

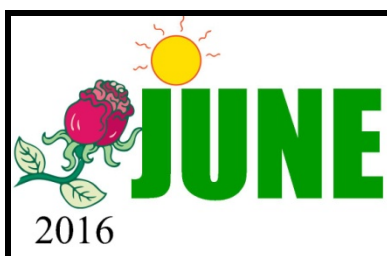


#### OUR STAFF

Transitional Pastor:  
Reverend Nikey Keels  
Director of Music: John Rickert  
Organist: Jeremy Reis  
Administrative Assistant:  
Linda Wieferich  
Caretaker, Al Ferrell  
Nursery Attendant:  
Sarah Egerer

#### OUR CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator: Nancy Lewis  
Vice-Moderator: Tom Carr  
Clerk: Cyndi James  
Treasurer: Jody James  
Missions Treasurer:  
Roger Ellsworth  
Financial Secretary: Mary Leary



#### CHURCH TEAM LEADERS

1. Christian Education:  
Theresa King
2. Youth: Cheryl Ellsworth
3. Missions, Outreach/Evangelism:  
Co-Leader: Nikki Anjakos-Seno  
Co-Leader: Vacant  
Historian: J. David Garn  
Assistant: Cheryl Ellsworth
4. Music: David Garn
5. Finance: Jim Garn
6. Facilities/Maintenance:  
Vacant
7. Hospitality: Connie Ellsworth
8. Worship: Jan Wheeler
9. Pastoral Relations: Vacant
10. Visitation: Lois Smith
11. Nominating: Appointed as needed

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#### OUR CHURCH VISION

Drawing upon its rich history of service to God in an urban setting, Michigan Avenue Baptist Church serves as a beacon of Christ-centered ministry to the community through witness, worship, and fellowship in a culturally diverse population.



## Co-Ed BIBLE STUDY

We are tentatively scheduling a Co-ed Bible Study during the summer weeks. The final decision is contingent upon sign-up response. The time frame would probably be 1.5 hours, beginning around 6pm. If you want to be a part of this Bible-Study, fill-in the following blanks.

Convenient evenings for you: Tuesday\_\_ or Wednesday\_\_?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: Phone \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Once completed, place in offering plate or give to any Worship Team member or turn in to church office. You will be contacted once the final decision is made."

Jan J. Wheeler, Worship Team Leader

Any questions or comments? Call or text me: 989-289-2720

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### THANK YOU

Dear Friends of MABC

On behalf of the East Side Soup Kitchen Board of Directors, Staff and all the people we serve, I write to thank you for your generous donation of \$150.00.

We are continually grateful for your trust in our agency. Your donations are what keep us going. Be assured, we are always looking for ways to stretch those dollars.

May God bless you always for your thoughtfulness and care for those in need.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Goodrow, Director

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-Fred Rogers





# One Great HOUR OF SHARING

Dear Congregation

It is time again for the One Great Hour of Sharing and the Regional Ministries offerings. By the grace of God we are given the opportunity to share our gifts and resources with our brothers and sisters in need around the world and at home. All of us have the power to give back to God from that which God has given us, and in doing so, create a more just world for all of God's children. Through our gifts, we participate in the many ministries that serve the hungry, the poor, the distressed, and the refugee.

The Hebrew Bible models this offering in the story of Ruth and Naomi, portrayed in the Book of Ruth. When faced with forced relocation, due to famine and political strife, Ruth said to Naomi, "Where you go I will go." Solidarity stands at the heart of their story. Solidarity stands at the heart of the ministries of One Great Hour of Sharing. Solidarity stands at the heart of this offering.

Like Ruth and Naomi, refugees today are confronted with dire situations in their homes, and are forced by the necessity of survival to leave behind their communities in order to seek safety and security. Currently, the United Nations estimates over 60 million of our brothers and sisters across the world are refugees or displaced persons. The number is higher than it has been since World War II, and is expected to increase as violence continues in the Middle East and parts of Africa.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing we embrace refugees around the world as our own. We say "where you go, we will go." This offering places us side-by-side with those in need. It offers us the opportunity to be Ruth for the Naomi's of the world. By supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, we answer God's all for us to bring wholeness to a fragmented world.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering reaches across the globe. Sometimes it provides solidarity to those who have experienced loss due to disasters in our own community and congregation, and at other times it says tangibly "you are not forgotten" to our sisters and brothers on the other side of the world. Through our gifts, we can help ensure that all of God's children have what they need. Together, we accompany the refugee and stand in solidarity with the distressed, bringing about the world as God intended.

