



#### 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

#### 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.

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



If you are going to school in the fall and are a member of MABC, you may be eligible for a scholarship from the church. You may pick up your application and information about the scholarship program at the back of the sanctuary or from the church office. Scholarship applications are due in the church office no later than Sunday, May 1, 2016.



Thursday, May 5, 2016

Our theme for 2016 is **Wake Up America**, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to return to the God of Fathers in reverence for His Holy Name. To further highlight our theme, we've chosen Isaiah 58:1a as our Scripture for this year: *"Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet."*



## DISCIPLES NEEDED

The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heartbreaking needs, is whether those who, by profession or culture, are identified as "Christians" will become disciples - students, apprentices, practitioners - of Jesus Christ, steadily learning from him how to live the life of the kingdom of the heavens into every corner of human existence.

-Dallas Willard, *The Great Omission*

**MOTHER'S DAY**  
Sunday, May 8

### A TASTE OF GOD'S LOVE

In *Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise* (Abingdon Press), John Killinger describes a mother's love - and how it offers a tiny foretaste of God's love:

"It is stronger than steel, softer than down and more resilient than a green sapling on the hillside. It closes wounds, melts disappointments and enables the weakest child to stand tall and straight in the fields of adversity. I believe that this love, even at its best, is only a shadow of the love of God, a dark reflection of all that we can expect of him, both in this life and the next."



Please note that Potluck Sunday has been moved to Sunday, May 15, which is also Pentecost. Remember to wear RED.

### CLOSE TO GOD

I can take my telescope and look millions and millions of miles into space. But I can lay it aside, go into my room, shut the door, get down on my knees in earnest prayer, and see more of heaven and get closer to God than I can assisted by all the telescopes and material agencies on earth.



-Isaac Newton

## PRAYER TEAM

Each Thursday the Prayer Team gathers at 4:30 p.m. to offer prayer both individually and corporately for the needs of our nation, our community, our church, our families, our friends and any other needs the Lord lays upon our hearts.

**PRAYER WORKS!**  
Pray without ceasing!

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, May 14, 2016



The men of MABC are invited to this time of delicious food and Christian fellowship. Hope to see you there!

## RUTH - a PENTECOST STORY?

The disciples were celebrating Pentecost, originally a Jewish festival, when the Holy Spirit descended on them and birthed the church. Pentecost, which began as a harvest festival, had come to commemorate the giving of the law. The book of Ruth became integral to festival worship.

Why Ruth? This short story doesn't mention the law, let alone God giving it to Moses. Yet in Ruth's devotion to her mother-in-law ("Where you go I will go ... Your people will be my people ..." [Ruth 1:16, NIV]), she fulfills not just the letter but the spirit of the law: loving-kindness - all the more remarkable because she's a foreigner. Boaz, too, demonstrates exorbitant kindness to Ruth.

As Christians celebrate the Spirit bridging differences in Jerusalem, uniting all nationalities by making the gospel message intelligible to all it, God unites two enemy people for his grand purpose: Boaz and Ruth's marriage leads to King David and, ultimately, to King Jesus. Today, the Holy Spirit continues to unite all categories of people under Christ's reign for the good of the world.

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 15, 2016

## WHAT A DAY IT WILL BE!



Pentecost Sunday at MABC

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Worship Service

12:00 p.m. Potluck Sunday

Worship Team meeting

*Remember to wear RED Pentecost Sunday*



**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday, May 19, 2016**

**LIFE LESSONS**

Lat-night comedian Stephen Colbert, a practicing Catholic who teaches Sunday school, faced tragedy at age 10 when his father and two of his brothers died in a plane crash. As Colbert told The New York Times, his mom helped him avoid bitterness about the loss:

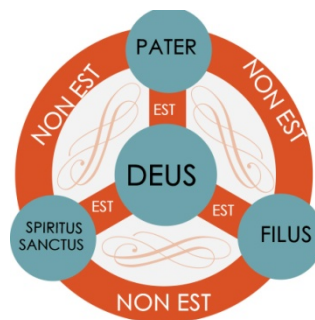
“She taught me to be grateful for my life regardless of what that entailed, and that’s directly related to the image of Christ on the cross and the example of sacrifice that he gave us. What she taught me is that the deliverance God offers you from pain is not any pain; it’s that the pain is actually a gift. What’s the option? God doesn’t really give you another choice.”

