

### 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.

**Middlebury Church of the Brethren**

**507 Bristol Ave.**

**Middlebury, IN 46540**

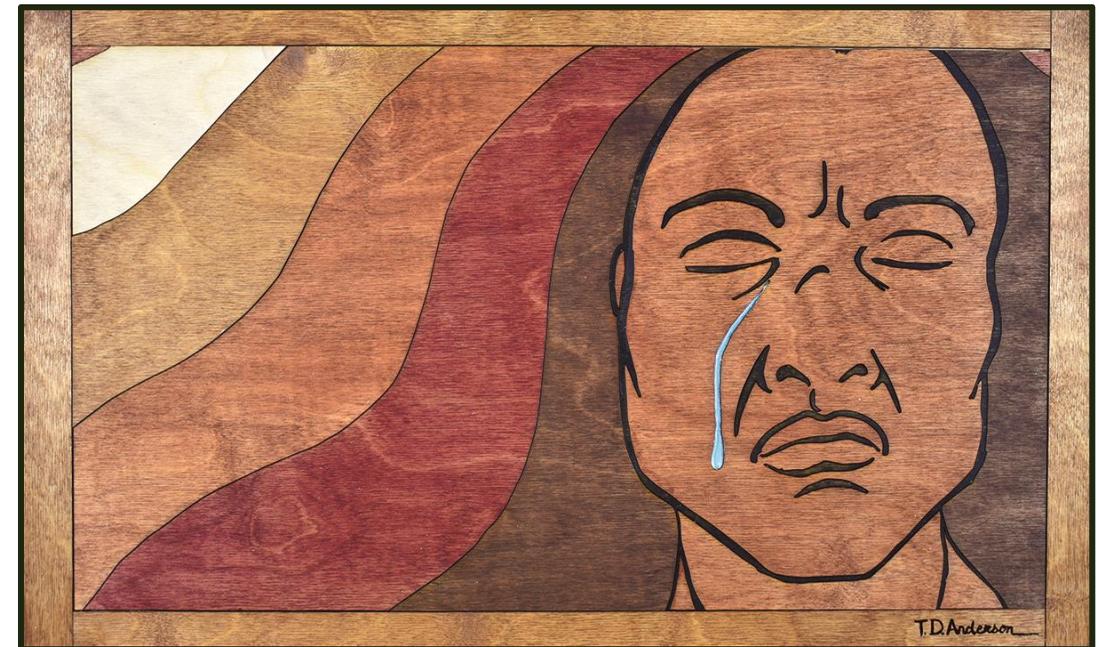
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## **Middlebury Church of the Brethren**



**March 13, 2022  
Second Sunday of Lent**

**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

March 13, 2022

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Silence and Centering**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: We come into this time of worship to hear and embrace again God's call.

**All: As spring draws near, we see signs of new life.**

One: God is bringing that new life. God is encouraging us, too, to grow.

**All: We hear this call.**

One: It is a call to open to God's Spirit moving in our midst—

**All: In each of our lives, in all of our lives, in the life we share together.**

One: It is a call to confession—

**All: Because we know that we cannot grow without change, and change begins with being honest—**

One: Honest with ourselves, each other, and our God.

**All: We confess our self-absorption, our self-centeredness, our pettiness,**

One: And ask for God's help to look beyond ourselves and open ourselves to God's will and God's way

**All: That we might grow and become the people God created us to be,**

One: The church God would have us be in this place, at this time.

**All: We thank God for this call, and worship God with grateful hearts.**

**Interlude**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**

*O Young and Fearless Prophet*

#374

**Prayers for the People** [ending with prayer #746 in unison]

**Offering**

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

**Doxology** [please sing these words to tune #119]

**Praise God on whom our lives depend.**

**Praise God whose love shall never end.**

**With justice, love, humility,**

**May we serve daily, faithfully. Amen.**

**Offering Prayer**

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**O God, teach us to see as You see, and live as You live, and love as**

**You love. Forgive us when we don't. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture**

Luke 13: 31-35

New Testament #77

**Message**

**\*Hymn**

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

#405

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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

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.

Lyrics to the Doxology by Joe Detrick from *For All Who Minister* are used with permission. The offering prayer is #750 in our hymnal.

Interim Pastor – Debbie Eisenbise      Worship Leader – Renee Black

Pianist – Lorie Copeland      Flutist – Sherry Bickel

Ushers – Tom Miller & Sheila Poyser      Greeters – Jerry & Julie Bontrager

Worship Center – Sheila and Steve Poyser

Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

**Upcoming in worship**

March 20<sup>th</sup> – Luke 13: 1-9

March 27<sup>th</sup> – 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mark 14: 3-9

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Luke 19: 28-40

**March 13, 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)

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

**Dalis:** 9:30am – 3:00pm, Tuesday (off Tu this week), 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:** Out of office from 3/15 – 3/22.

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

Have you lost a pair of **black reading glasses**? If so, please check with the office.

Tuesday, 3/15, **Worship meeting** at 3:30pm.

You will find a **Lenten devotional booklet** in your mailbox; there are extras in the office. This booklet was compiled from the scripture writings that you all have contributed. If you would prefer a large-print devotional book from Brethren Press, please see Dalis or Pastor Debbie in the office.

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

**Marj Miller's** address: 1121 Montgomery Ave., Apt. 314 Staunton, VA 24401

**Open Leadership Position:**

A volunteer to serve as church clerk.

Please see Board Chairperson Lorie Copeland if you are interested.

**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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