



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.

To access our livestreamed service use this link:

<https://youtube.com/@PEASE507> or go to www.mcob.org, click on **LIVESTREAM: Watch the Service Live** or **YouTube icon**. 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 at www.mcob.org. **Find us on Facebook** at Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

Our Mission Statement

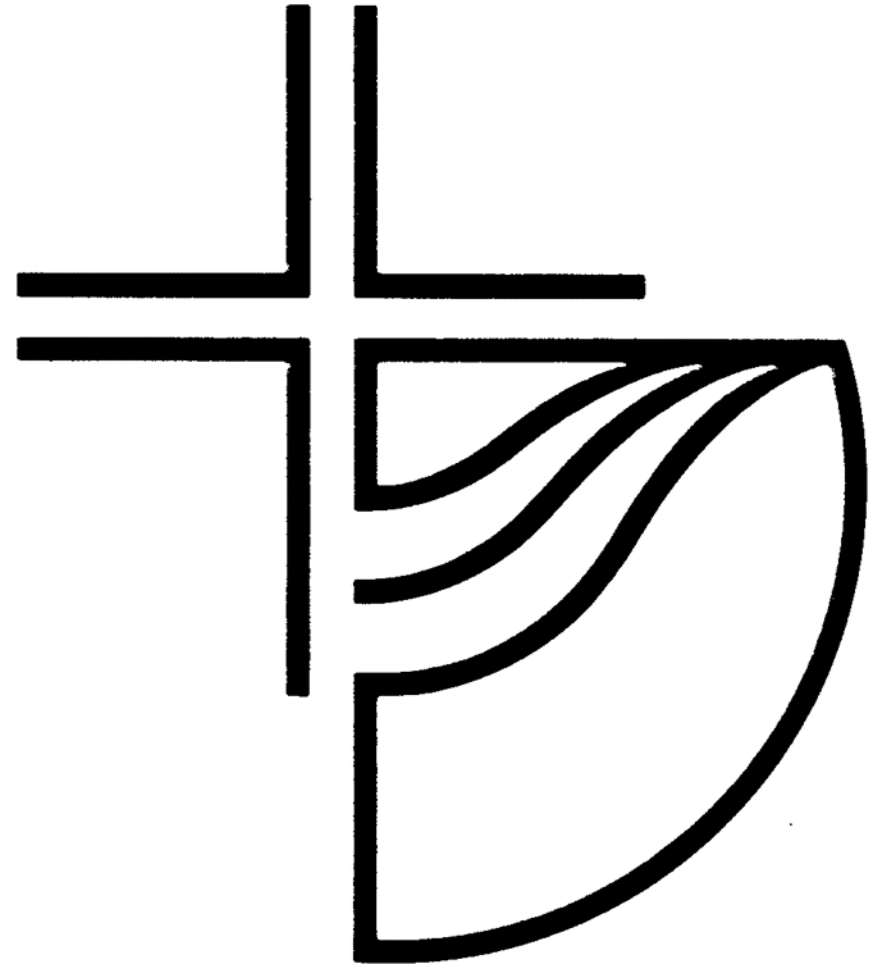
Believe God's Word. Live Christ's teaching.
Grow spiritually and share God's love, peace, hope and joy.

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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June 16, 2024

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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Ezekiel's prophecy describes a small sprig from a large tree transplanted to a distant place – to the top of a high mountain. There it grows into a tree that bears fruit and offers a home for every winged creature. The little sprig becomes the noble cedar; the low becomes high. God's plans (and plantings) so often turn our expectations upside down.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

**All: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands, I sing for joy.**

One: The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**All: They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.**

One: In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
showing that the Lord is upright;

**All: God is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in
God.**

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

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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

Hymn of Proclamation I saw a tree by the riverside insert

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24 O.T. p.784

Message The tree at the top of the mountain

Moments of Silent Reflection

***Hymn of Sending God who touches earth with beauty #511**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

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

Preacher – Kurt Borgmann

Worship Leader – Steve Poyser

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flautist – Sherry Bickel

Guitarist – Jill Weaver

Ushers – Beth Sholly & Don Muhlnickel

Greeters – Julie Bontrager & Kent Bailey

Audio/Visual Support – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt

Weaver, Jacob Cripe

Office Hours

Pastor Kurt: Wednesday and Friday, 9am-noon

Treasurer / Daycare Business Manager Lorie:

Monday through Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm

Office Manager Colleen: Wednesday through Friday, 9am-2pm

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

Happening this Week

- Reserved: Sat., 10am-1pm in fellowship hall and sanctuary

Upcoming in Worship

June 23: Communion

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Mark 4:35-41 “In the storm”

Sunday School Schedule Upcoming

June thru August: “Hope in the Lord,” taught by Julie Bontrager

Announcements

Help fund our **Congregational Aid Plan (CAP)** to provide scholarships for our college students. Use an envelope from the back table, or mark it on your regular giving envelope.

Note: **Sewing/Craft Group** is suspended until September.

Fall Festival Dog Treat Kick-off will take place during the Sunday school hour (and more) **TODAY**. Learn to mix and roll the dough, receive a cookie cutter and recipe copy to take home and bake when it works for you. We need 18 batches this year and all the help we can get to make them. **Save bacon grease, as it is a needed ingredient.** If you can't be at the kick-off but would like to help, contact Dalis Andrews.

Worship at Camp Mack with Goshen City CoB, **10:30am June 30**. Lunch at noon. **Lunch prices** are \$14 for adults, \$10.50 for ages 9-12 and \$7 for ages 3-8. Lunch count and money are **due TODAY** to Lorie Copeland via the church office or by designating on your regular offering envelope.

Heifer International is celebrating 80 years by inviting your donation dollars, which will be doubled during the month of June, thanks to some generous donors.

Annual Conference opportunities:

- **Volunteers are needed** to assist with **ticket sales at Annual Conference, July 3-6, Grand Rapids MI**. This group of folks will handle all onsite ticket sales for catered meal events. Our responsibilities begin Tuesday, July 3 at 3:00 pm and end Saturday, July 6 at noon.
 - If you can help, please sign up for one or more shifts using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AAEAF2FA2FAC43-49221854-annual> OR contact Don Anderson, ticket sales coordinator, at donaldranderson@comcast.net or 574-370-9905.
- **Contribute to Witness to the Host City**
 - **Kids' Food Basket** needs food items & lunch bags
 - **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** needs bed accessories & workers to build beds
 - A container for your donations is in the sanctuary. Lists of items needed for both charities were in church mailboxes, and more details are on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes.