

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



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.

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

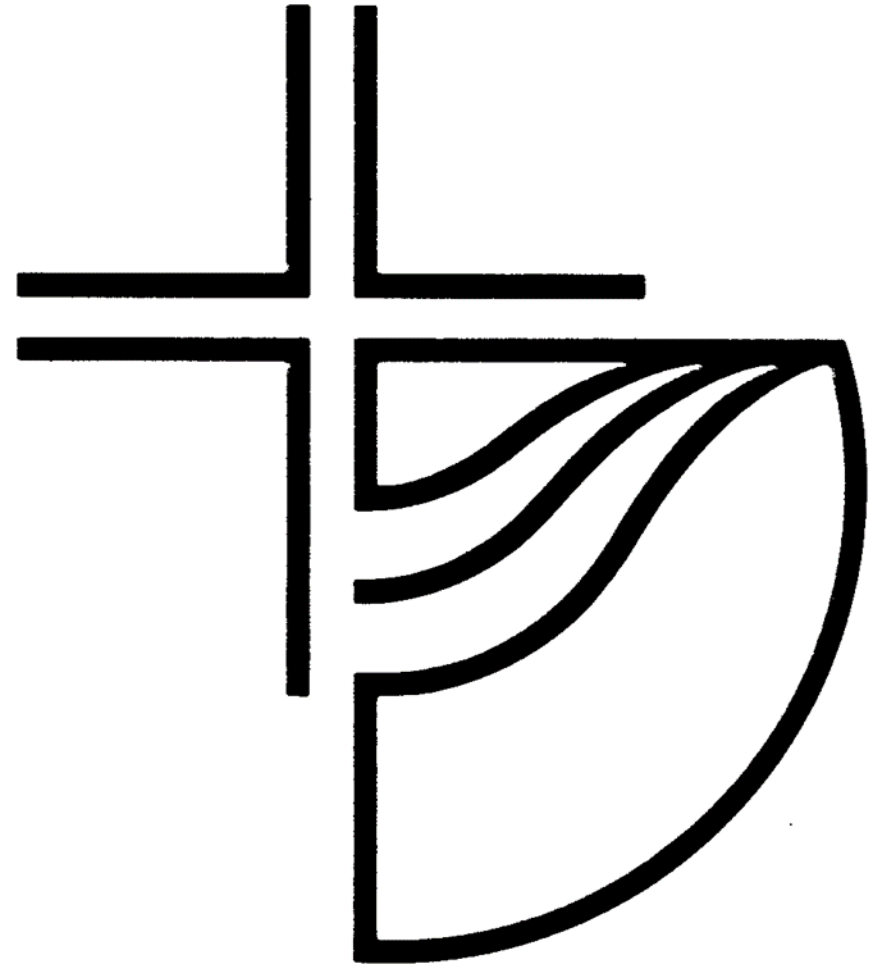
Believe God's Word. Live Christ's teaching.
Grow spiritually and share God's love, peace, hope and joy.

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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May 5, 2024

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

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

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Where we are familiar with the word "abide" in this morning's scripture ("abide in my love"), several contemporary translations instead use the word "remain." Remain in my love. To "remain" is to stay, to settle in, to make oneself at home. The love of Jesus should be a place where we settle in, loving one another attentively, unconditionally, sacrificially, without judgement. Jesus' love is a place where we can live, where we can be at home.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of love,
light a flame of love in our hearts to you,
a flame of love to our families and friends,
a flame of love to our neighbors,
a flame of love to our enemies.
Light a flame of love in our hearts to all,
from the lowliest thing that lives,
to the Name that is highest of all.
Amen.

***Hymn of Gathering** **Come let us all unite to sing** #12

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 Prayer Rain down insert

Scripture Reading **John 15:9-17** N.T. p.109

Message **Remain in my love**

Moments of Silent Reflection

***Hymn of Witness** **Heart with loving heart united** #420

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

The Opening Prayer, adapted from the Book of Common Order of *the Church of Scotland*, is from "Sing the Journey," no. 121.

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 – Don Anderson
Pianist – Lorie Copeland
Flautist – Sherry Bickel
Guitarist – Jill Weaver
Ushers – Don Muhlnickel & Dalis Andrews
Greeters – Bev Short & Bill Hawkins
Sound Tech – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

Office Hours

Pastor Kurt:

Wednesday & Friday, 9am-noon

Treasurer / Daycare Business Manager Lorie:

Monday thru Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm

Office Manager Colleen:

Wednesday & Friday, 9am-3pm

Thursday, 10am-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

- Voting: Tues., 6am-6pm in fellowship hall
- Deacons: Wed., noon in conference room
- Sewing / Craft Group: Wed., 1pm in room across from kitchen – **is canceled this week**
- Reserved: Fri., 9-11am in fellowship hall
- Reserved: Sat., 4-8pm in fellowship hall

Upcoming in Worship

May 12: John 17:6-19 “Protect them”

June 2 through September 29: worship will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School Schedule Upcoming

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

June through August: taught by Julie Bontrager

June 2 through September 29: Sunday school will be 10:45-11:30 a.m. following 10:15 a.m. fellowship time

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.

Watch for information and an envelope in your church mailbox next Sunday for the **special denominational Pentecost offering**, which will be collected May 19.

Worship schedule to change next month

Beginning June 2, the worship service will start at 9:00 a.m., followed by 10:15 fellowship time, and then Sunday school from 10:45-11:30 a.m. These changes will continue through September.

Blood Drive will take place **Wednesday, May 15, 2:00 – 6:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. Plan to donate! Spread the word!

There will be no Sewing/Craft Group meeting this week.