



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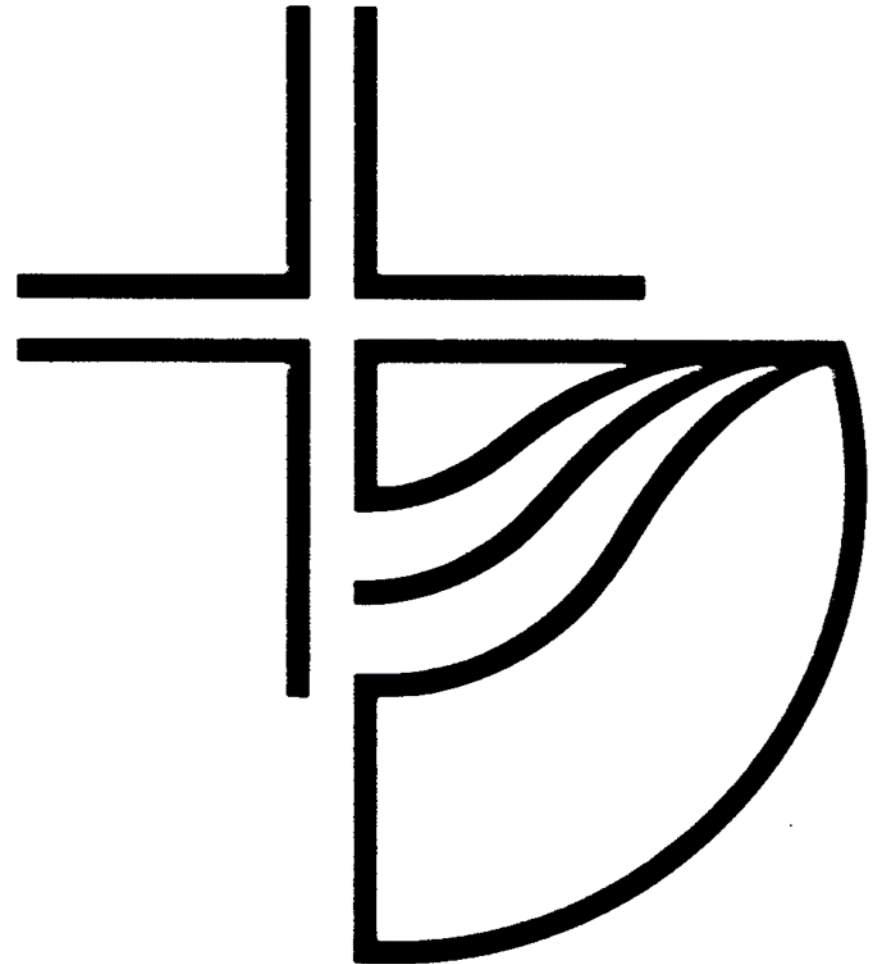
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The Church of the Brethren symbol on the cover upholds images of life in Jesus Christ. The cross recalls our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection (Romans 6:4) and testifies to God's plan to bring "all in heaven and earth . . . into a unity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

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October 5, 2025

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

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The disciples want more faith. "Increase our faith!" they say to Jesus. Jesus points out that they don't need "bigger" faith – faith the size of a mustard seed will do the trick. What they need is more commitment to the commands of Christ. That's the increase they need: not in what they believe, but in what they are willing to do because they are followers of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer (unison)

*We praise you, God –
in the sanctuary and under the stars;
for your greatness and for your goodness;
with loud hymns and quiet prayers;
with helping hands and dancing feet;
with all our breath and with all creation;
We praise you, God. Amen.*

*Hymn of Gathering

What is this place, #1

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

Luke 17:1-10

Hymn of Faith

Strong peaceful man, VT #573

Message

More faith? How about more action!

Moments of Silent Reflection

Communion

Invitation

Sharing and Blessing the Bread

Sharing and Blessing the Cup

Prayer of Gratitude (unison)

VT, #946

*Hymn of Sending

Sent forth by God's blessing, VT #812

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit.

The Opening Prayer is adapted from "Voices Together," #886.

