

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

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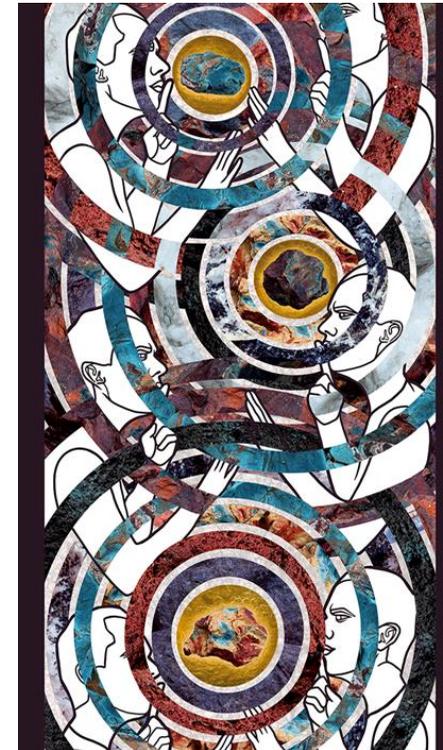
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**Middlebury
Church of the Brethren**



**April 10, 2022
Palm 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

April 10, 2022

Gathering Music
Welcome and Announcements

Silence and Centering

***Call to Worship** based on Luke 19:35-40

One: The disciples brought the colt of a donkey to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it. As Jesus rode along,

All: People kept spreading their cloaks on the road, waving palms, and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!"

One: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

All: Jesus answered them, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

One: And so, with hearts full of joy, knowing that God through Christ Jesus is here in our midst, let us worship!

***Hymn** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* #237

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

Joys and Concerns

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
Message

Luke 19: 28-40

New Testament #83

Meditation

***Affirmation of Faith**

One: We believe in a God of surprises.

All: We believe in a God of grace.

One: We believe that there are things we may never understand,

All: But we believe that even in that mystery, God is present.

One: We believe in giving what we have.

All: We believe that actions of generosity change us.

One: We dare to believe that small acts can change the world.

All: We believe there will be forces that try to silence what is just, good, hopeful, and generous.

One: We do not believe those voices will have the last word.

All: We believe, at the end of the day, love will find a way.

One: This is what we find in Jesus' teachings—in his words and actions—

All: And what we, with God's help, seek to live.

***Hymn** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* #493

***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 call to worship and offering prayer are from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Year C*. The call to confession, assurance of pardon and affirmation of faith are from "Worship Words" provided by Sanctified Art.

Interim Pastor – Debbie Eisenbise Worship Leader – Renee Black
Pianist – Lorie Copeland Flutist – Sherry Bickel Meditation – Dalis Andrews
Ushers – Steve Poyser & Matt Weaver Greeters – Jerry & Julie Bontrager
Worship Center – Sheila & Steve Poyser
Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

Upcoming in worship

Easter: April 17th – Luke 24:1-12

April 24th – John 20: 19-31

May 1st: Guest Preacher, Tim Morphey

Announcements
April 10, 2022

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

Please note: There will not be pastoral office hours during Holy Week.

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. This is our last week.

Holy Week: Save the dates: **Love Feast**, Thurs. April 14 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Holy Saturday** online retreat: Sat. April 16 1-2:30pm at www.Livingstreamcob.org (click on the green button on the website to access).

Easter Sunrise Service at Poysers' farm: you will be able to drive up the hill to the site, dress warm, feel free to bring lawn chairs.

Addresses to send cards of support and condolences:

Trenda Fry: 11707 CR 16, Middlebury 46540

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

Julie Hochstetler (family of Tony Bell): 53218 Palmetto Dr., Middlebury 46540

Sunday School Schedule after Easter

Easter: no class

April 24: Jesus' Last Week

May 1: Sam Grewe Ted Talk: Julie B.

May 8: Ginny Mauck 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.

The Food Pantry desperately needs kids' packs supplies, including but not limited to: chips, cookies, rice crispy treats, fruit snacks, crackers and granola bars. 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. **Items can be dropped off in their drop boxes located outside the pantry on CR 16.**

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.