

**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](http://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](http://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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## **Middlebury Church of the Brethren**



**October 1, 2023**  
**World Communion Sunday**

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**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

**October 1, 2023**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** Holy Spirit, Come with Power #26

**\*Opening Prayer**

God of all who wander in the wilderness,  
you go before us as beacon and guide.  
Lead us through all danger,  
sustain us through all desolation,  
and bring us home to the land  
you have prepared for us. Amen.

**Interlude**

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

**Offering Prayer**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**Preparing to Hear the Word** Thy Word is a Lamp

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (sing through twice)

**Scripture** Psalm 125:1-2, Galatians 4:21-26 OT p. 572, NT p. 190

**Message** Touching the Text – Jerusalem

**\*Hymn** Let Us Break Bread Together #453

**Worldwide Communion**

**\*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!

Message – Beth Sholly

Worship Leader – Julie Bontrager

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Guitarist – Jill Weaver

Flutist – Sherry Bickel

Ushers – Dalis Andrews & John DeWilde

Greeters – Steve & Sheila Poyser

Sound Tech – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

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**Sunday School Schedule Upcoming**

**Today through Oct. 22:** Q & A and continued discussion of teaching series with Beth Sholly

**Upcoming in Worship:**

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

- **Today** – Jerusalem
- **Oct. 8** – Galilee/Nazareth
- **Oct. 15** – Bethlehem
- **Oct. 22** – Negev/Dead Sea

**Happening this Week:**

- Rental: Mon., 9-11:30am in fellowship hall
- Blood Drive: Wed., 2-6pm in fellowship hall
- Rental: Fri., 9-11:30am in fellowship hall

## Announcements

October 1, 2023

### 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.

The **November/December** issue of **The Upper Room** can be picked up on the table outside the church office.

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

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.**

### Upcoming Service Opportunities:

- ✓ **Save the date** for giving blood: Our Versiti **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.

### 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