



**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](http://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](http://www.mcob.org). **Find us on Facebook** at Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

#### **Our Mission Statement**

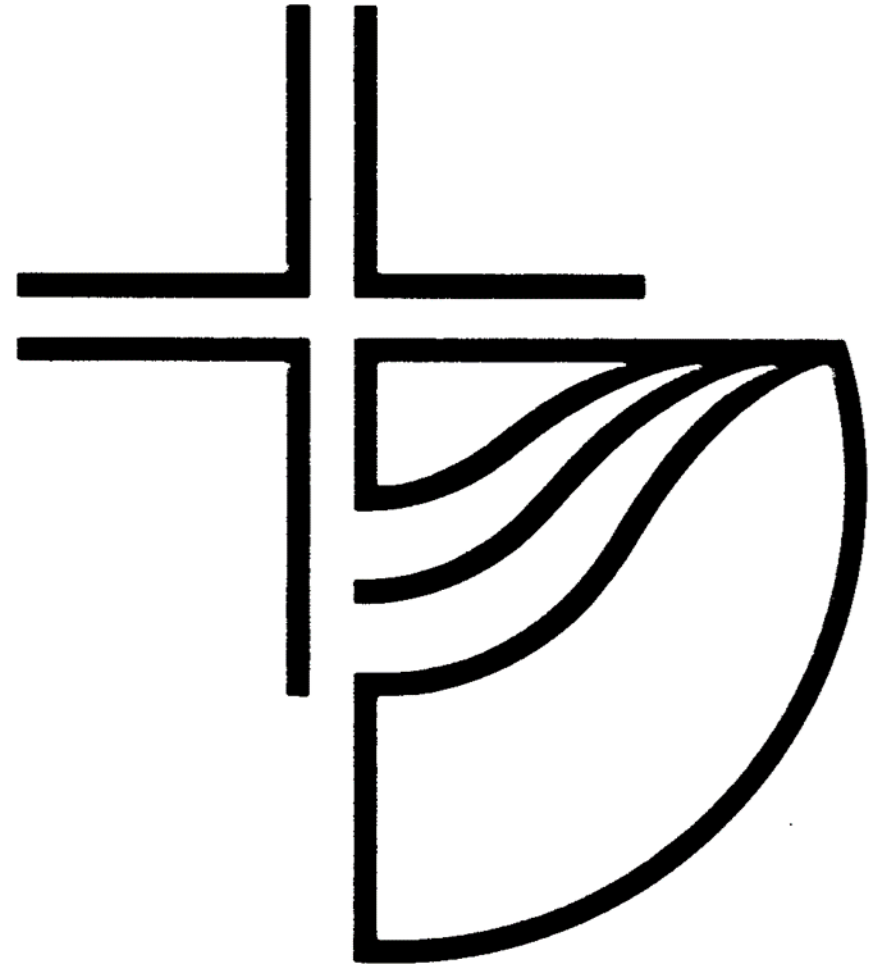
Believe God's Word. Live Christ's teaching.  
Grow spiritually and share God's love, peace, hope and joy.

#### **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.

# **Middlebury Church of the Brethren**



## **September 29, 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

**September 29, 2024**

*James invites those who suffer to respond to that suffering by praying. It's the first step in orienting ourselves toward the God who offers a space of healing, of relief, of restoration. Can we make prayer our first answer to our own suffering?*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer (unison)**

God of hope and healing,  
we pray that you would be with us as we worship this day,  
meeting us right here, as we are:

Where we have pain, we pray you would bring relief.  
When we are disoriented, we pray you would bring clarity.  
As we live with barriers, courage.  
If conflict separates us from others, reconciliation.  
When we wait for the news of what is next, patience.  
As we come together, friendship.

We thank you for being our refuge and strength.  
Amen.

**\*Hymn of Gathering**                      **Sweet hour of prayer**                      #11

**Offering Invitation and Prayer**                      video

*An offering plate is available at the back of the sanctuary for your gifts. As we sing "Magic Penny," please bring your 2¢/5¢/8¢ a meal offering for the Global Food Crisis Fund to place in the bucket.*

**The Community Prays Together**  
**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**  
*One: In your mercy Lord*  
**Many: Hear our prayer**  
**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn of Prayer**                      **When pain or sorrow/Hold on**                      insert

**Scripture Reading**                      **James 5:13-20**                      N.T. p. 231

**Message**                      **Are any among you suffering?**

**Moments of Silent Reflection**

**\*Hymn of Faith**                      **Healer of our every ill**                      #377

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

\*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

"When pain or sorrow/Hold on" is #612 in *Voices Together*, used with permission, OneLicense #G10129.

Preacher – Kurt Borgmann  
Worship Leader – Bethany Rudd  
Pianist – Lorie Copeland  
Flautist – Sherry Bickel  
Guitarist – Jill Weaver  
Ushers – Don Muhlnickel & Dalis Andrews  
Greeters – Steve & Sheila Poyser  
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

- JPRC: Friday, 9am in fellowship hall

## Upcoming in Worship

**October 6:** Communion

“Family matters” Mark 10:2-16

## Sunday School Schedule Upcoming

**October 6:** Estate planning led by Marlene Kroeker from Everence.

## Announcements

**Today**, is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. ~~3¢/5¢/8¢~~ a meal will be collected for **Global Food Crisis Fund**.

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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>** 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 meet 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**.