The Regional Offering is being received along with the One Great Hour of Sharing. Its purpose is to continue Growing Healthy Churches in Michigan. Together with all of our God-given gifts we are growing healthy churches, cultivating health in our pastors, and sowing seeds of the Gospel in Michigan. Please give freely to this ministry.

Giving changes so many things - for the receiver and for the giver. Please give generously through the Regional Offering/One Great Hour of Sharing offering. It's all about sharing - sharing resources, changing lives! Your MABC Mission Team has set a goal of \$400.00 to be reached by the end of June (\$100.00 One Great Hour of Sharing and \$300.00 Regional Ministries). Thank you.

Sincerely,

MABC Mission Team

*"If I see the gift as mine alone to give, I might give hesitantly, even grudgingly, considering my options, and then giving from a sense of ought. If I see the gift as God's who allows me to use it for a time, then the gift can flow more freely, as I join with others to be a channel for God's love and mercy."*

-Roberta Porter



## ***From the MUSIC DIRECTOR***

### **CHOIR'S TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER**

The Belle Aire Handbell Choir and The Latham Burrows Choir will be taking a break for the summer.

We will be looking for new voices come the fall. During the summer months why not think about joining the Latham Burrows Choir. We'd love to have you join us.

### **A GIFT OF MUSIC**

Your church needs your help this summer. If you are interested in offering your musical talent, now is the time. Beginning June 19, we will have many summer Sundays to fill with special music during the worship service. Whether you sing, play an instrument or both, your talent will be greatly appreciated.

There will be a sign up sheet on the board in the music room. Just put your name in any Sunday that is available and/or see me.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with me after church, send an email to [rickertmusic@gmail.com](mailto:rickertmusic@gmail.com), or give me a call at 989-598-4132. Thank you.

John Rickert,  
MABC Music Director

### **"REFLECTING HIS LOVE"**

My prayer to God is that you see  
His presence when you look at me.  
His steadfast love has set me free,  
And his reflection I can be  
When God is shining bright in me.

-MaryAnn Sundby



### **MEN'S BREAKFAST 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 11, 2016**

All men of the church are invited to this time of Christian Fellowship.

This is the last Men's Breakfast for the summer months. They will resume Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

### **WHAT IS PRAYER?**

A self-help guru once said, "If prayer is you talking to God, then intuition is God talking to you." Yes and no.

Although we often think of prayer as us talking while God listens, listening to *him* is crucial. We can start with reading or hearing Scripture and then responding - aloud or in our hearts - with questions, concerns, joys, confessions, gratitude and praise.

Certainly, God also communicates with us in other ways. Through Christian friends we hear guidance, assurance, love, even admonition. Then, too, we hear God speaking in our heart. We may call this our conscience, a hunch or, indeed, intuition. So we might tweak the line above: "Prayer is both you talking to God *and* your intuition by which God talks to you." Amen!



**MADELYN CAMPBELL**

Saturday, June 25, 2016  
Michigan Avenue Baptist Church  
10:00 a.m. Visitation  
11:00 a.m. Service





**GRADUATION SUNDAY**  
**June 12**  
Congratulations to graduate,

**Jeff LaPan**

Jeff graduated from Carrollton High School on May 26, 2016. He plans to attend Delta in the fall and start at Michigan State University the spring of 2017. He will be going to school for mechanical engineering.

*Congratulations, Jeff!*

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

The MABC Scholarship Team is pleased to award the following students a scholarship. The Scholarship Team and members of MABC continue to pray for you and your future success. We pray also that you will remember MABC in your future endeavors.

Congratulations on your achievement!

1. Devin Ballien
2. Sarah Ferrell
3. Jeff LaPan
4. John Seno

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday, June 16, 2016**



**Summer Worship Schedule Begins**  
**Sunday, June 19, 2016**

**9:00 a.m. Church School**  
*(Please check with your teacher)*  
**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

“To pray is to grasp heaven in one’s arms, to embrace the Deity within one’s soul and to feel one’s body made a temple of the Holy Spirit.”

-Charles H. Spurgeon



#### **FATHERLY GUIDANCE**

Every man who desires to become a true father has to look continually to the Lord, that he might learn of him how to relate to his own children.

-Sunday Adelaja

### BIBLE QUIZ

Of the 66 books in the Bible, 39 have people's names as titles. Some names indicate the person credited as author - for example, Matthew; others name the book's main character - such as Ruth. How many books are written to the person named in the title?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 13
- D. 21

*The answer may be found on the calendar page.*



### WHAT CAN I DO?

Pastor and hymn writer Phillips Brooks penned these words in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, but they're just as relevant for Jesus' followers today:

"People are questioning now, as they never have questioned before, whether Christianity is indeed the true religion .... Can Christianity meet all these human problems, and relieve all these human miseries and fulfill all these human hopes?

