen, Listen God is Calling* (sing twice)

Listen, listen God is calling,
To the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

Scripture *Psalm 36: 5-10*

All: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Response

All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, Your judgements are

like the great deep; You save humans and animals alike.... How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

Response

All: They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

Response

All: O continue Your steadfast love to those who know You, and Your salvation to the upright of heart!

Response

Message

*Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #327

Anointing for Healing

*Unison Benediction #769

*Postlude

*Congregation stands in body and/or spirit, as you wish.

Permission for "Listen, Listen God is Calling" is given through One License #01607. The video was used with permission from Seth Hendricks and Friends with the Weather. The call to worship is adapted from #673 in our hymnal.

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 Bickel
Pianist – Lorie Copeland Song Leader – Tammy Houser
Ushers – Matt Weaver & Dalis Andrews
Greeters – Jerry & Julie Bontrager
Worship Center: Sheila and Steve Poyser
Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

Upcoming in worship

January 23rd – Luke 4: 14-30; commissioning our deacons

January 30th – Guest Preacher; 2cents-a-meal offering

February 6th - Isaiah 6: 1-13

**January 16, 2022
Announcements**

Office hours:

Pastor Debbie will keep the following schedule. Additional times in the office are noted on the calendar outside her office door. Her email: pastordebbie@mcob.org

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

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 check your mailbox for the **Joys and Concerns** list.

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. 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

Upcoming Meetings here at the church—The Executive Committee will meet on Sunday afternoon. The Board will meet on Thurs. Jan. 13 at 7pm. The Transition Team will meet on Sun. Jan. 23.

Peace and Justice Action Group—Sat. Jan. 22 at 10am at the Middlebury Public Library: Steve Poyser will share about the “1619 Project.” All are welcome. Feel free to bring guests, invite your friends and neighbors.

2Cents-a-Meal Offering for the Global Food Initiative—Sun. Jan. 30 during worship. For more information: see their newsletter on our bulletin board or go to www.brethren.org/gfi/.



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!! **These are for use all during the year for various events and displays and other decorating purposes.**

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!

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