



**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](http://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](http://www.mcob.org). **Find us on Facebook** at Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

#### **Our Mission Statement**

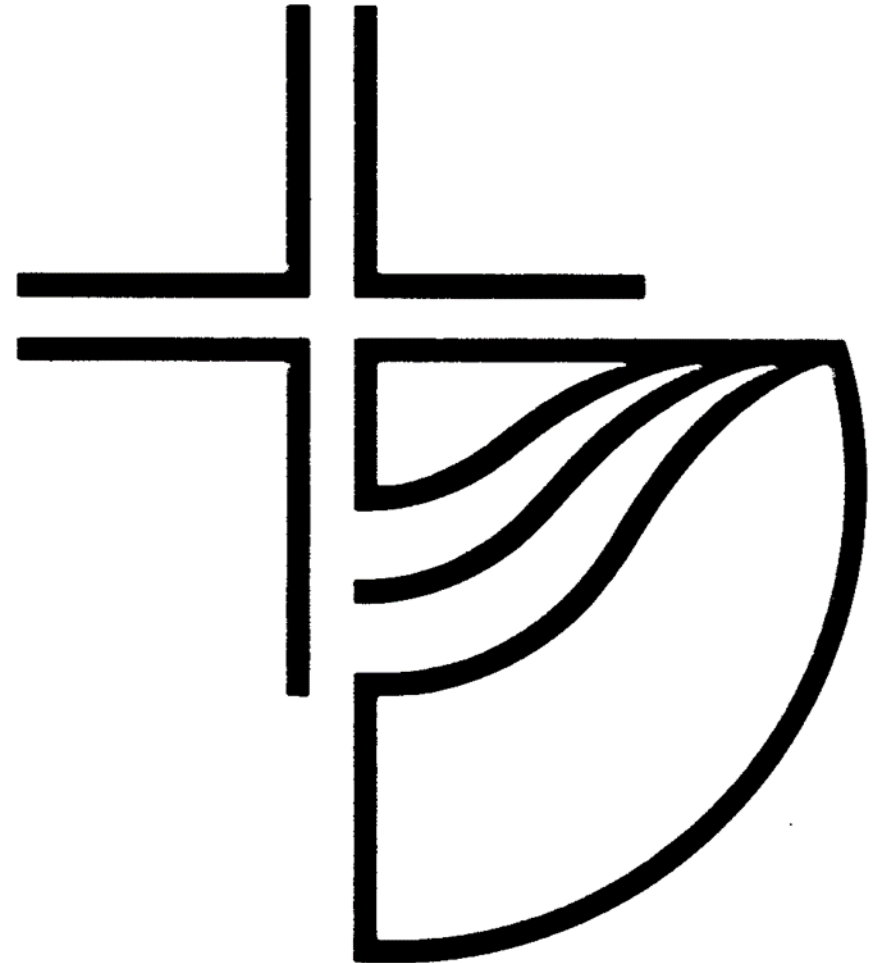
Believe God's Word. Live Christ's teaching.  
Grow spiritually and share God's love, peace, hope and joy.

#### **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.

# **Middlebury Church of the Brethren**



## **June 9, 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

**June 9, 2024**

We live in what can feel like (and for all we know, what may be) apocalyptic times, where much that we've taken for granted seems to be falling apart. What is the good life-giving news during these times?

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer (unison)**

Praise the One who hears the cry of the poor,  
who lifts up the weak and gives them strength.  
Praise the One who feeds the hungry  
and satisfies the longing of those in need.  
Praise the One who holds with tenderness  
the orphan and widow,  
and gives the stranger a land and a home. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Gathering**      **There is a place of quiet rest**      #5

**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**      **Help us to help each other**      #362

**Scripture Reading**      **Mark 3:20-27**      N.T. p.37

**Message**      **Finding life after life as we've known it**

**Moments of Silent Reflection**

**\*Hymn of Witness**      **God, who stretched**      #414

**\*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. You are most welcome here!

Guest Preacher – Tim Stair

Worship Leader – Renee Black

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flautist – Sherry Bickel

Guitarist – Jill Weaver

Ushers – Steve Poyser & Todd Grathen

Greeters – Steve & Sheila Poyser

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.

## Upcoming in Worship

**June 16:** Ezekiel 17:22-24 “The tree at the top of the mountain”

## Sunday School Schedule Upcoming

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

## **Announcements**

### **Worship schedule has changed:**

Until the end of September, worship will start at 9:00 a.m., followed by 10:15 fellowship time, and Sunday school from 10:45-11:30 a.m.

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.

Reserve your **South Bend Cubs** ticket for June 23. Cost is \$16. The contact person is Cinda Haney, [haneycinda@hotmail.com](mailto:haneycinda@hotmail.com), at Goshen City CoB. **Deadline is TODAY.**

### **D.Y.S.C.O** (District Youth Serving Christ Openly)

June 15, 2-6 p.m. – **Pool party** at Katie Phipps’ home in Bremen. (950 Sunrise Dr, Bremen 46506). Please bring drinks &/or snacks to share.

**Fall Festival Dog Treat Kick-off** will take place during the Sunday school hour (and more) on Sunday, **June 16th**. 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 by June 16** 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](mailto: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.