



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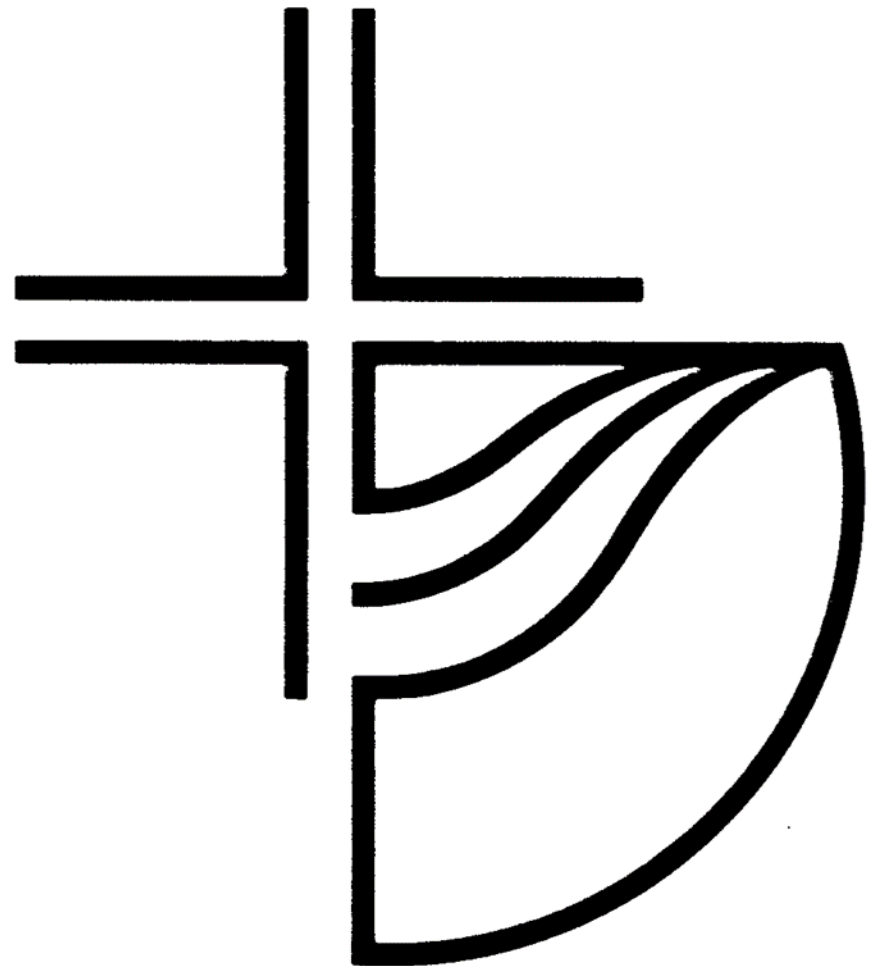
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The Church of the Brethren symbol on the cover upholds images of life in Jesus Christ. The cross recalls our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection (Romans 6:4) and testifies to God's plan to bring "all in heaven and earth . . . into a unity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



April 27, 2025

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*a welcoming and inclusive congregation
offering Christ's hospitality to the world*

Worship—9:00am Fellowship—10:15am Sunday School—10:45am

April 27, 2025
Season of Easter

The scripture for this morning is the story of Jesus appearing to the disciples after the resurrection. They are fearful; Jesus is reassuring. "Dazzle" only lasts a short while, but assurance carries us on through. How does Jesus assure the disciples? What kind of assurance are we needing in these days after Easter?

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer (unison)

O Risen Christ,

You breathe your Holy Spirit on us and you tell us:

"Peace be with you."

Opening ourselves to your peace –

letting it soften the harsh and rocky ground of our hearts –
means preparing ourselves to be bearers of reconciliation,
wherever you may place us.

You know at times we are at a loss,
so come and lead us to a place of openness,
a posture of settled-ness,
a perspective of hope.

Come and be with us; we seek your assurance. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Blessed assurance, VT #435

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

John 20:19-31

Hymn of Invitation

Come and fill our hearts, VT #52 (three times)

Message

Assured

Moments of Silent Reflection

*Hymn of Faith

Go, my children, VT #830

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit.

The Opening Prayer is adapted from #1013 in "Voices Together."

Office Hours

Pastor Kurt: Wednesday and Friday, 9am-noon

Treasurer / Daycare Business Manager Lorie:

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

April 30: 9:30am Nurture team meeting

April 30: 4:00pm Leadership team meeting

Upcoming in Worship

May 4: “Converted” Acts 9:1-20

Sunday School Schedule Upcoming

March - May: “The 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

Heifer International Easter offering total this year was \$166.80. This amount will be doubled to \$333.60. Thank you for your concern for our neighbors throughout the world!

Blood Drive will be May 14th 2:00-6:30pm here at the church. The goal is to get 18 blood products. Get signed up online or you can come the day of.

Worship Participants

Preacher – Kurt Borgmann

Worship Leader – Catherine Roebuck

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flautist – Sherry Bickel

Guitarist – Jill Weaver

Ushers- Don Muhlnickel, Beth Sholly

Greeters- Bill Hawkins, Jullie Bontrager

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

April 27, 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.

Pastor Kurt shared that **Maxine Harvey** died on Thursday, April 10 and that there are no services planned. He asked that we take a moment to remember Maxine's gifts of healing touch and prayer, her personal way of reaching out to many in the congregation, her curiosity and courage, her willingness to hold together faith and doubt, and her friendship with us. (4/13)

Pastor Kurt shared that we continue in prayer for **Linda Byrd** and her family on the death of **Mike Byrd** on Tuesday, April 15th. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 17th. (4/20)

We pray for **Martha Huebert** who fell at home this past week and sprained her ankle. (4/20)

Beth Sholly shared that her uncle, **Bill**, died this past week at age 96. Beth reflected about her uncle's love of butter, and how the lunchtime after he died, there was no butter, and one friend commented, "Bill took it with him!" (4/20)

Julie Bontrager shared the joy of having two of her grandchildren with her in worship – **Max and Annie**. She also shared that today is **Mike Sommer's** birthday.

Tom Wagner requested prayers for **Todd Hammond**, pastor at Agape Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne. Todd is recovering this morning from a health issue and is unable to lead worship this morning. (4/20)

Jill Weaver expressed deep gratitude for the Poyser's constant hospitality (They hosted us for the sunrise service today.) She also offered gratitude for the prayer in worship that spoke of God loving us no matter our mistakes. (4/20)

Tom Miller requested help picking up sticks on the church property as he and others begin the task of mowing again. (4/20)

Gary Black asked for prayers for healing for **Renee** who broke her arm when she fell recently. (4/20)

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, Betty Hydorn, Gordy Mock, and Nelda Snider.**

Please remember in prayer all who use our building during the week including the children, staff and families of **Little Lites Daycare** and **Rising Stars Preschool.**