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#### **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**

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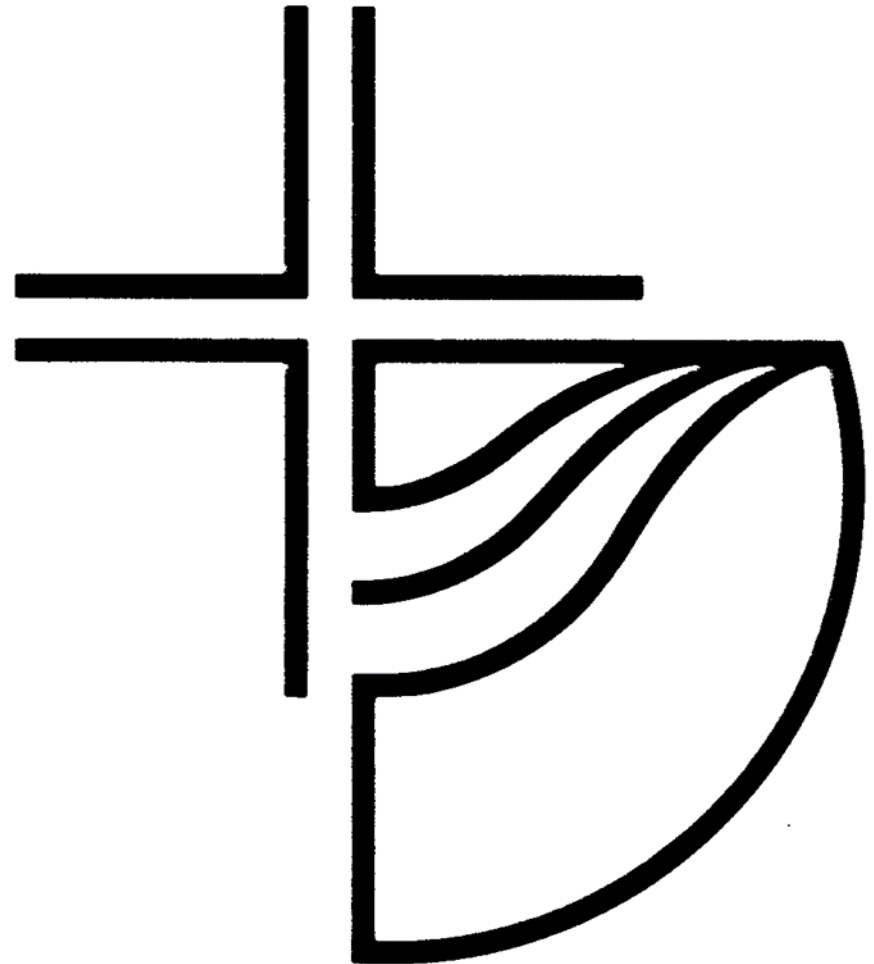
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The Church of the Brethren symbol on the cover upholds images of life in Jesus Christ. The cross recalls our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection (Romans 6:4) and testifies to God's plan to bring "all in heaven and earth . . . into a unity in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10 NEB). The circle, partially defined, represents the world into which we are sent by Christ (Matthew 28:19). The circle also affirms that as members of Christ's body we are members one of another (Romans 12:5)—a people who confess "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5). The wave connotes new life in Christ, "born of water and the Spirit" (John 3:5). The wave further evokes the waters of justice (Amos 5:24), the cup of water offered in Christ's name (Mark 9:41), the basin and towel (John 13:5), and "springs of living water" (Revelation 7:17). Images central to life in Jesus Christ thus are lifted up as images for Brethren to live by.

# **Middlebury Church of the Brethren**



## **May 4, 2025**

# Middlebury Church of the Brethren

*a welcoming and inclusive congregation*

*offering Christ's hospitality to the world*

Worship—9:00am Fellowship—10:15am Sunday School—10:45am

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**Season of Easter**

*Saul is struck blind on the road to Damascus. This dramatic attention-grabbing “struck blind” moment is what initiates his conversion from persecutor of Christians to witness for Christ, but then too it would seem that the care Ananias gives him when he is still blind and vulnerable must also play a part. Still, how does someone turn so radically from one position to the opposite? What are the means of conversion today? How is hate converted to love?*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

Psalms 30:1-5

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.  
O Lord, my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.

