

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

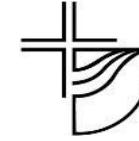
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Cover image is a mosaic created by Mabel Nisley, long-time MCoB member. The piece is made of eggshells and is titled "Hope for World Peace." Depicted is the WORLD, a large circle surrounded by darkness; HOPE represented by bright rainbow colors; PEACE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



**Middlebury
Church of the Brethren**



August 21, 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 – 11am
August 21, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

*Preparing for Worship *Praise God from Whom* (words of version B) #119

***Call to Worship**

One: Praise the One who hears the cry of the poor,

All: Who lifts up the weak and gives them strength.

One: Praise the One who feeds the hungry,

All: And satisfies the longing of those in need.

One: Praise the One who holds with tenderness the orphan and widowed,

All: And gives the stranger a land and a home.

One: In worship, we offer our God praise and thanksgiving.

Interlude

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

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

Unison Offering Prayer #749

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

Luke 13:10-17

NT pg. 76

Message

Behind the Rules

***Hymn**

When we walk with the Lord

#544

***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!

Guest Preacher – Mark Riege

Worship Leader – Beth Sholly

Discernment Reflections – Jill Weaver

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flutist – Sherry Bickel

Ushers – Beth Muhlneckel & Steve Poyser Greeters – Bev Short & Bill Hawkins

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 call to worship is based on #684 in our hymnal.

Worship Next Week:

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:

Aug.21, 28 and Sept. 4, 18, 25 – series on discernment in Sunday School + afternoon workshops (2-5pm) on Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25

Sept. 11 – update on Camp Mack with Gene Hollenberg, Catherine Roebuck (MCoB camp representative) and Don Anderson (camp board member)

Denominational Mission Offering Upcoming:

During worship on Sept. 18, we will collect one of our four annual offerings for the denomination. This offering goes toward the church's wider missionary efforts around the world. Please plan on participating and supporting this work.

Announcements August 21, 2022

Office hours:

Pastor Debbie: will be in the office this Tues. & Fri. She is currently leading a family camp at Camp Blue Diamond in Pennsylvania. She will be back on Tues.

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.*

Thanks to all who attended and volunteered at the Little Lites Open House!

Thanks also to all who contributed to the CAP scholarship fund for Dalton Showalter.

Flower donations are welcome for the worship center through the rest of the summer and into the fall. Please see Sheila Poyser if you have any questions. Please consider sharing the beauty of your garden with us all.

All members of MCoB are welcome to **a fob that opens the church doors** when locked. For security we are now locking the south hallway / playground door. Please use the front door on Sundays to enter for worship. Doors will lock at 9:45am after worship begins. Please see Lorie Copeland to get your fob.

Following the April 23rd 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.

Camp Mack Festival: Save the date: **Oct. 1**. See Catherine Roebuck for more information.

Camp Mack Work Days: Camp Mack is looking for willing workers for Labor Day through until mid-December. If you have time and energy to contribute to the work that needs to be done, please see the letter posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

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. Please see Tammy Houser (a trained CDS volunteer) if you want to know what this entails.

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.

Invitation from the Creekside Church of the Brethren to view a hand-lettered and decorated manuscript of Matthew 5-7, **Sat. Sept. 10: 1-3pm**. See below.



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