"It is for us, in whom the Christian church is at this moment partially embodied, to declare that Christianity ... can do for the world that which the world needs.

"You, 'What can I Do?'

"You can furnish one Christian life - so faithful to every duty, so ready for every service, so determined not to commit every sin - that the Christian church shall be stronger for your living in it; and the problem of the world be answered; and a certain peace come into this poor, perplexed phase of our humanity as it sees that new revelation of what Christianity is."

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-Fred Rogers



The following teachers were recognized during the worship service on May 22. We at MABC are so thankful for our dedicated teachers.

Kitchen Class	David Garn
Women's Class	Lois Smith
Friendship Class	Peggy Landeryou and Al Ferrell
Working Class	Nancy Lewis
Jr. High Class	Cheryl Zinz and Nikki Anjakos-Seno
Jesus Hunters Class	Becky Geidans
ABY	Jim Garn and Sherry Ellsworth



- Sunday, July 10, 2016, 10:00 a.m.  
Outdoor Church Service & Picnic in the church parking lot.
- Thursday, July 21, 7:00 p.m.  
Quarterly Business Meeting
- Church-wide camping at Evart, MI.  
Fun Day for everyone - Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>
- September 11, 2016. Jim Hendricks  
Christian Piano Concert at MABC  
beginning at 4:00 p.m.



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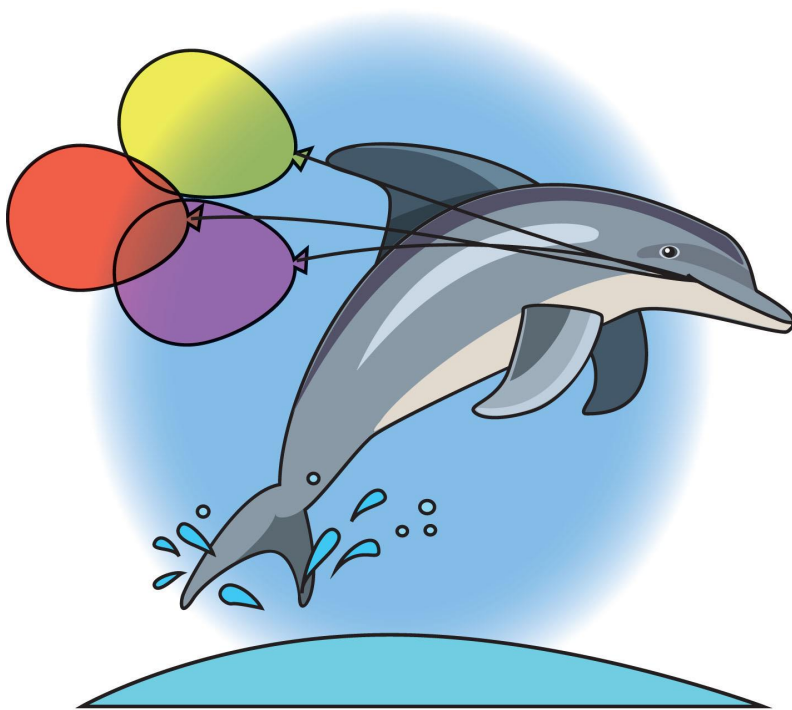
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  6:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir Rehearsal	2  4:30 p.m. Prayer Team	3	4
5  Communion Sunday	6  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	7	8	9  4:30 p.m. Prayer Team	10	11  9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
12 Graduation Sunday	13  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	14	15	16 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team  7:00 p.m. Church Council	17	18
19 Father's Day 	20  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	21	22	23  4:30 p.m. Prayer Team	24	25 Memorial Service for Madelyn Campbell at MABC 10:00 Visitation 11:00 Service
26 11:00 a.m. Worship Team meeting	27  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	28	29	30  4:30 p.m. Prayer Team		

**Sunday June 5 at MABC**  
 9:30 a.m. Church School  
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship

**Summer Worship Schedule  
 Begins June 19, 2016**  
 9:00 a.m. Church School for Adults  
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Answer to Bible Quiz: B**  
 (See 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2; Titus 1:4; Philemon 1:1)

# *Happy Birthday to You!*



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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01 Kathy Little  
09 Sarah Egerer  
16 Mary Jo Leary  
19 Sherry Ellsworth  
20 Frank Anjakos  
21 Evelyn Hall  
30 Jeannie Trudell

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If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the church office at (989) 7893-8555 with your birth date. We'd like to wish everybody a Happy Birthday during their birthday month. Please contact the church office should you have a change of address. We want to keep our records current. Thank you.