



OUR STAFF

Pastor:

Reverend Carol McCleary

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



Service of Installation

For

Rev. Carol McCleary

3:00 p.m.

Sunday,

November 6, 2016

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

MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
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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.





Dear Members and Friends,

Tucked in the pages of the Hebrew Scriptures is a somewhat obscure, little-known story from the days of the prophet Samuel. The Philistines decided to attack the Israelites, so Samuel prayed and offered sacrifices on behalf of the people. God sent a mighty thunder, the Philistine army was thrown into confusion, and Israel won a great victory. In I Samuel 7:12 we read:

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, "Till now the LORD has helped us." (ESV)

Ebenezer literally means a "stone of help." The stone Samuel erected was a visible, touchable reminder of the way that God had helped God's people. The Israelites could look at that stone and remember God's deliverance.

This Thanksgiving season is a wonderful time for us to raise an Ebenezer, too. Thanksgiving is a perfect time to look back over our lives and remember the ways that God has helped us.

Remember when you didn't know how you were going to pay your bills....and God provided?

Remember when you were so confused you didn't know which way to turn....and God directed?

Remember that time when you felt so tired, worn down, and discouraged...and God strengthened you?

And don't forget those times when you were guilty and ashamed and lost....and God found you and forgave you.

Each of us can say with the prophet Samuel, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." As we look back over our lives, we can see how God has helped us - guiding, protecting and sustaining us. And we can have confidence that the same God who cared for us in the past will be our help for the future. With the hymn writer Isaac Watts we can sing:

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home."

Pastor Carol

*You are cordially invited to the
Service of Installation*

for

Rev. Carol McCleary

Sunday, November 6, 2016

3:00 p.m.

Michigan Avenue Baptist Church

203 S. Michigan Avenue

Saginaw, MI 48602

Dinner immediately following the service

Please RSVP by Sunday, October 30, 2016

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IMITATING CHRIST

The biblical use of the term *saint* in the book of Acts ... applies to each of us. All who are attempting to imitate the Christ in their lives merit the title of saint. Some do it more fully than others and are willing to let go of more to get the job done.

-Matthew Fox, *Confessions*



Remember to turn
your clocks BACK
one hour before
going to bed on
Saturday,
November 5.

WHERE IS THY STING?

Death's power is limited. It cannot eradicate memories or slay love. It cannot destroy even a threadbare faith or permanently hobble the smallest hope in God. It cannot permeate the soul and it cannot cripple the spirit. It merely separates us for a while. That is the only power death can claim - no more.

-Donna VanLiere



MEN'S BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 12, 2016

All men of MABC are invited to this time of Christian Fellowship and delicious food. Hope to see you at the breakfast!

Thank You!

A most appreciative thank you is extended to you for the lovely reception have given me in recognition of 20 years of service to MABC. Thank you for the lovely words you expressed, the delicious food, the heartfelt gift, the music (being sung to is amazing!), but most of all, thank you for your friendship. I have been blessed with your love through these many years. I am truly thankful to have for each and every one of you in my life. You hold a special place within my heart. We serve a mighty God...together.

Blessings and Peace
Linda Wieferich

FORGIVE AND LET GO

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was said to never hold grudges. One day someone reminded her of an offense that another person had committed against her. "Don't you remember?" the friend pressed. "No," Barton replied. "I distinctly remember forgetting that."

Forgiving and forgetting are not precisely the same. While God declares that he'll "remember our sin no more" (Jeremiah 31:34), it is tough for humans to completely forget harm done to us, even when we want to forgive.

On the other hand, like Barton, we can consciously choose not to ruminate on an offense, as a cow does its cud. We can opt not to bring up past hurts during present disagreements, and we can intentionally not recount someone's sin to a third party, hoping they'll take our side. In the process of "choosing to forget" the wrong done to us, surely we'll also find it easier to forgive.

PRAYER TEAM

The MABC Prayer Team meets every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. to pray 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. This time is opened to everyone. You can pray during this time at home or at the church.