Office Hours

Pastor Kurt Borgmann: Wednesday and Friday, 9am-noon

Treasurer / Daycare Business Manager Lorie Copeland:

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

October 8: Leadership Team meeting 4:00pm

October 12: Second Sunday joint Worship with Goshen City Church at Goshen, 11:00am

October 15: Kitchen cleaning 9:00am

October 17: JPRC meeting at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall

Upcoming in Worship

October 12: Luke 17: 11-19 “To be healed or to be made whole?”

Sunday School Schedule Upcoming

September- November: 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

Sunday, **October 12th** at 11:00am is Second Sunday joint Worship with Goshen City Church at Goshen.

On Wednesday, **October 15th** at 9:00am we will be cleaning the church kitchen. If you are planning on coming, please bring a sack lunch!

If you would like an Advent Devotional, please email the office and let Keaira know if you would like one by **October 19th**. So we can put in our preorder.

Worship Participants

Preacher- Kurt Borgmann

Worship Leader – Loyce Borgmann

Pianist- Lorie Copeland

Flautist- Sherry Bickel

Guitarist- Jill Weaver

Ushers- Todd Grathen & Steve Poyser

Greeters- Juile Bontrager & Bev Short

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS
October 5, 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.

Martha Huebert shared that her cousins in Germany have welcomed the birth of twins two weeks ago, a boy and a girl to go along with their 3-year-old daughter. All are doing well. (9/21)

Linda Byrd asked for prayers for the family of her friend **Maryann**, with whom she was friends for over 50 years and who passed away on Tuesday, September 16th. She leaves behind her husband John, children Angie and Todd, many grand children and great grandchildren. (9/21)

Lorie Copeland wanted to give thanks to **Jill Weaver** for playing the music. Lorie and Roger went on vacation and it went great. While on vacation **Roger** heard from the doctor and he is scheduled to have surgery October 10th to removed his kidney stone. (9/21)

Steve Poyser shared that he and Shelia went and visited with **Janet and Byrl Shaver**. Byrl had his heart ablation on September 18th. It took a long time, but he is doing very well. (9/21)

Beth Snider shared a concern for her friend **Michelle** who lives in Indianapolis. She has a neuroendocrine tumor and it has started to advance again; the doctors are going to start additional therapy. Michelle is having a hard time living with her cancer. Beth also shared a joy that her neighbor's dog was found after it ran off Friday in the thunderstorm, they found the dog on her property on Monday. (9/28)

Beth Muhlnickel asked for prayers for **Gary**, with whom she has been friends with his wife for 60 years. He has been in pain for 7 weeks, last week he got an endoscopy and they found cancer in the bottom of his esophagus and into his stomach. He will have two biopsy's and three CT scans on Tuesdays. (9/28)

Julie Bontrager shared she visited with **Gordy Mock** last week and he celebrated his 95th birthday on the 26th. While Julie was visiting Gordy's

daughter **Anita**, husband **Jay** and son **Neil** showed up. They had traveled from Washington and Texas to celebrated their dad's birthday. (9/28)

Martha Hubert shared that her grandson **Alex** and his life partner, along with **Jen's** sister-in-law, **Daryl's** sister **Diane** all came over on Saturday to visit. Diane has pancreatic cancer and has been doing some experimental testing which has prolonged her life. (9/28)

Jill Weaver expressed gratitude and appreciation for the community and group of people in church. She thanked everyone who works so hard behind the scenes. She also shared concerns for her sister **Jane** who has some personal medical issues. She is having some tests run related to past radiation. (9/28)

Beth Sholly shared she went on a 3-day trip to Mackinac Island and had a fantastic trip. (9/28)

Dalis Andrews shared joy that her daughter **Oliva** turned 50 years old on Sunday, she lives in North Carolina and isn't able to see her often. She is a breast cancer survivor. She also shared joy for a guest in church Sunday, **Stephanie Webber**. (9/28)

Pastor Kurt asked for prayers for Goshen City Church who lost two members last week **Carol Wogoman** on last Tuesday and **Gary Haney** who passed away on Saturday. Prayers for peace and comforting for the family and friends. (9/28)

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, Gordy Mock, Vernon Yoder**.

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