

**Christian Education at 11:00am**

**Children under 9 years of age** meet in classrooms west of the kitchen with Keri Anderson & Sharon Lemmon

**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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Church of the Brethren**



**February 20, 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

February 20, 2022

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

\*Preparing our Hearts for Worship to the tune of *Amazing Grace*  
*All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord* (vs. 1-3) #21

\*Call to Worship

One: Christ, whose insistent call disturbs our settled lives:

**All: Give us discernment to hear Your word, grace to relinquish our tasks,  
and courage to follow empty-handed wherever You lead;**

One: That Your grace and Your love may reach all people everywhere.

**All: Amen.**

Visio Divina

Interlude

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

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

**Unison Offering Prayer: O God, bless these gifts for the work of Your church in this place, at this time. And sanctify us—our attitudes, our actions, our thoughts, our desires—that Your will may be done by us and Your reign come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

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  
Message

Luke 6:27-38  
*What Goes Around Comes Around*

New Testament pg.64

\*Hymn

*Beauty for Brokenness*

(insert)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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

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.

The call to worship is based on #145 in *Sing the Story*. Permission for “Listen, Listen God is Calling” is given through One License #01607. The hymn on the insert is from *Sing the Story*, permission given by One License #104866.

Interim Pastor – Debbie Eisenbise      Worship Leader – Beth Sholly

Visio Divina – Jill Weaver

Pianist – Lorie Copeland      Flutist – Sherry Bickel      Song Leader – Tammy Houser

Ushers – Dalis Andrews & Gretchen Showalter      Greeters – Beth & Don Muhlnickel

Worship Center – Sheila and Steve Poyser

Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

**Upcoming in worship**

February 27<sup>th</sup> – Luke 9: 28-43a

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ash Wednesday: 6:30pm, Lent begins

March 6<sup>th</sup> – Luke 4: 1-13

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Luke 13: 31-35

**February 20, 2022  
Announcements**

**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](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.

Today is an **All Church educational meeting** during the Sunday school hour. This is to educate and inform everyone about issues that impact our congregation during this transition time and will inform our pastoral search team. This meeting will be led by Pastor Debbie.

♥ The **large heart** hanging above the guest chairs in the narthex was built by Carmen Cripe and shared with us by Steve & Sheila Poyser.

If you would like to share a memory or send a message to the Chuck Tayler family go to <https://www.weremember.com/chuck-tayler/0e0i/memories>. There will not be an obituary in the newspaper. A memorial service will be held in the spring and we will be contacted with details closer to that time.

**Peace & Justice** group will meet on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Middlebury Public Library. The speaker, Luke Gascho, will be speaking about the indigenous people around Middlebury and where they may have lived. This is open to everyone.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm

**Trenda Fry's** address for cards: 11707 CR 16, Middlebury 46540

**Over**

**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.

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