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

-1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

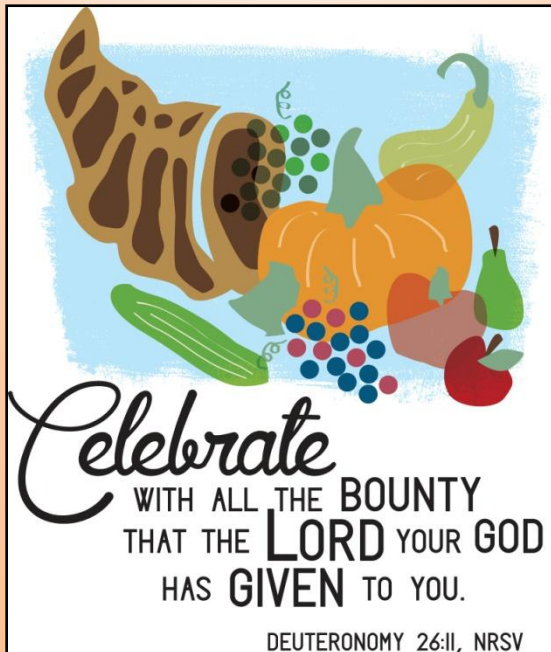
A FEAST OF GRATITUDE

Sunday,
November 13, 2016

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. A Feast of Gratitude
(Potluck Sunday)

A most delicious turkey will be prepared along with dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy. You are invited to bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert to share with others.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing this time of Christian Fellowship.



*May you and your loved ones
enjoy a very happy and blessed
Thanksgiving.*

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 17, 2016

FUELED BY THANKFULNESS



Thankfulness is not a minor virtue. It is not one of the elementary virtues that may be left behind as we become more mature. I believe that thankfulness is essential to the strength of every virtue, and that without it every other branch is starved and lean.

Life without thankfulness is devoid of love and passion. Hope without thankfulness is lacking in fine perception. Faith without thankfulness lacks strength and fortitude. Every virtue divorced from thankfulness is maimed and limps along the spiritual road.

-John Henry Jowett

FACILITIES TEAM LEADER NEEDED

MABC is in need of a Facilities Team leader. If you feel this is your "calling" and you'd like to volunteer to serve in this position, please contact Nancy Lewis, Jody James, or Jim Garn.

BIBLE QUIZ

Fill in the blank to complete this verse from a psalm of thanksgiving: "Bless the Lord O my _____, and forget not all his benefits."

- A. People
- B. Soul
- C. Heart
- D. Children

The answer may be found on the calendar page.



HealthSource CHRISTMAS GIFT MISSION OPPORTUNITY

It is time to get ready for the holidays and HealthSource is requesting donations and our help in providing the residents and patients of HealthSource Saginaw an incredible Christmas Season. We, MABC, can help by providing gift suggestions as listed below.

As always, HealthSource will gladly wrap your gifts. If you wish, you can include gift bags and tissue paper. If you choose to wrap your gift/s, please be sure the gift is tagged with the contents of the package including size, color, male or female, etc

Bring your gift/s to the church and place your gift/s under the Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary. Deadline for gifts to be brought to MABC is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016.

Thank you for your support of patients and residents of HealthSource.



Gift Suggestions for Men

Socks
After & Pre-Shave/Body Spray
Combs and Hair Picks
Sweatshirts L-3X (pullover/zip up)
Sweatpants L-3X
Slippers
(with rubber soles and backs on them)

Sugar free gum/candy
Stick deodorant
T-shirts L-3X
Denture cleaner and adhesive
Button up sweaters
Radio/CD players

Large face watches
Flannel shirts L-3X
Polo type shirts
Wallet/change purse
Electric shavers
CD's of music

\$2.00 or \$3.00 in money envelopes
Magazines
Hair gel/hair and scalp conditioner
Playing cards (large print)
Shampoo and body wash

Gift Suggestions for Women

Magazines
Body spray/cologne
Deodorant
Body wash/lotions
Slippers
(with rubber soles and backs on them)

Sweatpants M-3X
Sweatshirts M-3X (pullover/zip up)
Dusters and nightgowns M-3X
Jewelry/clip-on earrings
Sugar free candy/gum
Button up sweaters
Undershirts M-2X

CD's of music
Simple craft projects
Nail polish and polish remover
Radio/CD players
Large face watches
Lipstick/chap stick
Coin purses

Shampoo
Hair and scalp conditioner
Brushes/large tooth combs/picks
\$2.00 or \$3.00 in money envelopes
Hair spray/hair gel
Mirrors





Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Following our time of Christian Fellowship

A simple and delicious meal will be shared
in celebration of a job well done.



If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for the Christmas season, please fill out this form and return it along with \$8.00 per plant to the church office or place it in the offering plate no later than Sunday, November 20, 2016. *(Please note, our poinsettia supplier has asked for this early date. Thank you for your cooperation).*

Please make your check payable to
MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
Thank You.

