



For children 6 years and under, we have a play area along the back wall to your left as you enter the sanctuary. Please sit close to supervise children you bring. Clipboards with activities are available for children of all ages – ask an usher.

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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.

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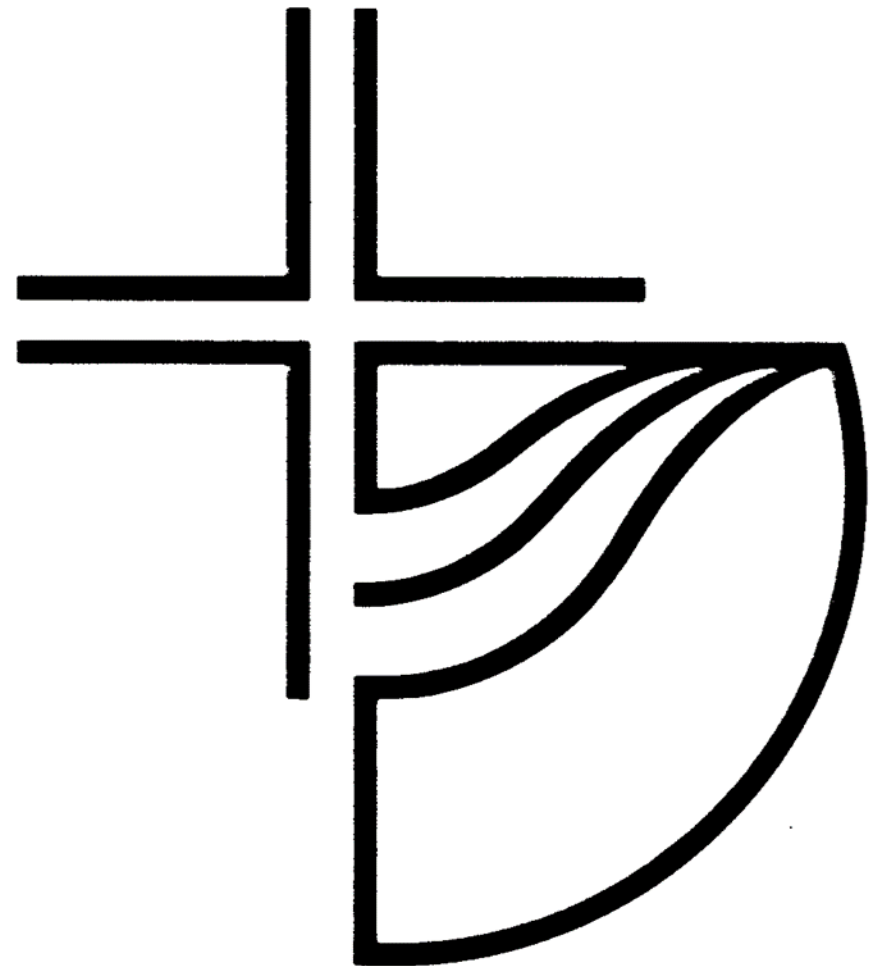
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The Church of the Brethren symbol on the cover upholds images of life in Jesus Christ. The cross recalls our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection (Romans 6:4) and testifies to God's plan to bring "all in heaven and earth . . . into a unity 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



November 2, 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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When Jesus is coming to town Zaccheus can't wait to see him. He knows what Jesus preaches about taxes and wealth. He knows Jesus' teachings condemn his lifestyle. Still, he climbs up in that sycamore tree. His sincere desire to see the Lord opens his heart to Jesus' sacred, simple math. Can we live with this desire, too?

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer (unison)

*Lord, our God,
great, eternal, wonderful, utterly to be trusted:
you give life to us all,
you help those who come to you,
you give hope to those who cry to you.
Forgive our sins, secret and open,
and rid us of every habit of thought
that stands against the gospel.
Set our hearts at peace,
so that we may live our lives before you
confidently and without fear,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, VT #88
(all four verses)

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

Luke 19:1-10

Hymn of Invitation

Will you come and follow me, VT #540

Message

Sacred Math, Simple Math

Moments of Silent Reflection

*Hymn of Sending

Wonderful grace of Jesus, VT #170

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit.

