

**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.

Or join us in the fellowship hall for conversation and refreshments after worship.



**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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Church of the Brethren**



**January 9, 2022  
Epiphany**

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
a welcoming and inclusive congregation  
offering Christ's hospitality to the world

Worship – 9:30am  
followed by a time of fellowship in the sanctuary & “unhanging the greens”

January 9, 2022

Gathering Music

Carol Sing

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship *Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness* #220

Please respond in unison as led by the worship leader:

**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Invocation

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**All: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon us, and God's glory will appear over us.**

One: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant;

**All: Our hearts shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to us, the wealth of the nations shall come to us.**

One: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

**All: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Interlude

Candle Lighting

One: This morning, we light the Christ candle and remember the star that led the Magi, those three wise men, on a journey to find Jesus.

**All: We, too, are on a journey. We, too, wish to find and honor Jesus.**

One: And we are led by the Light that continually shines in the darkness.

**All: And the darkness cannot overcome it.**

Hymn

*To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

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

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

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

Matthew 2: 1-12

Message

\*Hymn

*We Three Kings*

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Hearing the Proclamations of the Kings

\*Benediction

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

Permission for “Listen, Listen God is Calling” is given through One License #01607. “We Three Kings” is found in the “Hymnal Supplement” and reprinted through CCLI #38002.

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 – Julie Bontrager

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Song Leader – Tammy Houser

Ushers – Gretchen Showalter & Steve Poyser

Greeters – Sheila and Steve Poyser

Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

**Upcoming in worship**

January 16<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 36:5-10; and remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Luke 4: 14-30; commissioning our deacons

January 30<sup>th</sup> – Guest Preacher; 2cents-a-meal offering

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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](mailto: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.



**Paper mittens are still available on the trees if you would like to help with items for Littles Lites Daycare.**

**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

**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/](http://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 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](http://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](http://www.mcob.org).

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