**THANK YOU**

Dear MABC

Please forgive me for this late note, but I had to remember to thank you for all you did to make our “Christmas In The Jail” event a great success. Without you, we cannot be us, a ministry for the inmates. God bless you!

-Chaplain Frances Irvin



**SHIELD OF THE TRINITY**

This symbol consists of a triangle with a circle at each point, labeled in Latin with the three Persons of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A circle in the center is labeled God. Six lines show the relationships formed, with inner lines marked “is” and outer lines marked “is not.” The resulting sign declares that God is Father, God is Son and God is Spirit, yet the three Persons are not the same.

**ALWAYS WITH US**



Jesus' ascension reminds Christians that although his body couldn't remain present everywhere; we can universally experience his spiritual presence. In fact, Jesus' final words to his disciples and to us - contain this key promise: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20, ESV).



Which books of the Bible include an account of Jesus' ascension?

- A. Luke and Acts
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four gospels



A black and white cartoon illustration. A man and a woman are walking from left to right. The woman is on the left, wearing a dark dress and a necklace. The man is on the right, wearing a suit and tie. They are walking past a gravestone. The gravestone is shaped like a tomb and has the words 'OAK STREET CHURCH' inscribed on it. Below that, there is a name that is mostly illegible but appears to start with 'Mr. Wm. W. ...'. The man is looking down at the woman's shoes, and she is looking back at him with a concerned expression. The cartoon is signed 'Campbell' in the bottom right corner.

- “Nothing is too great and nothing is too small to commit into the hands of the Lord.”

**-A.W. Pink**

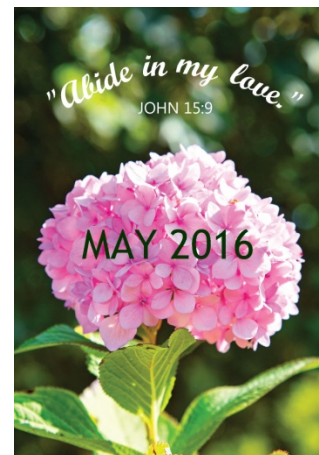
God is the fountain whence  
Ten thousand blessings flow;  
To him my life, my health and friends,  
And every good, I owe.  
The comforts he affords  
Are neither few nor small;  
He is the source of fresh delights,  
My portion and my all.  
He fills my heart with joy,  
My lips attunes for praise;  
And to his glory I'll devote  
The remnant of my days.

-Benjamin Beddom





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion Sunday	2 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	3	4 Rehearsals	5 National Day of Prayer 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	10	11 Rehearsals	12 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team	13	14 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
15 <b>PENTECOST and Potluck Sunday</b> 12:00 p.m. Worship Team meeting	16 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	17 6:00 p.m. Fellowship halls in use	18 Rehearsals	19 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team 7:00 p.m. Church Council Mtg.	20 <b>MABC Spiritual Retreat St. Francis Retreat Center DeWitt, MI</b>	21
22 Teacher Appreciation & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Bible presentation	23 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	24	25 Rehearsals	26 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31		<b>Answer to Bible Quiz: A (See Luke 24:51 and Acts 1:9))</b>		

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

**Wednesday Rehearsals**  
 6:30 p.m. Belle Aire Handbell Choir  
 7:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir

*Happy Birthday to You!*



02 George most  
06 Diana Lemmer  
06 Dorothy Croucher  
06 James Garn  
11 Dakota Casey  
12 Samantha Smith  
14 Sandra Ellsworth  
20 Albert Moore  
20 Sharlene Hamilton  
22 Jessica Bell  
26 Jackie Anjakos  
30 Jan Wheeler  
30 Bill Larkin

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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.