

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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**October 30, 2022
Remembering our Saints**

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

Worship – 9:30am Fellowship – 10:45am Sunday School – 11am
October 30, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

***Preparing for Worship** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* #46

***Call to Worship**

One: Source of all hope and holiness,

All: We gather today to as Your church.

One: Bless us this hour with Your abiding presence.

All: Bless those who are absent,

One: But not from our hearts.

All: Bless those who are distant,

One: But not from Your love.

All: Bless each one of us here,

One: That we may choose justice by Your Spirit, draw kindness from the well of Your mercy, and walk humbly in Your path, O God.

All: Renew us, restore us, strengthen us, and guide us in Your ways in this time of worship,

One: And throughout this life and the next.

All: Amen.

Interlude

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offering

Please leave offerings in the plate at the sanctuary door, and place your "2¢ / 5¢ a meal" offerings for hunger relief in the bucket as it is passed

Response *Magic Penny* video

Offering Prayer

One: Blessed are you, O God, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen.

All: Through Your goodness, You have blessed us with good gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions which we receive in gratitude and offer to the world with Your love.

One: Bless these gifts and use them for the good of all.

All: In the name of Jesus, our Christ, we pray. Amen.

Preparing to Hear the Word *Jesus Loves Me!* (sing twice) #341
Scripture Reading Ephesians 1: 11-23 NT pg. #191
Message

Remembering our Saints

❖ Rose Mary Hartter, mother of Linda Byrd: March 13, 1926 to May 7, 2022

❖ Marjorie L. Grant Miller: July 6, 1948 to Aug. 29, 2022

❖ Hannelore Rhoads, mother of Lorie Copeland: Sept. 30, 1935 – Jan. 26, 2022

Anointing for Healing

***Hymn** *For All the Saints* (vs. 1, 2, 4) #636

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand in body and/or spirit.**

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 – Julie Bontrager

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flutist – Sherry Bickel

Ushers – Beth Muhlnickel & Steve Poyser

Greeters – Steve & Sheila Poyser

Sound Loft – Jacob Cripe, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

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Worship Upcoming:

Nov. 6 – District Executive Torin Eikler preaches

Nov. 13 – 1 Tim. 6: 6-19

Nov. 20 – Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 33-43

Announcements October 30, 2022

Office hours:

Pastor Debbie will be in the office 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.*

Sunday School:

Today –All-Church Update on Transition & Pastoral Search: demographics, church size, and looking ahead: 5 year goals

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

Nov. 13 – Speed Dating Fellowship: getting to know each other better

Nov. 20 – Discussion of “The Wired Word” lessons for Nov.

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

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 tomorrow, **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. There will also be an opportunity to give toward this cause at the alternative gift fair in December.

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.

Due to the current food crisis and local layoffs, our “**2¢ / 5¢ a meal**” offerings for hunger relief will go toward local needs for the next 6 months. Please consider contributing **food items for the Food Bank** whenever you can; a bin is at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to continue to support **the Global Food Initiative** through the denomination during this time, see information at: <https://churchofthebrethren.givingfuel.com/all-ministries>

Fellowship Opportunities: let's get to know each other better! **Every second Sunday** starting in November, you will be invited to have some fun getting to know others. We'll suspend Sunday school on those Sundays and have **an extended time of fellowship and fun**. Also, if you are interested in getting together with others outside of Sunday morning for a meal, activity, or just conversation, please **sign-up for “Fellowship for Five (or Six).”** Those who sign up will be connected with others to get together periodically over the winter months, and then we'll shuffle the groups to start with new groups through the spring and summer. See the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for more information.

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

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