



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

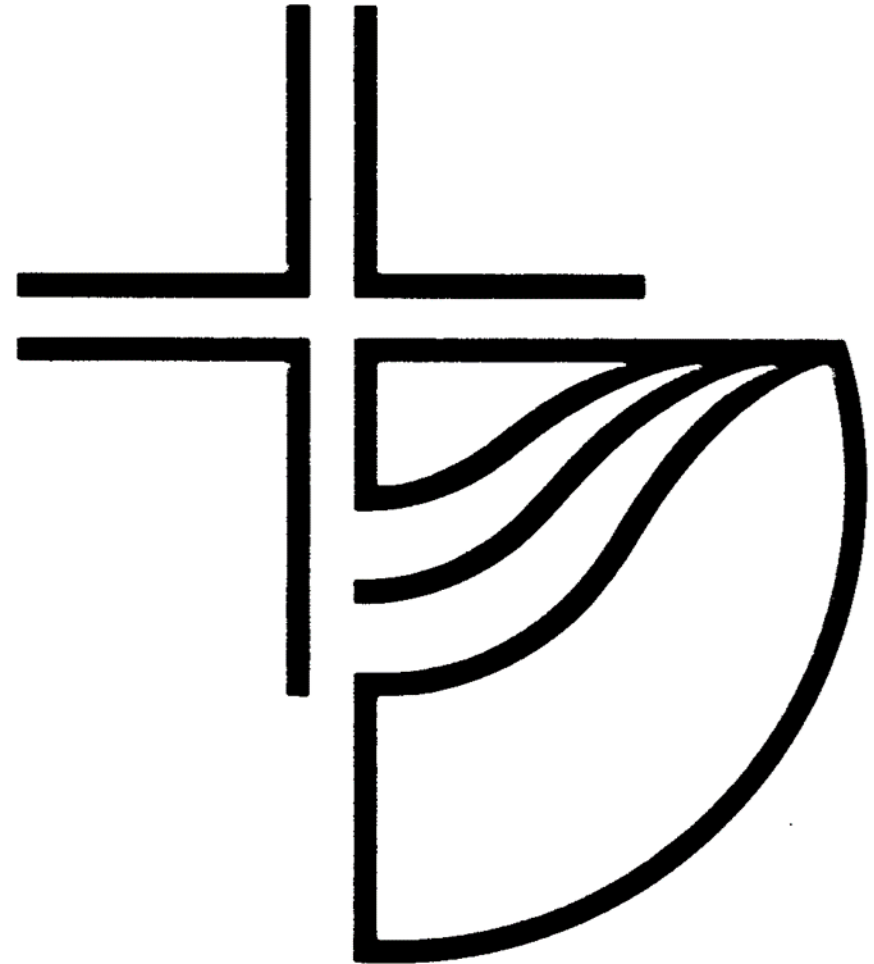
Believe God's Word. Live Christ's teaching.
Grow spiritually and share God's love, peace, hope and joy.

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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January 19, 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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Season of Epiphany

This is the first miracle performed by Jesus in John's gospel account. Obviously it is not just about making sure the party can go on after the wine runs out; there is something else at stake. But what is it? What is revealed in this miracle of Jesus turning water into wine? We see the miracle, but what is the revelation that propels the gospel story forward?

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: It is still early in the new year; early enough that maybe our new year's resolutions for changed habits and behaviors still have some shine to them.

People: Yes, we are still hoping for something new in the new year.

Leader: But has anything really changed? Will we actually live our lives any differently this year than the way we lived last year?

People: We are still hoping for something new in the new year.

Leader: Perhaps God wants something new for us as well – new awareness that leads to new actions.

People: We would like something new in the new year.

Leader: Something new might cost something old, something familiar...

People: We will pray for something new to stir in us; new awareness, new action. We will pray for an epiphany.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Gathering** **Here in this place** **#6**

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

John 2:1-11

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Hymn of Discipleship

My love colors outside the lines

VT, #582

Message

The wedding party

Moments of Silent Reflection

***Hymn of Sending**

I love to tell the story

#398

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please rise in body and/or spirit.**

Office Hours

Pastor Kurt: Wednesday and Friday, 9am-noon

Treasurer / Daycare Business Manager Lorie:

Monday through Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm

New 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 in Worship

January 26: “Headline news” Luke 4:14-21

Sunday School Schedule Upcoming

December – February: *A King Forever and Ever*, from Brethren quarterly, taught by Julie Bontrager

Announcements

Save the date! The Leadership Team is inviting you to a “Looking to the Future” meeting on **Saturday, February 15th**. We will have a **carry-in lunch at noon, followed by an information/ sharing/ brainstorming time**. We recognize that we have to face some challenges in the near future and we want to explore what might be a creative and hopeful approach.

Worship Participants

Preacher – Kurt Borgmann

Worship Leader – Mark Bickel

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flautist – Sherry Bicke

Guitarist – Jill Weaver

Ushers – Don Muhlnickel & Beth Sholly

Greeters – Bec Short & Bill Hawkins

Audio/Video 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!

