

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

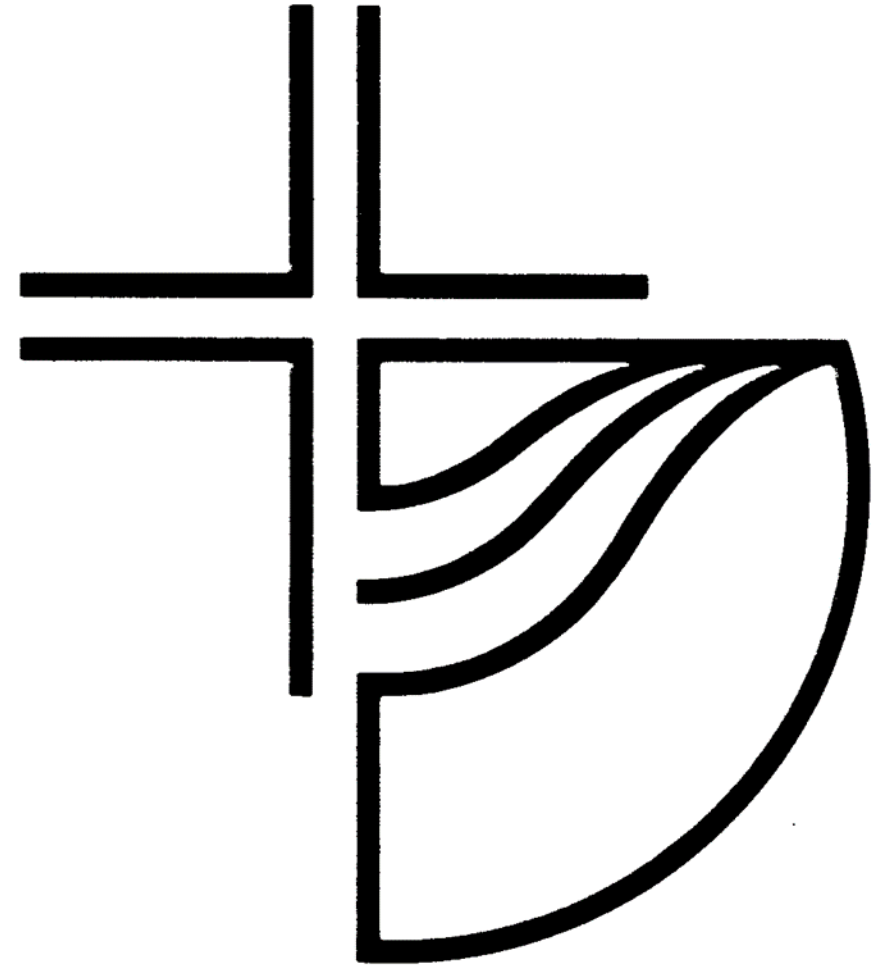
Believe God's Word. Live Christ's teaching.
Grow spiritually and share God's love, peace, hope and joy.

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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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September 17, 2023

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

Worship—9:30am Fellowship—10:45am Sunday School—11:00am

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Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord is God!

All: It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him, bless his name!

All: For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Interlude

***Hymns**

Come, Now is the Time to Worship
Great is the Lord

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#87

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

Prayer

***Hymn**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

#327

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Scripture

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

NT p. 61

Hymns

Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul
I Sing the Mighty Power of God
You Shall Go Out with Joy

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#46
#427, audio

***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!

Worship Leader – Dalis Andrews

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Guitarist – Jill Weaver

Flutist – Sherry Bickel

Song Leaders – Renee Black, Tammy Houser, Jill Weaver

Ushers – Bethany Rudd & Todd Grathen

Greeters – Don & Beth Muhl nickel

Sound Tech – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

Upcoming in Worship:

Sept. 24 – Oct. 22: Touching the Text series by Beth Sholly

Oct. 1: World Communion Sunday

Happening this Week:

- Rental: Mon., 9-11:30am in fellowship hall
- Leadership Team: Thurs., 4:30pm in conference room

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Office Hours:

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.–Tues. will not be seen until Wed.

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

Sherry Bickel is now one of the administrators of **our Facebook page**. Please text or email her any photos and information to be posted there.

Our Fall Festival booth selling **homemade dog treats raised \$145.02 for comfort dogs**.

A couple of weeks ago you received a **Memorial Preference form**. Please fill it out and **return it to the church office**.

Have fun on a “scavenger hunt” as you work through the MCoB quiz left by Pastor Debbie in your mailboxes! Don’t forget to turn in your results to Colleen for a prize.

Fall is the time to restart our **sewing group**, and we might consider adding knitting and crocheting. Join us to make comforters and other items such as prayer shawls for those who could use a “hug” from the church family. **Contact Bev Short to get involved**.

A **public meeting** will be held at **6pm Sept. 26** in the **fellowship hall** to discuss relocation of the Powell Lift Station. A letter with more details is on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes.

Consider nominating people for Annual Conference positions using the insert handed out on Aug. 20. This will be sent out electronically in the weekly email in Sept., too. And please be in prayer for the wider church.

Upcoming Service Opportunities:

- ✓ **Save the date** for giving blood: Versiti is again partnering with us to sponsor **community blood drives: Oct. 4 & Dec 6**. Please plan on giving if you are able, and please volunteer to help Service Team chairperson Mike Sommer promote the drive by posting and handing out fliers and inviting family and friends to participate.

- ✓ **Weekly readers are wanted for Little Lites Daycare Ministry**. See Mike if you are interested.
- ✓ **Share some of your financial wealth** – see flyer on bulletin board across from mailboxes for:
 - **Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale:** Sept. 22-23 at fairgrounds in Goshen

Jill Weaver is looking for someone to be the **point person, or co-point person, for the Alternative Gift Market** that has been held, for over 10 years, on the 2 or 3 Sundays before Christmas. Jill is quite willing to help with information and contacts from previous years.

Little Lites Daycare is having a **fundraiser** until Sept. 29 to raise money for fun equipment to promote gross motor skills. A flyer was in your mailbox and is posted on the bulletin board across from there. Please place orders with Lorie Copeland.

Getting Out of Doors

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

- **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.
- **Other local outdoor activities:**
<http://insideoutsidemichiana.blogspot.com/p/natural-resources.html>
- **Camp Mack Festival, Oct. 7**
 - **10am-2pm:** Food Booths, Activities & Entertainment
 - **2-2:30 Pm:** Ice Cream Social
 - **Oct. 7-13:** Online Auction