

BNF People to Pray For This Week

March 23: Rhonda Sprow
March 24: Marian Frick
March 25: Linda Slabaugh
March 26: Renee Yoder
March 27: Heather Allen
March 28: David & Dawn Weyant

Church Calendar This Week

Thursday: Zoom Bible Study, 7:30pm
Friday: Open AA Meeting, 7pm
Saturday: Project Promise Easter Play, 3 & 6pm

Last Sunday, March 15

Attendance: 18
Offering: \$177

Next Sunday, March 29

Meditation: Kevin Yoder
Palm Sunday

Announcements

The Project Promise Easter Play will be presented on Saturday March 28, 2026 at 3 and 6 pm at Middlebury Church of the Brethren. We also invite people to join us for the Dress Rehearsal Thursday March 26 at 6:30 pm. During this live drama, the actors will interpret the events that lead up to Easter. Admission is free; a goodwill offering will be taken. The church is located at 507 Bristol Avenue, Middlebury, IN 46540. Project Promise offers activities that enrich the spiritual and social lives of persons with limited developmental and/or intellectual abilities.

Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship

March 22, 2026

Dwelling in Dissonance
Lent 5

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer: Evan

Songs of Worship: Evan

BNF Offering, Food on the 4th, and Nazareth Village

Scripture Reading: John 19:1-16a

Meditation: "Complicity and Innocence" Vera

Confession Poem: Evan

Dialogue and Discussion: Vera

Song of Response: Evan

Sharing of Blessings and Prayer Requests: Kevin

Announcements

Sending Song and Blessing: Evan

Fellowship Time in the Gym with a Snack

John 19:1-16a (NIV)

19 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe ³ and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they slapped him in the face.

⁴ Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.” ⁵ When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

⁶ As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!”

But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.”

⁷ The Jewish leaders insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

⁸ When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, ⁹ and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

¹¹ Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

¹² From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

¹³ When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). ¹⁴ It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon.

“Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews.

¹⁵ But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”

“Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked.

“We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered.

¹⁶ Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.