

**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**

**507 Bristol Ave.**

**Middlebury, IN 46540**

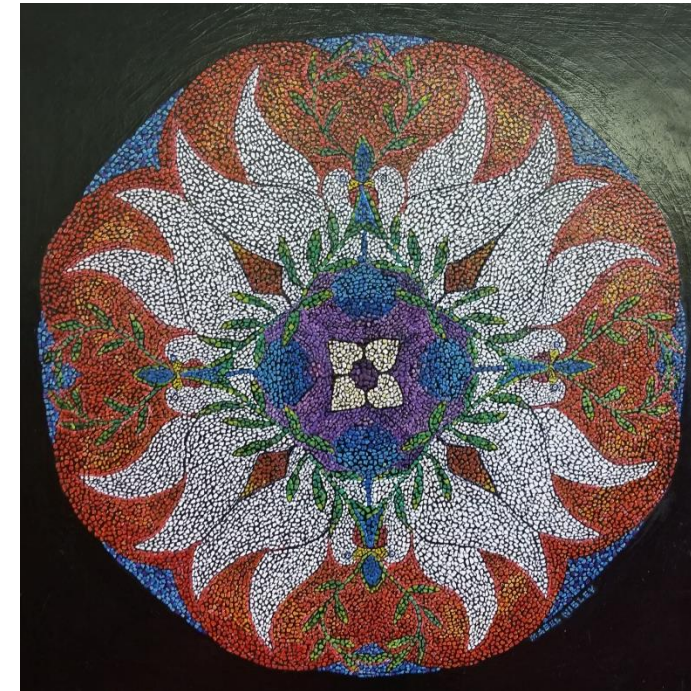
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Cover image is a mosaic created by Mabel Nisley, long-time MCoB member. The piece is made of eggshells and is titled "Hope for World Peace." Depicted is the WORLD, a large circle surrounded by darkness; HOPE represented by bright rainbow colors; PEACE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



**Middlebury  
Church of the Brethren**



**August 28, 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 28, 2022

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Preparing for Worship**                      *Here in this Place* (vs. 1, 2, 4)                      #6

**\*Call to Worship**

One: In the face of all our realities:

**All: We are people who heal each other,**

One: Who grow strong together,

**All: Who name the truth, and who know what it means to live in community,**

One: Moving toward a common dream for a new heaven and a new earth,

**All: In the power of the love of God, the company of Jesus Christ, and the  
leading of the Holy Spirit.**

**Interlude**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Serenity Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**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 #751**

**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**

Acts 5:27-39

NT pg. 123

**\*Hymn**    *Where Charity and Love Prevail*    (to tune #328: O God, our Help in Ages Past)

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn.  
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess,  
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son.  
As members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name.  
Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

**\*Benediction**

based on Romans 15:5-6

One: May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony  
with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus

**All: So that together we may glorify our God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

One: Amen. Go in peace.

**\*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 Eisenbeise

Worship Leader – Gary Black

Discernment Reflections – Dennis Kreps

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flutist – Sherry Bickel

Ushers – Matt Weaver & Tom Miller    Greeters – Steve & Sheila Poyser

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 #200 in *Sing the Story*.

## Announcements August 28, 2022

### Office hours:

**Pastor Debbie:** will be in the office this week on Wed. & Fri.

**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 Upcoming:

Sept. 4 – Philemon

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

Sept. 18 – National Youth Conference Sunday

Sept. 25 – Lamentations 3: 19-26 + Luke 17: 5-10

### Sunday School Upcoming:

Today and Sept. 4, 18, 25 – series on discernment in Sunday School + afternoon workshops (2-5pm) today, 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 in and supporting this work.

**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.

**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 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).

**Camp Mack Festival:** Save the date: **Oct. 1.** See Catherine or Mark Roebuck for information in helping to run a booth there.

**Camp Mack Work Days:** Camp Mack is looking for willing workers for Labor Day through 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 and for a scholarship application. 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

**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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