

**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.**

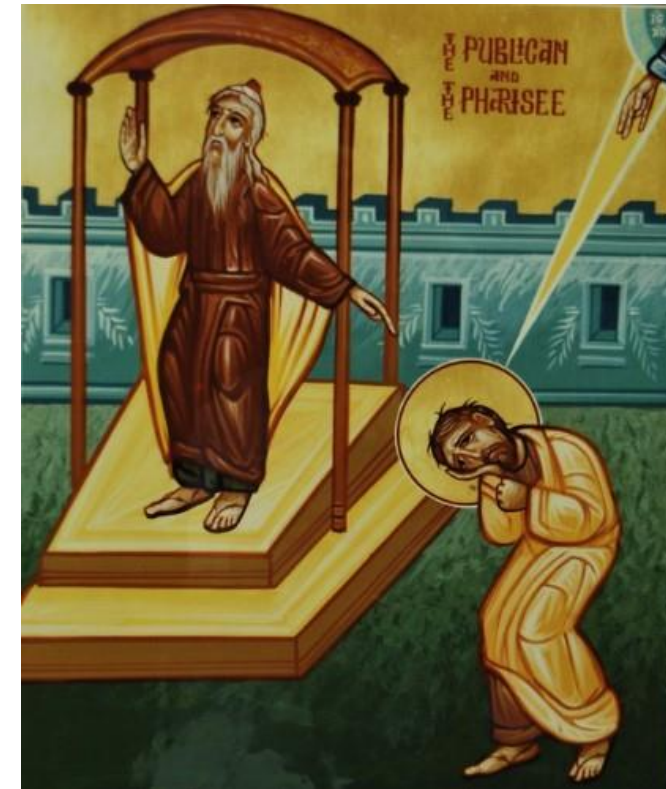
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**Middlebury  
Church of the Brethren**



**October 23, 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  
October 23, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Preparing for Worship *Cornerstone* video

\*Call to Worship

One: We come before God as equal in God's sight.

**All: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.**

One: None of us is perfect and without our failings and flaws.

**All: Yet God has called us children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.**

One: We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

**All: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours abundant love on us.**

One: Amen.

Interlude

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Offering** Please leave your offerings in the plate at the sanctuary door.

**Offering Prayer**

One: Brothers and sisters, Dr. Martin Luther King reminds us: "I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. You can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be." The invitation to offer who we are and what we have is an invitation to support one another, those within this community and beyond, to become all that we are called to be.

**All: Our offerings enable us to give thanks to God for the resources we have been given and to be resources for others.**

One: As we give, we help others become what they can be and we become more of what we can be.

**All: We pray, O God that You will move in our midst, through our lives and our ministry together.**

One: Thank You for these gifts You have given us to give back to You.

**All: Bless them to Your work in this world that Your will may be revealed and all people be blessed.**

One: Amen.

Preparing to Hear the Word  
Scripture Reading  
Message

*Jesus Loves Me!* (sing twice)  
Luke 18: 9-14

#341  
NT pg. #81

Special Announcement

\*Hymn *Just as I Am* #516

\*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 – Mark Bickel

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flutist – Sherry Bickel

Ushers – Todd Grathen & Beth Sholly

Greeters – Bev Short & Bill Hawkins

Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

"Cornerstone" is used with permission of Shawn Kirchner. The call to worship is by Nancy C. Townley from [www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com). The offering prayer is adapted from resources by Rev. Dr. Cari Jackson of the United Church of Christ.

**Worship Upcoming:**

Oct. 30 – All Saints' Day: Ephesians 1: 11-23 & anointing for healing

*This is also a fifth Sunday: feel free to wear a logo shirt that lets us know something about you. Also, please bring in your 2¢/5¢ a meal offering for hunger relief, and items for the food bank (container at the back of the sanctuary).*

Nov. 6 – District Executive Torin Eikler preaches

Nov. 13 – 1 Tim. 6: 6-19

**Sunday School:**

Today – discussion of The Wired Word lessons for Oct.

Oct. 30 – All-Church Update on Transition & Pastoral Search: church size and church culture, and looking ahead: 5 year goals

Nov. 6 – Q & A with Torin Eikler and District Conference Delegates

Nov. 13 – discussion of The Wired Word lessons for Nov.

## Announcements October 23, 2022

### Office hours:

**Pastor Debbie** will be in the office in the afternoons this week Tues. – 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.*

*Thanks to all who helped with the funeral for Eleanor Hawkins and funeral luncheon.*

Please return completed **EMERGENCY forms** to the church office **as soon as possible**.

Please take time to look over your **fall giving statement** of giving and plan to complete your intentions for 2022 this last quarter. If you have any questions, or need to adjust your pledge, please see Lorie Copeland.

We are no longer collecting **plastic tops and caps** to make benches. That is no longer an option. Please recycle these on your own. Thank you. And thank you Dana Snider for heading up this effort.

**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.

**Trick or Treat for Little Lites Daycare** is Oct. 31 at 10am. Volunteers are needed to help hand out treats (candy is provided). Costumes are encouraged but not required. Come celebrate with the children!

**Peace and Justice Action Group** meets on Sat. Nov. 12 at 10am here in the fellowship hall, with Middlebury Schools' **superintendent Jayson Snyder speaking**. Everyone is invited. This is free and open to the public. Come and bring a friend!

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.

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

### **Camp Mack**

- **Work Days:** Labor Day through mid-Dec. If you have time and energy to contribute, please see the letter posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

From Renee Black for the Worship Commission: ***you are all invited*** to participate in:

- upcoming **closet cleaning**– Nov. 15 & Jan. 11 at 10am
- **Hanging of the Greens** – Nov. 26 at 10am. Chili & cornbread lunch will be provided.

Also **for you to pick up on the back table in the sanctuary:**

- ✓ Wired Word: biblical commentary on current events
- ✓ Anniversary bookmarks

**TO ACCESS OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICE** go to [www.mcob.org](http://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](http://www.mcob.org). We are on **Facebook** at Middlebury Church of the Brethren.



SO, DO YOU WANT TO PLAY FAVORITES,  
OR BE A FAVORITE? TAKE YOUR TIME.