

**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.



**Middlebury  
Church of the Brethren**



**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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**September 25, 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**  
**September 25, 2022**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Preparing for Worship**                      *Grace Like Rain*                      video

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Our God has shown us mercy.

**All: Our God has offered us grace upon grace.**

One: Our God calls us "Beloved,"

**All: And has established an everlasting covenant with us.**

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One: And so, we owe our God our thanks and praise,

**All: In song and prayer and thoughts and words,**

One: In the way we live our lives each and every moment of each and every day.

**All: We offer all we have back to our God who made us;**

One: Our God, who through Christ Jesus, redeems us;

**All: Our God, who through the Spirit, sustains us.**

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One: And so, we worship our God this day.

**All: The One whose love never fails.**

One: The One who is ever faithful.

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Sung response (\*)                      based on Lamentations 3: 19-26

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord.

Great is Thy faithfulness.

**Interlude**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

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

**Preparing to Hear the Word**     *Christ be in My Mind (Teresa's Prayer)*

Christ be in my mind and in my thinking.

Christ be in my eyes, in everything I see.

Christ be in my ears and in my hearing.

Christ be in my mouth, in every word I speak.

Christ be in my heart and in my loving.

Christ be in my life, each moment that I live.

**Scripture Reading**                      Luke 17: 5-7                      NT pg. 80

**Message**

**\*Response**                      *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!

Preacher– Interim Pastor Debbie Eisenbise

Worship Leader – Catherine Roebuck

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flutist – Sherry Bickel

Ushers – Beth Muhlnickel & Steve Poyser     Greeters – Don & Beth Muhlnickel

Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

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**Sunday School Upcoming: Today** series on discernment concludes

**Discernment Workshop** (2-5pm in Day Care common area) – **Today**

**Worship Upcoming:**

Oct. 2 @ **10:30am** – Fall Love Feast at Camp Mack: outdoor worship and finger food  
potluck lunch: *please note what you'll be bringing on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall*

Oct. 9 – Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Oct. 16 – Jeremiah 31: 27-34 & blessing of stewardship pledges

## Announcements September 25, 2022

### Office hours:

**Pastor Debbie** will be in the office this week on Tues., Wed. & Thurs.

**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.*

Please complete and return **EMERGENCY forms** to the church office as soon as possible, and **no later than Sunday, Oct. 9.**

All are invited to a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Bruce Barwick at Creekside Church of the Brethren following their morning worship on Oct. 2. Cards can be sent to him at 1134 Diamond Dr., Mishawaka IN 46544. Contact Beth Muhlnickel with questions.

MCoB pays for **milk vouchers for Food Pantry** patrons to buy milk at Forks County Line Store. If you feel mooved to support this ministry, **monetary donations are welcome.** Note "milk voucher" on the memo line of your check.

**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.

Monetary **donations are needed for Blessings in a Backpack** to run in the schools this year. It takes \$125 to cover one student for the school year, and funding has been provided for 50 of the 150 students supported last year. If you are able to contribute to this worthy cause, make checks payable to Blessings in a Backpack, and put your donation in the offering plate or in Jess Cripe's mailbox.

**Worship Commission work day**, Sept. 28, 9:30-11:30am – all are welcome to come and help sort, clean, reorganize, and repurpose parts of our building. Contact Renee Black for more information.

### Camp Mack

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

- Oct. 8-9 **Father Son Retreat**
- Oct. 12-16 **Quilt Retreat**
- Oct. 13-16 **Scrapbook Retreat**
- Oct. 15 **Scrapbooking / Knitting / Crocheting Get-a-way Day**
- Oct. 16 **Fall Nut and Tree ID Walk Get-a-way Day**
- Oct. 17-20 **Seasoned Citizens Retreat**
- Oct 22 **Prairie Restoration Get-a-way Day**

**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

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