

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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January 23, 2022

Cover image is a Moravian star used by those in that church to celebrate Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. The first such star originated in the 1830s at the Moravian Boys' School in Niesky, Germany, as a geometry lesson.

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 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* screen

*Call to Worship

One: Praise the One who hears the cry of the poor,

All: Who lifts up the weak and gives them strength.

One: Praise the One who feeds the hungry,

All: And satisfies the longing of those in need.

One: Praise the One who holds with tenderness all who grieve,

All: And gives the refugee a land and a home.

One: Praise to the One who created all that was and is and is to be,

All: And who offers mercy and shows compassion and redeems all people.

One: Praise to the One who is revealed to us in Christ Jesus.

All: Praise to the Lord our God.

Invocation

Interlude

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

Offering Prayer

Commissioning our Deacons

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

O Lord Hear My Prayer

#348

Prayers for the People

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

Luke 4: 14-21 & Luke 4: 22-30

Message

*Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

insert

vs. 1 + 2 + first optional verse (at the bottom) + vs. 3

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

The call to worship is based on #683 in our hymnal.

Permission for "Will You Come and Follow Me" is given through One License #G9247098.

Permission for "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" is given through CCLI#459973.

Our worship center encourages us to consider the work of peace and justice we are to be about as followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Before us is a cultivator and swords reminding us of the call in Isaiah 2:4 to "beat **swords into plowshares**, and spears into pruning hooks."

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 Flutist – Sherry Bickel Song Leader – Tammy Houser
Ushers – Kent Bailey & Tom Miller
Greeters – Beth & Don Muhlnickel
Worship Center: Sheila and Steve Poyser
Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

Upcoming in worship

January 30th – Brad Hardesty, guest preacher; 2cents-a-meal offering

February 6th – Isaiah 6: 1-13

February 13th – Luke 6: 17-26

February 20th – Luke 6: 27-38

February 27th – Luke 9: 28-43a

**January 23, 2022
Announcements**

This next week: Pastor Debbie will be out of town serving on the Nominating Committee of the denomination's Standing Committee from Monday through Thursday. She will be on vacation from Friday through Monday. In case of emergency, please contact the church office, or your deacon.

Office hours:

Pastor Debbie's regular schedule is as follows. 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. 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.

Two positions need to be filled in our church:

- One volunteer for a 2 year position serving as Annual Conference delegate this year in Omaha, NE and next year in Cincinnati, OH
- Someone to serve as church clerk

Please see Lorie Copeland if you are interested in filling either position.

Save the date: Middlebury Chamber of Commerce is inviting us to join a Zoom meeting on Sat. Feb. 5th at 9am to attend the 2022 Third House Session. This will provide a forum for community members to discuss pending legislation with elected representatives. See flier on bulletin board or use Meeting ID 827 7237 2509 and Passcode 370780.

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/.

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.



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 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!

TO ACCESS OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICE go to www.mcob.org, bottom left of page where you will click on YouTube; toward the top click on "Live." It doesn't go live until the loft activates it, so if it isn't there immediately, leave the page and try again. You can also access copies of the bulletin and links to past services on our website: www.mcob.org.

And **find us on Facebook** at Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

