

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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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**



**February 27, 2022
Transfiguration Sunday**

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 27, 2022

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

***Preparing our Hearts for Worship** *God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea* #53

***Call to Worship**

One: Almighty God, we hear the story again today—

All: That to those chosen to see, You revealed Your beloved Son,

One: Transfigured in glory on the holy mount.

All: In Your great mercy, help us to see;

One: Deliver us from this world's darkness,

All: And change us from glory to glory into his likeness,

One: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

Interlude

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the People

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

Offering Prayer

One: Transforming God, You come to us in expected and unexpected ways.

All: Make your presence know among us.

One: Comfort us.

All: Confront us.

One: Change us.

All: Call us, that we might bring Your reign on earth as it is in heaven.

One: Bless these gifts and our lives to that end.

All: 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 Luke 9: 28-36 New Testament pg. 69

Reflections

Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* (vs.1-3) #120

Scripture Luke 9:37-43a New Testament pg. 70

Reflections

***Hymn** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (vs. 1-3) #356

***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.

Permission for “Listen, Listen God is Calling” is given through One License #01607. The call to worship is based on #741 and the offering prayer on #735 in our hymnal. The benediction is from the sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph.

Interim Pastor – Debbie Eisenbise Worship Leader – Lorie Copeland

Visio Divina – Jill Weaver

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

Ushers – Steve Poyser & Matt Weaver Greeters – Steve & Sheila Poyser

Worship Center – Sheila and Steve Poyser

Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

Upcoming in worship

March 2nd – Ash Wednesday: 6:30pm, Lent begins

March 6th – Luke 4: 1-13

March 13th – Luke 13: 31-35

February 27, 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

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.

Lorie: 8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday-Friday

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

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Ash Wednesday worship service** at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 2nd. This will be a quiet, contemplative service including the dispensation of ashes. If you are unable to attend but would still like to experience Ash Wednesday, go to the following link for an online video with a do-it-yourself creation of ashes and a meditation with Pastor Debbie.

https://youtu.be/1xDbK_1heqs

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

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

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
 - A volunteer to serve as church clerk
- Please see Lorie Copeland if you are interested in filling either position.

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.

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The **Everence Sharing Fund** provided \$637.50 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. More funds have been generously made available this year. Mike Sommer serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation; please contact him for more information.

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.

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Does my
breath
always smell
like this?



Wow! I
lip-read way
more than I
realized.



That whitening
toothpaste
was money
well spent.



I'm very
aware of
my ears.



Don't sneeze.
Don't sneeze.
Don't sneeze.



Na na, na na,
na na, na na
Batman!



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