

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.

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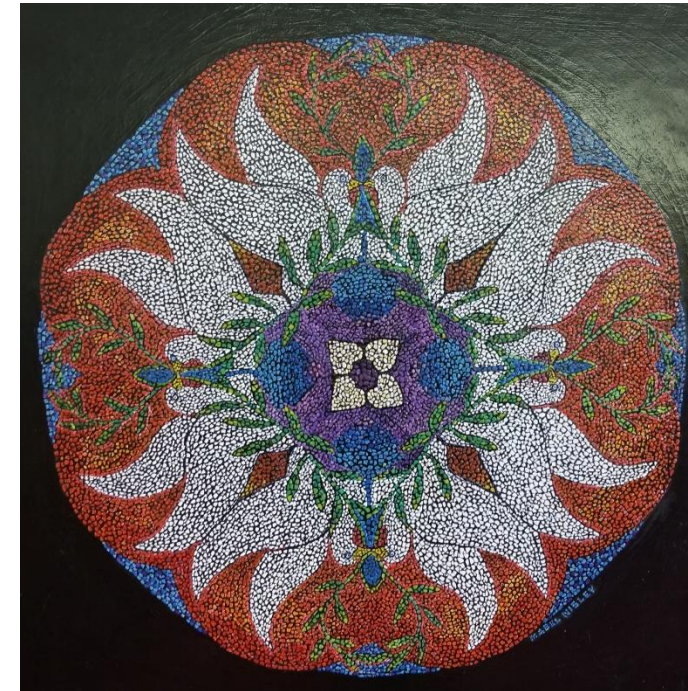
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Cover image is a mosaic created by Mabel Nisley, long-time MCoB member. The piece is made of eggshells and is titled "Hope for World Peace." Depicted is the WORLD, a large circle surrounded by darkness; HOPE represented by bright rainbow colors; PEACE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



**Middlebury
Church of the Brethren**



August 7, 2022

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

Worship – 9:30am Potluck Picnic (indoors) & Croquet – 11am
August 7, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** *We are People of God's Peace* (read as a litany as directed) #407

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 provided.

Unison Offering Prayer based on our Mission Statement

**O God, bless these gifts, and us, as we offer ourselves to You: believing
Your Word; living Christ's teachings; growing spiritually; and sharing
Your love, peace, hope and joy with all. Amen.**

Blessings for the School Year

Please respond in unison as directed:

Bless all who are teaching and all who are learning.

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 Readings

1 Peter 2: 4-5, 9

Come to Christ Jesus, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual

house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

...you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of the One who called you out of darkness into this marvelous light.

1 Cor. 12: 14-21

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

Message

***Hymn**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

#328

***Benediction**

If you are new or visiting, please fill out a visitor card and stay for fellowship. Today, we will share in a potluck meal in our fellowship hall and play croquet on our lawn after worship. You are most welcome here!

Preacher – Interim Pastor Debbie Eisenbise

Blessing – Kent Bailey

Hymn Leader – Tammy Houser

Ushers – Don & Beth Muhlnickel Greeters – Don & Beth Muhlnickel

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.

Worship Next Week:

Aug 14 – Matthew 18:15-22

Announcements
August 7, 2022

Office hours:

Pastor Debbie: is regularly in the office on Tues. & Fri.

Colleen: Wed. & Fri. 9:00am – 3:00pm.

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

Sunday School Upcoming:

August 14 – Don Anderson (2022 Annual Conference Delegate) reports

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

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

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.

Little Lites Daycare will be having a 5 year celebration **Open House on Sun. Aug. 14 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.

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.

Update – Maxine Harvey no longer uses her PO Box; her **new mailing address** is: 120 Railroad St., Middlebury IN 46540

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, 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 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.**

