

**Christian Education at 11:00am most Sundays**

**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.



**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**

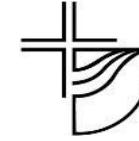
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Cover image is a mosaic created by Mabel Nisley, long-time MCoB member. The piece is made of eggshells and is titled "Hope for World Peace." Depicted is the WORLD, a large circle surrounded by darkness; HOPE represented by bright rainbow colors; PEACE shown by intertwining doves; and LOVE—where it all begins—hearts in the center.



**Middlebury  
Church of the Brethren**



**August 14, 2022**

**MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
a welcoming and inclusive congregation  
offering Christ's hospitality to the world

**Worship – 9:30am Fellowship / Refreshments – 10:45am**  
**Sunday School: Annual Conference Report – 11am**  
**August 14, 2022**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Preparing for Worship**      *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*      #8

**\*Call to Worship**

One: As we enter into worship, we pause to reflect on what we have done and left undone, what we have said and how we have said it, who we are called to be as Children of God, brothers and sisters to each other, and who we have been.

**All: Forgive us Lord. Direct us and order what we shall be.**

One: Guide our thoughts, the meditations of our hearts, that they might be acceptable to You,

**All: For Your mercy's sake.**

One: Amen.

**Interlude**

**Moment for Mission: 2022 Annual Conference**

**Response**      *You Have Shown Us*      video

**Offering**      You are invited to leave your offerings in the plate at the door to the sanctuary.

**Offering Prayer**

**Discernment**

sing through twice

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**Preparing to Hear the Word**

sing through twice

Gathered here in the mystery of this hour.  
Gathered here in one strong body.

Gathered here in the struggle and the power.  
Spirit draw near.

**Scripture Reading**  
**Message**

Matthew 18:15-22

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**Prayer of Forgiveness**      Please respond in unison as directed: **O Lord, forgive.**  
**Silent Reflection and Repentance**

**\*Hymn** *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* [to tune of *In Christ there is No East or West*]  
"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you.

Lord cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

If you are new or visiting, please fill out a visitor card available in the entryway and please stay for fellowship. You are most welcome here!

Preacher – Interim Pastor Debbie Eisenbise

Moment for Mission – Don Anderson, 2022 Annual Conference Delegate

Discernment Reflections – Jill Weaver

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flutist – Sherry Bickel

Ushers – Beth Sholly & Todd Grathen      Greeters – Don & Beth Muhnickel

Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

Our hymns from the *Hymnal Supplement* are reprinted with permission through One License for "Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary," #119603; "Gathered Here in the Mystery of this Hour," #VT003. The video of "You Have Shown Us" is used with permission from CCLI, #5272914 and from Living Stream Church of the Brethren and the Bittersweet Gospel Band that recorded this at the 2022 Annual Conference. The call to worship and prayer for forgiveness are adapted from *The Bridge of Stars: 365 Prayers, Blessings, and Meditations from Around the World*.

## Announcements August 14, 2022

### Office hours:

**Pastor Debbie:** will be in the office this Tues. & Wed. She will be away Fri. – Mon. leading family camp at Camp Blue Diamond in Pennsylvania. She will be back on Tues. Aug. 23.

**Colleen:** Wed. & Fri. 9am – 3pm. Bulletins are printed on Friday and can't be adjusted after that. Please know that emails and voicemails that come into the office Saturday through Tuesday will not be seen until Wednesday.

**Lorie:** Monday – Friday: 8:30am – 5:30pm

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

### Worship Next Week:

Aug. 21 – Guest Preacher Mark Riege: “Behind the Rules” Luke 13:10-17

Aug. 28 – Last of series on discernment: Acts 5: 27-39; Romans 15:5-6

Sept. 4 – Philemon

Sept. 11 – Guest Preacher Gene Hollenberg, executive director of Camp Mack

### Sunday School Upcoming:

August 21– Sept. 25: series on discernment in Sunday School + afternoon workshops  
(Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25)

Following the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Peace & Justice presentation by Pastor Keith Funk of the Quinter CoB, it was suggested one way to **help with needs in Ukraine** is through donations to the CoB Disaster Relief Fund. Send donations to: Church of the Brethren, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120; or find a link on [www.brethren.org](http://www.brethren.org).

**Little Lites Daycare** will be having a 5-year celebration **Open House today 2-4pm.**

*Volunteers are needed* to help with the refreshment table and to hand out registration packets. Please see Lorie Copeland if you can help.

**Children's Disaster Services Volunteer Workshop** will be held Oct. 14-15 at Eel River Community Church of the Brethren in Silver Lake, IN. See bulletin board for details about how to sign up.

This year Dalton Showalter is the recipient of our **CAP (Congregational Aid Plan) scholarship**. We will be providing **\$750** in assistance to Dalton. He will be attending Trine University this fall. If you would like to **contribute to the CAP fund**, envelopes are on the table at the back of the sanctuary, or you can mark it on your regular giving envelope. Please direct questions to Catherine Roebuck or Lorie Copeland.

Also for you to pick up on the back table in the sanctuary:

- ✓ Wired Word: biblical commentary on current events
- ✓ Anniversary bookmarks
- ✓ Discernment guidelines from past weeks

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. Thanks.

**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) We are on **Facebook** at Middlebury Church of the Brethren. **Please note that today's service will not be livestreamed; it will be recorded for viewing later on YouTube.**

