



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

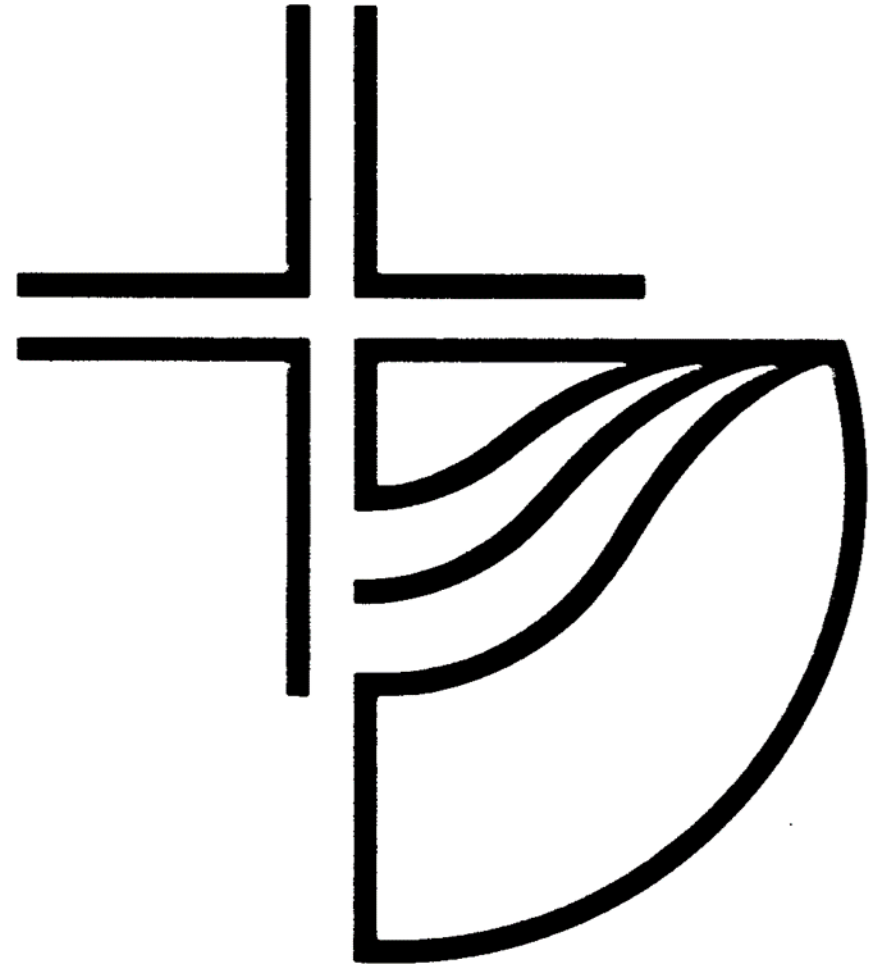
Believe God's Word. Live Christ's teaching.
Grow spiritually and share God's love, peace, hope and joy.

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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September 22, 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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Peace Sunday

In 1981, The United Nations established September 21 as an annual Day of Peace. In 2004, the World Council of Churches also designated September 21 as International Day of Prayer for Peace and invited churches to pray and act together to nurture lasting peace in the hearts of people, their families, communities and societies. On this Sunday closest to September 21, we turn our attention to the things that make for peace.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: The world wants a warhorse.

People: Jesus rides a donkey.

Leader: The world wants a militia.

People: Jesus calls fishermen, tax collectors, outcasts, and children.

Leader: The world wants a courtroom and a gavel.

People: Jesus sets a table and washes feet.

Leader: The world wants to take up the sword.

People: Jesus takes up a cross.

Leader: The world wants to establish empires.

People: Jesus brings the reign of God.

Leader: The world wants a roaring lion.

People: Jesus comes as a sacrificial lamb.

Leader: We keep trying to arm God.

People: God keeps trying to disarm us.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Prayer** **For the healing of the nations** #367

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 **Romans 14:19** N.T. p.163

Hymn of Peace **Put peace into each other's hands** insert

Message **Pursue peace**

Moments of Silent Reflection

***Hymn of Proclamation** **Beyond a dying sun** #323

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

*The Call to Worship is adapted from material written by Rev. Benjamin Cremer. "Put peace into each other's hands" is #485 in *Voices Together*, used with permission, CCLI #430916.*

Preacher – Kurt Borgmann

Worship Leader – Steve Poyser

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flautist – Sherry Bickel

Guitarist – Jill Weaver

Ushers – Todd Grathen & Beth Sholly

Greeters – Bev 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!

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

- Rental: Friday, 9am in fellowship hall

Upcoming in Worship

September 29: “Are any among you suffering?”
James 5:13-20

Sunday School Schedule Upcoming

Beginning September 1: *The Wired Word*, taught by Don Anderson

Announcements

The quarterly denominational **Mission Offering** was collected last Sunday. It's not too late to contribute. Envelopes are on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Next **Sunday, September 29**, is a 5th Sunday. **3¢/5¢/8¢ a meal** will be collected for **Global Food Crisis Fund**. You are invited to **wear a logo shirt** that tells something about yourself (no political messages, please).

The **Sewing/Craft Group needs cotton fabric** (woven, not stretchy or knit) in colors other than black or white. It can have patterns but not specific recognizable images such as cartoon characters. Place your donations in the box designated in the sanctuary. Then plan to join the group the **2nd Wednesday each month at 1pm** to see how the fabric gets used! Contact Bev Short for more information.

Estate Planning: Be sure to join us for **Sunday school October 6th** for a very special presentation by Marlene Kroeker with Everence Stewardship Partners on estate planning. This presentation is designed to suggest ways to connect our spirituality, time, energy, relationships, and resources that make deep long-lasting impact. Marlene will lead a conversation with our adult Sunday school class to identify creative tools and practical approaches which can help our retirement planning, and ways we might leave a lasting legacy. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

A **fundraiser** to help Ryan and Britta Graber with expenses incurred while trying to adopt foster children will take place here **Saturday, October 12, 4-7pm**. Generous monetary donations will purchase **all-you-can-eat haystacks and dessert** as well as **baked goods and crafts**. Plan now to attend!

Sunday, October 13 there will be no worship service here. Instead, a **joint worship service** will take place at **Goshen City CoB at 11am** with an invitation to join them for **Sunday school** as well **at 9:45am**.