



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, 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. **Find us on Facebook** at Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

Our Mission Statement

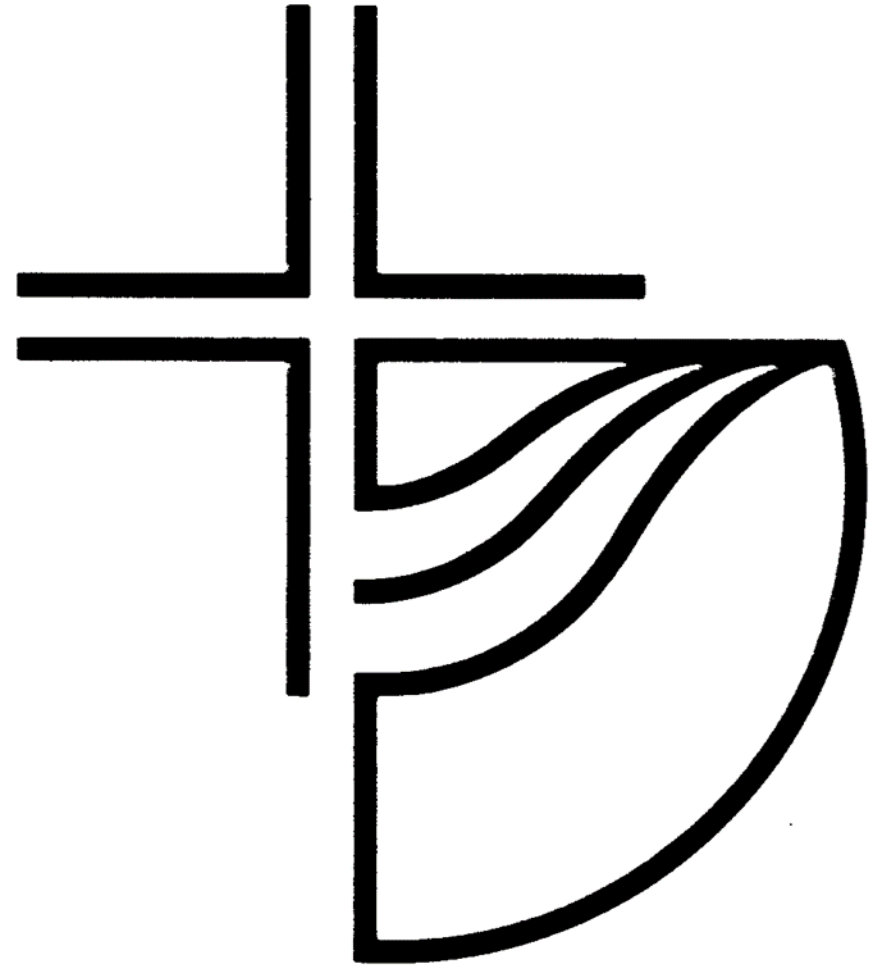
Believe God's Word. Live Christ's teaching.
Grow spiritually and share God's love, peace, hope and joy.

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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July 14, 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

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When we think of an inheritance, the first thing that may come to mind is money or property. But in this scripture, an inheritance is something more along the lines of receiving the shape of a particular relationship with Christ, with an expectation and an empowerment for ongoing behavior *and identity. It's a spiritual matter, but the inheritance is reality-expressed.* What is our inheritance from Christ? And do we bless the world with it?

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer (unison) based on Ephesians 1

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,
who destined us for adoption,
who forgave us our trespasses,
who made known the mystery of the divine will,
who marked us with the seal of the Spirit,
Blessed be God's name!

***Hymn of Gathering** **How firm a foundation** #567

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 **Ephesians 1:3-14** N.T. p.192

Hymn of Faith **Make me a channel of your peace** insert

Message **The Family Inheritance**

Moments of Silent Reflection

***Hymn of Sending** **Guide my feet** #546

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

“Make me a channel of your peace” is #56 in Sing the Journey.

Preacher – Kurt Borgmann

Worship Leader – Catherine Roebuck

Ushers – Dalis Andrews & Bethany Rudd

Greeters – Julie Bontrager & Kent Bailey

Audio/Visual Support – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt

Weaver, Jacob Cripe

If you are new or visiting, please fill out a visitor card available in the entryway. You are most welcome here!

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.

Happening this Week

- District Board: Tues., 7pm in fellowship hall, conference room and library

Upcoming in Worship

July 21: “Breaking down the dividing wall” Ephesians 2:11-22

Sunday School Schedule Upcoming

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

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.