

Christian Education is at 11am: **children under 9 years of age** meet in classrooms west of the kitchen with Sharon Lemmon & Jill Weaver; **children 10 years and older** meet in Room 401 with Mark & Catherine Roebuck.



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.

To access our livestreamed service use this link <https://youtube.com/@PEASE507> or go to 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.

And **find us on Facebook** at Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

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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Middlebury Church of the Brethren



August 27, 2023

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

a welcoming and inclusive congregation

offering Christ's hospitality to the world

Worship—9:30am Fellowship—10:45am

Service project (baking dog biscuits) in the kitchen —11:15am

August 27, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Preparing for Worship

Longing for Light

audio (CD)

***Unison Call to Worship: Nurturing God, root us in your love, and grow us up to bear the fruit of your Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen**

Interlude

Reflections and Prayers for our Congregation

Offering You are invited to leave your offerings on the table by the sanctuary doors

Sung Blessing

There are Many Gifts

#304

Testimony

***Unison Response: Every day I am surrounded by the beautiful crying forth of the ideas of God, one of which is you.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Preparing to Hear the Word

Christ be in my Mind

insert

Scripture

Romans 12:1-8

NT p. 161

Message

Hymn

Anoint Us Lord

#323

Anointing for Healing

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

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

Preacher – Interim Pastor Debbie Eisenbise

Worship Leader – Steve Poyser

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flutist – Sherry Bickel

Testimony – June Sheaks & Bernard Voll

Ushers – Beth Sholly & Don Muhlnickel

Greeters – Bev Short & Bill Hawkins

Deacons (Anointing for Healing) – Bev Short & Julie Bontrager

Sound Tech – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

The call to worship is #1028 in Voices Together. The affirmation after the testimony is from a poem by Mary Oliver. “Christ be in my Mind” is from our Hymnal Supplement and used with permission of the composer.

Upcoming in Worship and Fellowship:

Sept. 3: Romans 12: 9-21; reception of new members

Sept. 10: Romans 13:8-14; lunch and farewell to Pastor Debbie

Sept. 17: Hymn Sing

Sept. 24: Guest Preacher

Oct. 1: World Communion Sunday

Happening this Week:

- Joint Search Committee meeting: Tues., 9am in the conference room
- Nurture Team meeting: Tues., 9:30am in the library
- Exploring church grounds: Tues., 1pm outside
- Leadership Team meeting: Tues., 4pm in the conference room

Announcements

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Office hours this week:

Treasurer / Daycare Business Manager Lorie: Mon.–Fri.: 8:30am–5:30pm.

Pastor Debbie: in the office Thurs. & Fri.

Office Manager Colleen: Wed. & Fri.: 9am–3pm, Thur. 10am–2pm. Bulletins are printed on Friday and cannot be adjusted after that. Please know that emails and voicemails that come into the office Sat.–Tues. will not be seen until Wed.

Please check your mailbox for the **Joys and Concerns** list.

To help beautify our worship center on Sunday mornings: please bring fresh flowers from your garden (live plants or cut flowers). Please let Sheila Poyser know if you can bring some or if you have any questions.

Opportunities for Back to School Help: Please note that **Blessings in a Backpack** needs funds. Please donate as you are able to ensure that kids who need food on weekends are provided for. Checks can be made out to “Blessings in a Backpack” and put in Jess Cripe’s box. We will be promoting this through August.

Getting Out of Doors

One of our “Three Kings,” Queen Sheila, commanded that we take our health seriously and get outside more.

- **Tues. Aug. 29 at 1pm:** join Pastor Debbie and Dana Snider for a **walk around our grounds**. If you need mobility assistance, please let us know; we are working on providing options as needed.
- **First & third Sundays of every month at 4:30pm: Wild Church of Goshen** (on Facebook at Outdoor Sanctuary or call 574-903-4816): first Sundays: Ox Bow Park; third Sundays: Goshen Rieth Interpretive Center across the street from Shanklin. Bring lawn chairs and walking shoes. Pastor Debbie and the Poyser family attended earlier this month and had a great time. See them for more information.
- **Other local outdoor activities:**
<http://insideoutsidemichiana.blogspot.com/p/natural-resources.html>

Please participate! We are in the process of contacting a therapy dog organization to partner with us for a booth at the **Middlebury Fall Festival (Sept. 8-9)** to raise money to sponsor a dog. We’ll raise funds through selling dog treats. Dalis has recipes and dog bone cookie cutters. **We’ll bake together today** after worship. More dog-themed / bone-shaped cookie cutters are needed. Also, **please sign up to set up, tear down and/or staff the booth on Sept. 7-9.**

Fri. Sept. 8, 6pm during the Fall Fest you and your friends are invited, rain or shine, to Steve and Sheila Poyser’s farm, 13178 CR 14, for a Corn Crib Party. Fellowship, bonfire, s’mores, hayrides, hilltop viewing of Essenhaus fireworks—what could be better?! RSVP to Sheila to purchase a delicious smoked pork chop dinner to be picked up ahead of time at the fire station.

Pastor Debbie’s last day with us is **Sept. 10**. To bid her a fond farewell, we will make **Stone Soup** during fellowship time that Sunday and eat it with a **potluck** meal together. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for needed veggies. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share.

Parking attendants and ushers are needed for the **Northern Indiana District Conference** this fall (**Sept. 16**). Please see Don Anderson to volunteer.