**People:** *O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among  
those gone down to the Pit.*

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

**People:** *For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.*

### Opening Prayer

### \*Hymn of Praise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, #70

### Offering Invitation and Prayer

*(An offering plate is available at the back of the sanctuary for your gifts.)*

### The Community Prays Together

#### Sharing our Joys and Concerns

*One: In your mercy Lord*

***Many: Hear our prayer***

#### Pastoral Prayer

### Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-20

### Hymn of Discipleship

Make me a captive, Lord, #539

### Message

Converted

### Moments of Silent Reflection

### \*Hymn of Faith

Come, thou fount, #521

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

### **Office Hours**

**Pastor Kurt:** Wednesday and Friday, 9am-noon

**Treasurer / Daycare Business Manager Lorie:**

Monday through Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm

**Office Assistant Keaira Lambright:** Wednesday 9am-2:00pm.

Bulletins will be printed on Wednesdays and cannot be adjusted after that. Please know that emails and voicemails that come into the office Thursday through Tuesday will not be seen until Wednesday.

### **Upcoming Calendar**

**May 14:** Nurture Team meeting 9:30am

**May 14:** Blood Drive 2-6:30pm

**May 17:** Mike Byrd Memorial Service 1:00pm

### **Upcoming in Worship**

Second Sunday- Worship at Middlebury

**May 11:** “Devoted” Acts 9:36-43

### **Sunday School Schedule Upcoming**

**March - May:** “The Wired Word,” taught by Don Anderson

### **Announcements**

**Blood Drive** will be May 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00-6:30pm here at the church. The goal is to get 18 blood products. Get signed up online or you can come the day of.

The last Goshen City sewing Saturday of the season will be May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-3:00pm.

May 11<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming Goshen City COB for our Second Sunday joint worship service.

### **Worship Participants**

Preacher – Kurt Borgmann

Worship Leader – Mark Roebuck

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flautist – Sherry Bickel

Guitarist – Jill Weaver

Ushers- Todd Grathen & Steve Poyser

Greeters- Don & Beth Muhlnickel

Audio/Video Support – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver, Jacob Cripe

If you are new or visiting, please fill out a visitor card available in the entryway. You are most welcome here!

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**  
**May 4, 2025**

**Please notify the church office if you would like to add a prayer request, share a joy, or if something should be removed. Each prayer request will be removed after 2 weeks unless the office is notified.**

**Pastor Kurt** shared that we continue in prayer for **Linda Byrd** and her family on the death of **Mike Byrd** on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. (4/20)

We pray for **Martha Huebert** who fell at home this past week and sprained her ankle. (4/20)

**Beth Sholly** shared that her uncle, **Bill**, died this past week at age 96. Beth reflected about her uncle's love of butter, and how the lunchtime after he died, there was no butter, and one friend commented, "Bill took it with him!" (4/20)

**Julie Bontrager** shared the joy of having two of her grandchildren with her in worship – **Max and Annie**. She also shared that today is **Mike Sommer's** birthday. (4/20)

**Tom Wagner** requested prayers for **Todd Hammond**, pastor at Agape Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne. Todd is recovering this morning from a health issue and is unable to lead worship this morning. (4/20)

**Jill Weaver** expressed deep gratitude for the Poyser's constant hospitality (They hosted us for the sunrise service today.) She also offered gratitude for the prayer in worship that spoke of God loving us no matter our mistakes. (4/20)

**Tom Miller** requested help picking up sticks on the church property as he and others begin the task of mowing again. (4/20)

**Gary Black** asked for prayers for healing for **Renee** who broke her arm when she fell recently. (4/20)

**Pastor Kurt** invited us to be in prayer for **Nelda Snider** and her family. Nelda is no longer eating or drinking and so her condition is declining. (4/27)

**Pastor Kurt** asked for our prayers for **Vernon Yoder** who is a bit discouraged as they've stopped his therapy treatments. He does appreciate the cards that he has received from some in our church family. (4/27)

**Martha Huebert** asked for prayers for her health situation which includes continued recovery and healing from a recent fall. She also expressed gratitude for the visit from her son and grandsons who have since returned to Germany. (4/27)

**Gary Black** expressed gratitude for all who helped with the church workday outside on Saturday. (4/27)

**Mark Roebuck** reported that **Bethany Rudd**, watching online, asked for prayers for a dear friend who is having her first baby on Thursday. She is having surgery and is very nervous. (4/27)

**Wayne Andrews** asked for prayers for **Dalis** who is experiencing back and shoulder pain. (4/27)

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Please hold in prayer those who are unable to be present with us here at church due to health concerns or other limitations. Those people include **Barb Anderson, Betty Hydorn, Gordy Mock, and Nelda Snider**.

Please remember in prayer all who use our building during the week including the children, staff and families of **Little Lites Daycare** and **Rising Stars Preschool**.