

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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**Middlebury
Church of the Brethren**



**March 27, 2022
Fourth 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 27, 2022

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Silence and Centering

***Call to Worship**

One: Almighty God, by Your Holy Spirit open us to the re-creating power of Your Word,

All: That we may see the world through the mind of Christ and live in the world as a foretaste of Your new creation.

One: Bless us in our worship this day.

All: Amen.

Interlude

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.

Unison Affirmation: As people of the New Creation in Christ Jesus, we offer ourselves and our gifts to our God.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Offering our Thanks for Service to the Church

Prayers for the People

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

***Hymn** *New Earth, Heavens New* #299

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 New Testament #181
Message

***Hymn** *We are People of God's Peace* #407

***Benediction**

***Response** *You Shall go out with Joy* #427

*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 call to worship and offering prayer are based on prayers from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Year C*.

Interim Pastor – Debbie Eisenbise Worship Leader – Renee Black
Pianist – Lorie Copeland Flutist – Sherry Bickel Guitarist – Jill Weaver
Ushers – Don Muhlnickel & Beth Sholly Greeters – Bev & Bill
Worship Center – Sheila and Steve Poyser
Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

Upcoming in worship

April 3rd – Mark 14: 3-9

Palm/Passion Sunday: April 10th – Luke 19: 28-40

Easter: April 17th – Luke 24:1-12

April 24th – John 20: 19-31

**March 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

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| 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: 8:30-5:30 Monday-Friday, off Monday 3/21.

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

Pastor Debbie is teaching **Sunday School** on the book of Ruth. Everyone is welcome even if you haven't attended previously.

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

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

Sunday School Schedule after Easter

Easter: no class

April 24: Jesus' Last Week

May 1: Sam Grewe Ted Talk: Julie B.

May 8: Ginny Mauk 90th Birthday Celebration

May 15: Camp Mack Sunday

May 22: AC Briefing: Don A. / Graduation Sunday

May 29: All Church / Interim / Pastoral Search

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.

Transition Team meeting Sunday, March 27th at 12:00 noon.

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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