

Christian Education is at 10:00am. Ask an usher or greeter for details.



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 children you bring. 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

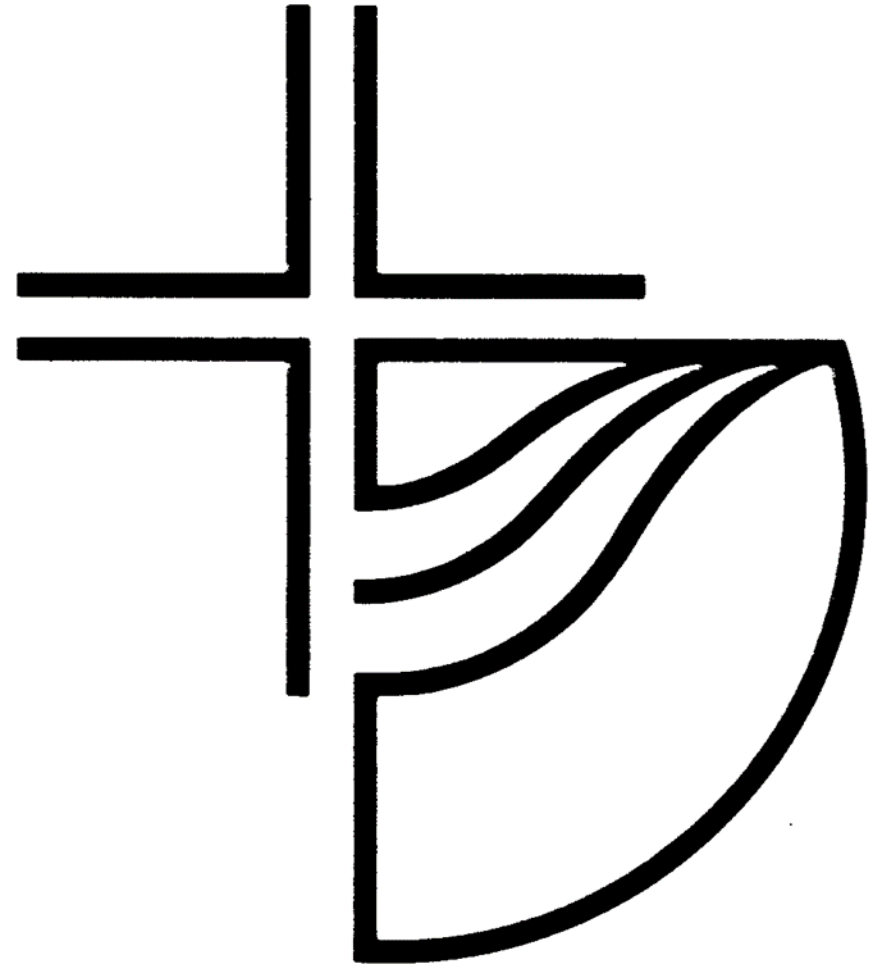
Believe God's Word. Live Christ's teaching.
Grow spiritually and share God's love, peace, hope and joy.

Middlebury Church of the Brethren

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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.

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February 25, 2024 Second Sunday in Lent

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

Fellowship—9:30 Sunday School—10:00am Worship—11:00am

February 25, 2024
Installation Sunday

Peter doesn't like it when Jesus speaks of suffering, but discipleship has a cost. Jesus says so. Those who seek to save their lives, lose them, and those who lose their lives (for the sake of Christ), save them. It's another of the reversals that so often characterize Jesus' teaching. Can we live such counter-intuitive, counter-cultural lives?

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Gathering Prayer (responsively) #670

***Hymn** What is this place #1

Receiving New Member

Offering Invitation and Prayer

Please leave your offerings on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

The Community Prays Together

Sharing our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Discipleship Be thou my vision #545

Service of Installation

Introduction

Vows of the Pastor and Charge to the Pastor

Congregational Vows and Charge to the Congregation

Congregational Response (unison)

I receive Kurt as pastor of this church. In the ministry to which God is calling this congregation, I will support our

new pastor with my prayers and sincere cooperation. I will affirm him as a person with needs similar to my own and will confront him in love when I question his actions or judgment. I intend to be a partner with him as we seek the truth, learn the way, and work together in the kingdom. I pray God's blessing upon you, Kurt, as you become our pastor and upon us all as we share in this ministry.

Pronouncement

Prayer of Consecration

Scripture Reading **Mark 8:31-38** NT pg. 44

Message **Life Saving**

Moments of Silent Reflection

In this season of Lent, let us pause together for a few moments at this point in the worship service to reflect and pray about how the Spirit of God is stirring in our lives and calling us forward.

***Hymn of Faith** God who touches earth #511

***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 – Kurt Borgmann

Worship Leader – Steve Poyser

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Guitarist – Jill Weaver

Flutist – Sherry Bickel

Ushers – Don Muhlnickel & Dalis Andrews

Greeters – Julie Bontrager & Kent Bailey

Sound Tech – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

Sunday School Schedule Upcoming

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

Upcoming in Worship

Mar. 3: Third Sunday in Lent

Guest Preacher Paul Thomas, District Moderator

Luke 14:28 “Church of the Brethren, Who are We?”

Happening this Week:

- Reserved: Sat., 1-4pm in sanctuary

Announcements February 25, 2024

Office Hours:

Pastor Kurt: Wed. & Fri.: 9am-noon

Treasurer / Daycare Business Manager Lorie:

Mon.–Fri.: 8:30am–5:30pm.

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.–Tue. will not be seen until Wed.

Joys and Concerns are listed on an insert in the bulletin rather than in your mailbox, starting today. Items appearing there, with few exceptions, will remain for 2 weeks unless the church office is notified. This is a change from our previous way of handling Joys and Concerns. Your prayers are appreciated for the items listed.

The **sewing/craft group will not meet** this Wednesday.

March 16, 2024 NIDCOB Women’s Retreat: please return registration with \$10 fee to Julie Bontrager TODAY!

Service Opportunities:

- ✓ **Blood Drive, here, Tue., Mar. 12, 2-6:30pm.** Sign up to donate! Spread the word!