

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.

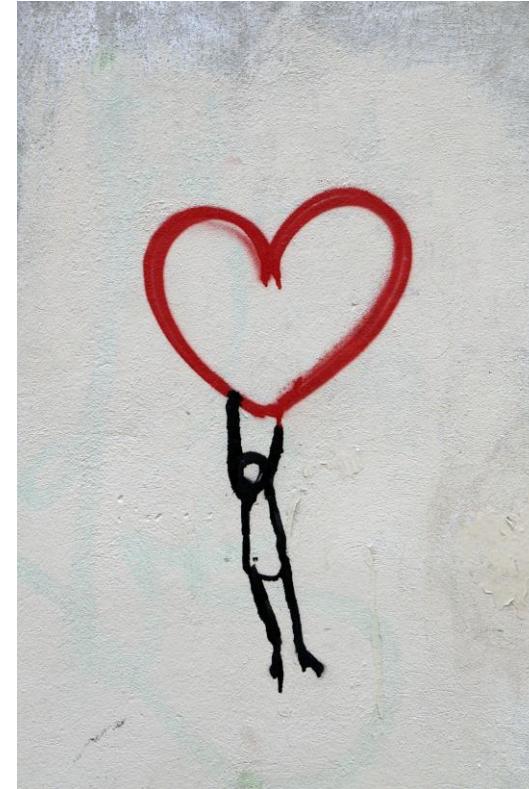
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September 4, 2022

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 4, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

***Preparing for Worship** *Come Thou Fount* video
***Call to Worship #711**

Interlude

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

Offering Prayer

One: Faithful God, we confess our faithlessness.

All: We do not seek or trust Your power to transform. At times, when we emphasize the differences among people, we do not do so valuing diversity, but only seeing conflicts, divisions, and problems.

One: We see Jews and Gentiles,

All: While You see the Body of Christ.

One: We make distinctions and judgements based on race, gender, age and ability,

All: While You see the Body of Christ.

One: We see poor and rich,

All: While You see the Body of Christ.

One: Help us to see as You see, O God.

All: And help us move past judging to loving.

One: Help us to trust in Your transforming power,

All: And use these gifts and our lives to spread Your love,

One: And to heal and help this world.

All: Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People (ending with prayer #804)

Preparing to Hear the Word *Christ be in My Mind (Teresa's Prayer)* video
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 Philemon NT pg. 215
Message

***Hymn** *They'll Know We are Christians* insert
***Benediction** based on our Mission Statement (see back)
***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 – Bev Short
Pianist – Lorie Copeland
Flutist – Sherry Bickel
Ushers – Sheila Poyser & Martha Huebert Greeters – Beth & Don Muhlnickel
Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

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Worship Upcoming:

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. 18, 25 – series on discernment in Sunday School + afternoon workshops (2-5pm) Sept. 11, Sept. 25
Sept. 11 – update on Camp Mack with Gene Hollenberg, Catherine Roebuck (MCoB camp representative) and Don Anderson (camp board member)

Announcements September 4, 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.

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.

Grandparents' Day at Little Lites Daycare is Sept. 9, 9:30-11am. You might be just the right person to fill in that day for a child who doesn't have a grandparent available. If that's not enough to tempt you, snacks, crafts and fun are promised!

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.

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 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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