

**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**



**April 5, 2022  
Fifth 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

April 3, 2022

Gathering Music  
Welcome and Announcements

Silence and Centering

**\*Call to Worship**

One: O God, break open Your Word for us today through the power of Your Spirit.

**All: Let Your Word be read, understood, embraced and proclaimed.**

One: Anoint us with Your Word.

**All: And fill the world with the fragrance of Your Love.**

One: This we pray in the name of Your son, our savior, Jesus Christ,

**All: Who is with us always.**

One: Amen.

Interlude

**Offering**

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

**Moment for Mission**

One Great Hour of Sharing

**Response**

*Where You Go, I Will Go With You*

**Unison Offering Prayer: O God, Your generosity astounds and humbles us. In awe, we offer up our gratitude, asking You to receive what we have brought in response.**

**May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering for the sake of the world You came to save. Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**

*Take Time to be Holy*

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**Prayers for the People**

**Scripture  
Message**

Mark 14: 3-9

New Testament #51

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession: O God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, in the world. We do not always welcome the new life You offer in Christ, for You overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control what we consider to be our assets, we hoard the gifts You give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us take up Your example of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, this whole world with the abundant love of Christ until we, all people, and all creation are made new. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Anointing for Healing**

**\*Hymn**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

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**\*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. "Take Time to be Holy" is from the Church of the Brethren *Hymnal Supplement*. The call to worship, offering prayer, call to confession, prayer of confession and benediction are based on prayers from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Year C*. The sung response to our Moment for Mission was written by Rabbi Shoshana Jedwab.

Interim Pastor – Debbie Eisenbise

Worship Leader – Mike Sommer

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Guitarist – Jill Weaver

Ushers – Don Muhlnickel & Dalis Andrews

Greeters – Steve & Sheila Poyser

Worship Center – Sheila and Steve Poyser

Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

**Upcoming in worship**

*Palm/Passion Sunday: April 10<sup>th</sup> – Luke 19: 28-40*

*Easter: April 17<sup>th</sup> – Luke 24:1-12*

*April 24<sup>th</sup> – John 20: 19-31*

*May 1<sup>st</sup>: Guest Preacher, Tim Morphew*

**April 3, 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

**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.

**Camp Mack** has a special day coming up: April 9<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm is Service Saturday when you can help improve and maintain the grounds. Lunch is provided for volunteers. There will be an **Ice Cream Social** from 3pm-6pm. Please check the bulletin board for more information.

**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](http://www.Livingstreamcob.org) (click on the green button on the website to access).

**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 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

May 15: Camp Mack Sunday

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

May 29: All Church / Interim / Pastoral Search

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**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!

**TO ACCESS OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICE** go to [www.mcob.org](http://www.mcob.org), bottom left of page where you will click on YouTube; toward the top click on "Live." It doesn't go live until the loft activates it, so if it isn't there immediately, leave the page and try again. You can also access copies of the bulletin and links to past services on our website: [www.mcob.org](http://www.mcob.org).

And **find us on Facebook** at Middlebury Church of the Brethren.