

**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**

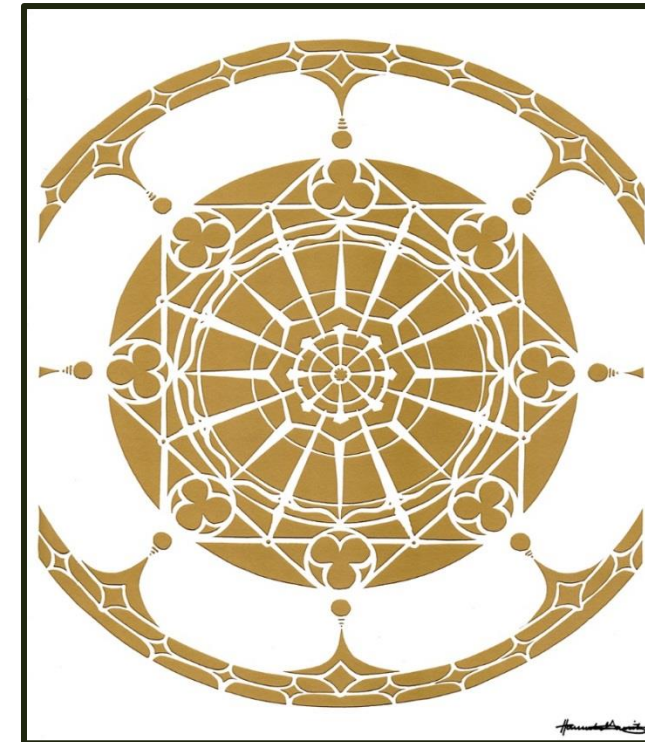
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**Middlebury  
Church of the Brethren**



**March 6, 2022  
First 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 6, 2022**

**Gathering Music**  
**Welcome**  
**Announcements**

**Silence and Centering**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: God comes to us in the silence, waits until we are still and listening.

**All: God draws close to us to speak a word of grace, of truth, of peace.**

One: Here in our worship, we affirm God's presence and that God is love.

**All: That love fills us to overflowing.**

One: That love washes us clean and draws us into fellowship with Jesus through the waters of baptism.

**All: That love calls us to serve others through following Jesus' example: washing feet.**

One: The Holy Spirit that Jesus promised his disciples pours out mercy upon us all.

**All: And we embrace that mercy for ourselves and share that mercy with all that we meet.**

One: As Lent begins, we enter into the wilderness with Jesus, knowing that we do not walk alone.

**All: When we are lonely, when we are tempted, when we are discouraged, we turn to Jesus.**

One: And we find that even in the wilderness,

**All: We are loved.**

One: Even in the wilderness,

**All: God's love overflows.**

One: Even in the wilderness,

**All: We hear God's call to share God's love with all.**

**Interlude**                      *Seek Ye First*                      composition by Karen Lafferty

**Moment for Mission: Heifer International**

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**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**                      *There is a Place of Quiet Rest*                      #5

**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**

**Scripture**                      Luke 4: 1-13                      New Testament pg. 61  
**Message**

**\*Hymn**                      *My Dear Redeemer and My Lord*                      #547

**\*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.

Interim Pastor – Debbie Eisenbise      Worship Leader – Britta Graber  
Pianist – Lorie Copeland      Flutist – Sherry Bickel      Song Leader – Tammy Houser  
Ushers – Martha Huebert & Kent Bailey      Greeters – Steve & Sheila Poyser  
Worship Center – Sheila and Steve Poyser  
Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

***Upcoming in worship***

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

*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*

**March 6, 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 [fyi this Fri. she will be on retreat]

**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.

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

**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.

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.

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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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