



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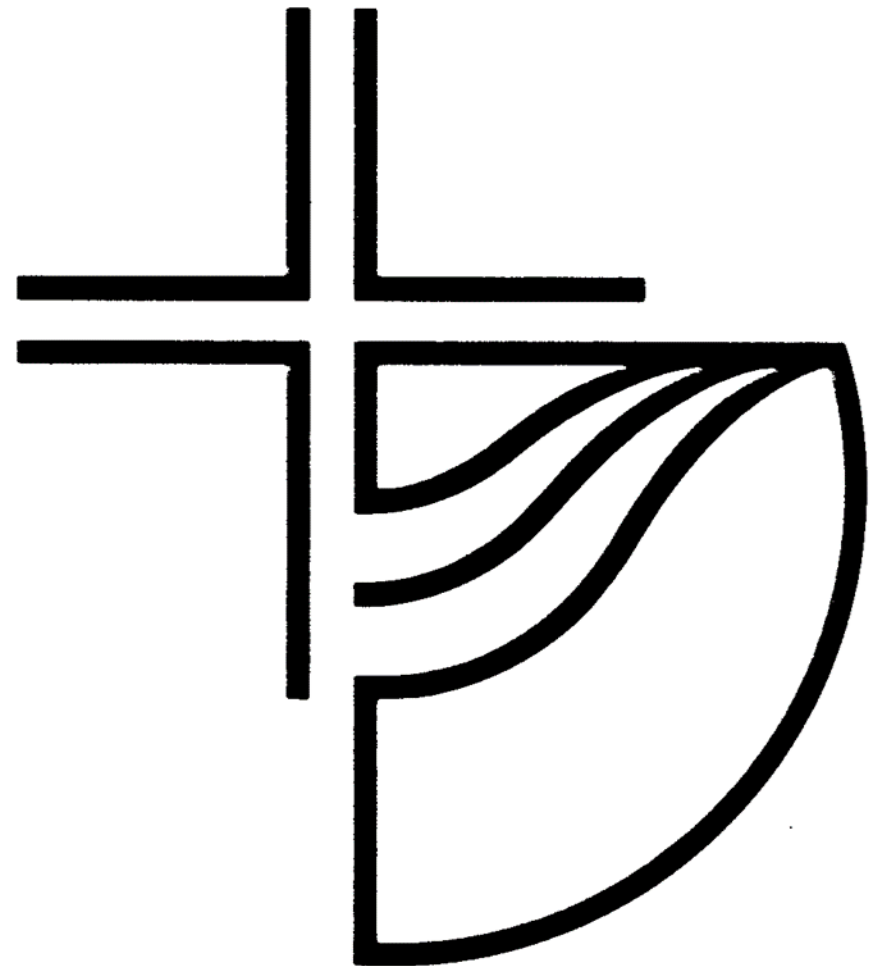
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The Church of the Brethren symbol on the cover upholds images of life in Jesus Christ. The cross recalls our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection (Romans 6:4) and testifies to God's plan to bring "all in heaven and earth . . . into a unity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



September 28, 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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There are always chasms in this world – those places where one side of something is divided from the other by a deep pit or valley that seems impossible to cross. Some people don't even see the divide. Some look at it and decide that crossing is impossible. Some wait for someone else to do the work of figuring out how to cross. Some start building a bridge. Which ones are we?

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (responsively)

Psalm 37:1-9

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.

People: *Trust in the Lord and do good;
live in the land and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord,
and God will give you the desires of your heart.*

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in God, and God will act.
God will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

People: *Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for God;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.*

Leader: Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

People: *For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.*

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Gathering** Lord, whose love in humble service, #369

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 16:19-31

Hymn of Faith

Nothing is lost on the breath of God, VT #653

Message

The great chasm

Moments of Silent Reflection

*Hymn of Discipleship

When we walk with the Lord, #570

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

October 5: Communion Sunday

October 12: Second Sunday joint Worship with Goshen City Church at Goshen, 11:00am

Upcoming in Worship

October 5: Luke 17: 5-10 “More faith? How about more action!”

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

Our congregation is be participating in the Church of the Brethren Mission Offering today. The information flyer and special offering envelope were placed in your mailboxes. The offering supports the Church of the Brethren Global Mission workers in South Sudan, other member churches in the global Church of the Brethren Communion (in places like Brazil, Haiti, Nigeria, and Rwanda), as well as other international partners.

Next Sunday, **October 5th** is World Communion Sunday and we will share in bread and cup communion during worship.

On Wednesday, **October 15th** at 9:00am we will be cleaning the church kitchen. If you are planning on coming, please bring a sack lunch!

Worship Participants

Preacher- Kurt Borgmann

Worship Leader – Jill Weaver

Pianist- Lorie Copeland

Flautist- Sherry Bickel

Guitarist- Jill Weaver

Ushers- Don Muhlnickel & Beth Sholly

Greeters- Don & Beth Muhlnickel

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS
September 28, 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.

Jill Weaver shared about her younger sister **Jane** who is in Ecuador. She is a general surgeon and lost a patient recently, but things have settled since then. Also, the government has decided to take away the gas subsidies in Quito which affects the indigenous people and the transportation people, who have now gone on strike. Jane is currently safe in Quito. (9/14)

Dalis Andrews asked for prayers for the family of **Charlie Kirk** and for the family of the young man who assassinated him. (9/14)

Tammy Bowman shared she was thankful for the **Poyser's**, for their generosity for opening up their farm and home to everyone. (9/14)

Gary Black asked for prayers for the people (and their families) who have been fired for their expression of freedom of speech. (9/14)

Renee Black asked for prayers for the people who have been victims of racism. Because of being targeted, her daughter has had to change her program from educating people on racism. (9/14)

Martha Huebert shared that her cousins in Germany have welcomed the birth of twins two weeks ago, a boy and a girl to go along with their 3-year-old daughter. All are doing well. (9/21)

Linda Byrd asked for prayers for the family of her friend **Maryann**, with whom she was friends for over 50 years and who passed away on Tuesday, September 16th. She leaves behind her husband John, children Angie and Todd, many grand children and great grandchildren. (9/21)

Lorie Copeland wanted to give thanks to **Jill Weaver** for playing the music. Lorie and Roger went on vacation and it went great. While on vacation **Roger** heard from the doctor and he is scheduled to have surgery October 10th to removed his kidney stone. (9/21)

Steve Poyser shared that he and Shelia went and visited with **Janet and Byrl Shaver**. Byrl had his heart ablation on September 18th. It took a long time, but he is doing very well. (9/21)

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.**