

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 9, 2022
Stewardship Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

***Preparing for Worship** *What is this Place* #1

***Call to Worship**

One: Our Creator, we give You thanks for all You are and all You give to us. In Jesus, You place the Gospel in the center of a sacred circle through which all of Creation is related.

All: You show us how to live generous and compassionate lives. Give us Your strength and wisdom to live together with respect, commitment and care as we grow in Your Spirit,

One: For You are our God, now and forever. Amen.

Interlude

Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Moment for Stewardship
Offering

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

Sung Offering Prayer *Lord, Thou Dost Love* #387

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 OT pg. 731
Message

Response *Blessed for the Journey* video

***Benediction** based on our Mission Statement

One: We believe God's Word and live Christ's teaching.

All: We seek spiritual growth.

One: We share God's love, peace, hope, and joy with all.

All: We leave here blessed to be a blessing.

One: Amen.

***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 / Stewardship Chairperson – Mike Sommer
Pianist – Lorie Copeland
Flutist – Sherry Bickel
Ushers – Sheila Poyser & Martha Huebert
Greeters – Steve & Sheila Poyser
Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

The call to worship is based on #858 in *Voices Together*.
“Blessed for the Journey” is used with permission of Seth Hendricks. “Teresa’s Prayer” is reprinted with permission of Joseph Helfrick.

Worship Upcoming:

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

Oct. 23 – Luke 18: 9-14

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

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Office hours:

Pastor Debbie will be in the office this week on Tues. – Fri.

Colleen: Wed. & Fri. 9am – 3pm. *For this week only, Colleen's hours will be Th. & 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.

Gordy Mock appreciated the birthday cards and well wishes. He says, "Thank you!"

Please return completed **EMERGENCY forms** to the church office **today, Sunday, Oct. 9.**

Please prayerfully complete and bring **your pledge and time and talent cards** to worship next week. Also, take time to look over your fall 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.

There will be no Peace and Justice Action Group meeting in October. The first meeting will be November 12, 10am here in the fellowship hall, with Middlebury Schools' superintendent Jayson Snyder speaking.

The banner in the sanctuary was designed and provided by Tara Dunfee, daughter of Steve and Sheila Poyser.

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.
- 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**

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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