The Opening Prayer is from "Hymnal: A Worship Book," #699

Office Hours

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

Treasurer / Daycare Business Manager Lorie Copeland:

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

November 9: Second Sunday joint worship with Goshen City at MCoB

November 12: Blood Drive 2-6:30pm

Upcoming in Worship

November 9: “Take care” Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Sunday School Schedule Upcoming

September- November: Wired Word taught by Don Anderson

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

Announcements

Goshen City Church has recently started Wednesday fellowship meals 5:30-6:30pm. A church member is preparing the meals, so RSVP's are requested by noon Tuesday the week of. Please contact Keaira in the church office at Goshen City if you are interested in coming. Everyone is invited!

Worship Participants

Guest Preacher- Anna Lisa Gross

Worship Leader – Julie Bontrager

Pianist- Lorie Copeland

Flautist- Sherry Bickel

Guitarist- Jill Weaver

Ushers- Don Muhlnickel & Beth Sholly

Greeters- Julie Bontrager & Bev Short

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS
Novemeber 2, 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.

Tom Miller wanted to thank people for coming over the past several weeks to help him. **Don Muhlnickel** and **Steve Poyser** for fixing his kitchen floor. **Pastor Kurt, Leyna, her friend, Beth Sholly, Don & Beth Muhlnickel, Bev Short, Roger & Lorie Copeland and Julie Bontrager** for coming and helping with his yard work. (10/19)

Linda Byrd shared joy that her granddaughter who lives in Bremen, her soccer team won Regionals and now they are on to Semi-State. (10/19)

Martha Huebert shared that her cousin **Liz** is doing better and has been released from the hospital. Liz's son flew from Chicago so she could be released. She's on some antibiotics that are helping. (10/19)

Mark Roebuck shared that 40 years ago **Catherine** said yes to marrying him. He couldn't have picked a better person to be by his side and go through life with. (10/19)

Dalis Andrews shared that **Wayne** has been having a difficult time and asked to keep him in your prayers. (10/19)

Gary Black shared that he had lunch with some of his old classmates, one of his classmates **Catherine** shared that she has been having a difficult time taking care of her husband who has dementia. He asked for prayer for her and her struggles. (10/19)

Beth Sholly shared she was getting text messages on Thursday about her brother **Brian**. He had gone to the doctor for vision problems and he thought he was having a stroke but it wasn't. She hasn't heard any more updates but she asked for prayers for him. (10/19)

Pastor Kurt shared that **Summer Stann** asked for prayers. Her liver counts are rising again and she's on more medication. If her counts don't come

down in 2 weeks she might need to be hospitalized again and get another liver biopsy. The doctors are worried about liver rejection again. (10/19)

Jill Weaver asked for prayer for her sister **Karen** who is facing some physical challenges. Also, a prayer request for one of "her girls" **Laurie** from her coaching days in the early 90's. She is facing great challenges in all things. (10/26)

Beth Muhlnickel shared she went to the hospital to visit with **Vernon Yoder** this week. He has diabetic ulcers, gangrene in his toes, the doctors had to remove his two big toes and put a stent in his left thigh to help with better blood flow. Keep him in your prayers. Also, her friend's husband has stage four esophageal cancer and has metastasis of the liver. The liver they can't do anything for but they are starting treatment for his cancer even though its terminal. They just celebrated their 40th year wedding anniversary. She asked you keep them & their kids in your prayers. (10/26)

Keri Anderson shared that her granddaughter, **Leena** is at IU and joined a sorority this year. After the football game Saturday two of her sorority sister were hit by a car. One of the girls had to have extensive surgery and the other girl **Audrey** is on a ventilator and the parents have chosen not to say what the prognosis is. She asked for prayer for Audrey. (10/26)

Sherry Bickel asked for prayers for **Andy Showalter**. He had ankle reconstructive surgery on Tuesday he had a few complications and had to go back to the hospital but is now back home. (10/26)

Dalis Andrews had asked for prayers for **Wayne** last week he was having a difficult time and she wanted to thank everyone for the prayers and he is getting better. (10/26)

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, Gordy Mock, Vernon Yoder.**

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