



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

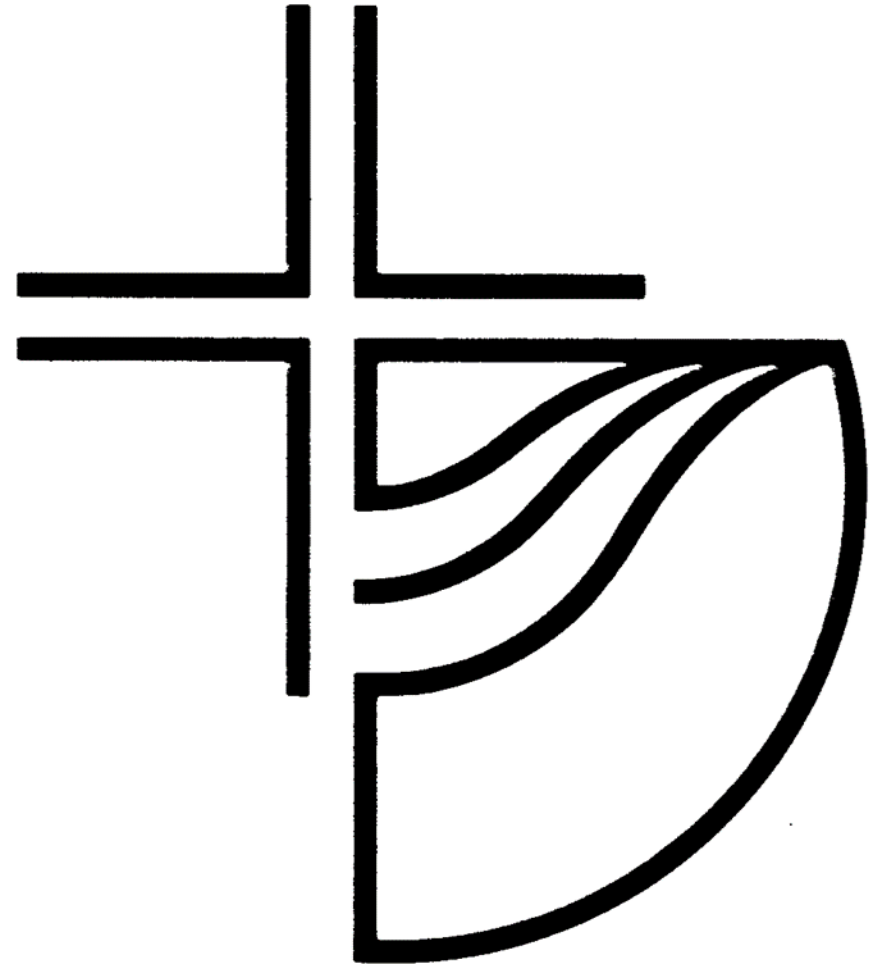
Believe God's Word. Live Christ's teaching.
Grow spiritually and share God's love, peace, hope and joy.

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 1, 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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Are you a good listener, or are you already planning your response, itching to interject your opinion? Are you a good listener, or are you just not that interested or curious about what the other person is trying to tell you? Are you a good listener? Willing to take it in, to consider another point of view, instead of being negative or reactive? Good listening is a form of care, of respect, of patience. Are you a good listener?

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer,
to song and silence.

People: Jesus calls us to worship.

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing,
to service and solidarity.

People: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action,
to protest and provision.

People: Jesus calls us to justice.

Leader: We hear the call of Christ.

All: We worship together with joy.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise** **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

Call to Prayer **Lord, listen to your children** #353
Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading **James 1:17-27** N.T. p. 229

Hymn of Faith **Gracious Spirit, dwell with me** #507

Message **Quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger**

Moments of Silent Reflection

***Hymn of Discipleship** **To leave the stones unthrown** insert
(to the tune of "This is my Father's world")

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

"To leave the stones unthrown" is #580 in *Voices Together*, used with permission, OneLicense #VT580.

Preacher – Kurt Borgmann

Worship Leader – Keri Anderson

Pianist – Lorie Copeland

Flautist – Sherry Bickel

Guitarist – Jill Weaver

Ushers – Todd Grathen & Beth Sholly

Greeters – Steve & Sheila Poyser

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

- Fall Festival Dog Booth: Friday & Saturday, downtown
10am-8pm & 9am-5pm
- Camp Mack visit: Saturday, 3:56pm in MCoB parking lot

Upcoming in Worship

September 8: “Playing favorites?”
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Sunday School Schedule Upcoming

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

Announcements

Little Lites Daycare is selling **mums** as a **fundraiser**—purple, bronze orange, or red burgundy--\$15 per 8-inch plant. See Lorie Copeland to place an order. **Deadline** to order is **Thursday, September 5**. Plants will arrive the week of September 15.

Middlebury Fall Festival is next weekend, Friday and Saturday, September 6-7! MCoB will sell **homemade dog treats** to support Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dogs, and dogs will join us at the booth.

- **Sign up to work a shift or 2 in the booth.** See Mike Sommer for the sign-up sheet. Many shifts need coverage, and you'll get to work alongside a comfort dog!

The **Camp Mack Thank You Tour** will visit over 70 churches on **Saturday September 7**. A team will **meet at our church sign between 3:56 and 4:06pm**. Join us if you can!

Blood Drive will take place here **Wednesday, September 11**, 2-6:30pm. Spread the word, and sign up to donate!

Inspired, by **Rachel Held Evans**, will be the focus of a book study led by Renee Black and Julie Bontrager, starting **Wednesday, September 11 at 10am** in the conference room. Books can be ordered on Amazon.com for the current price of \$11.19 apiece. If you are unable to purchase a book online, talk to Renee.

The **Sewing/Craft Group** will resume, meeting the **2nd Wednesday of each month**, starting September 11, at 1pm. Planning will be the focus of the first meeting, with service projects and banner making being considered. Join the fun! Contact Bev Short for more information.

Fellowship and fun with Goshen City CoB! Saturday, September 14, 4pm at the **Poyser Farm** promises to be a good time featuring a **carry-in, bonfire, and hayrides**. **Bring food to share and a lawn chair**. Plan now to attend!

The quarterly denominational **Mission Offering** will take place **September 15**. Watch for information in your church mailbox.