Poinsettia given in HONOR OF _____

Poinsettia given in MEMORY OF _____

Poinsettia GIVEN BY _____

*You may take your poinsettia home to enjoy after the Christmas Eve worship service.
May you have a Blessed Christmas.*

Christmas, 2016



MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH Event Cancellation Policy

In the event that the cancellation of the worship service or any other public church activity may be warranted, the following procedure will be followed:

The Church Moderator shall consult with the Pastor, the Chair of the Worship Team, and any other persons who might provide pertinent information for making the decision, such as Team chair of the Finance, Christian Education, Music Director, church maintenance staff, etc.

Should the Moderator determine that cancellation is warranted, s/he shall notify WNEM-TV (Channel 5), WEYI-TV (Channel 25), and WSGW Radio, (790 am) for public announcement.

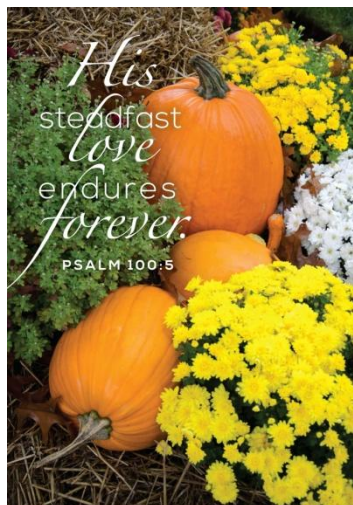
Reasons for the cancellation of worship or other church activities include (but are not limited to) power outage, boiler malfunction, inclement weather or other natural disaster, declared emergency by local officials, and medical emergencies.

Note: The policy does **NOT** apply to internal meetings, such as board and team meetings, music rehearsals, and youth group meetings.

ALWAYS THANKFUL

Martin Rinkart, a German Lutheran minister, wrote the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" in 1636. At the time, the Thirty Years' War was ravaging central Europe, claiming millions of lives. Rinkart served as pastor in Eilenburg, a walled town that became a crowded refuge for starving fugitives. Although Rinkart was struggling to provide for his own family, he opened his own home to people in need.

After the plague entered Eilenburg, Rinkart conducted up to 50 funerals a day - including



services for his wife and the only other two pastors in town. Amid the despair, he wrote many hymns, including, "Now Thank We All Our God". Originally intended as a table prayer, it's now sung at Thanksgiving to remember God's 'countless gifts of love' - even during hardships.

THE LONG VIEW OF ADVENT

Advent is about preparing not only for Christmas but also for Jesus' return. According to Scripture, that won't be the calm, silent scene described in Christmas carols.

In 1928, Dietrich Bonhoeffer preached: "It is very remarkable that we face the thought that God is coming so calmly, whereas previously peoples trembled at the day of God ... We have become so accustomed to the idea of divine love and of God's coming at Christmas that we no longer feel the shiver of fear that God's coming should arouse in us. We forget the serious aspect that the God of the world draws near to the people of our little earth and lays claim to us."

God is love; we'll be in good hands at the end of time. But during Advent, also be in awe of



PREPARE FOR JESUS

God. Embrace a reverent fear of the Lord that reminds you how profound it is that God chooses again and again to draw near and lay claim to you.



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

9:30-11:00 a.m.
Saturday,
December 3, 2016

The women of the church are invited to bring friends and family to this festive morning in celebration of the Christmas season. Tickets are \$5.00 each and may be purchased from Cheryl Ellsworth or Cyndi James. Hope to see you at the Women's Christmas Breakfast.



Come let us adore Him!



Sunday,
November 27

H O P E



Communion Table Flower Sign-Up

November 6 COMMUNION SUNDAY
November 13 Nikki Seno
November 20 Gloria Hernandez
November 27 Connie Ellsworth

SAVE THE DATES

- December 3, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Christmas Breakfast
- December 11
John & Kate Music Duo
- December 14-15
Christmas Cookie Baking/Decorating
- December 15, 7:00 p.m.
Church Council
- Sunday, December 18, 10:45 a.m.
Cantata



"Dad's thankful service finished in time
to rush home and see the big game!"



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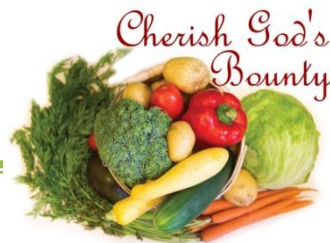
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Rehearsals	3 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team	4	5
6 COMMUNION 3:00 p.m. Pastor Carol McCleary Installation Service	7 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	8	9 Rehearsals	10 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team	11	12 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
13 Potluck Sunday "Feast of Gratitude"	14 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	15	16 Rehearsals	17 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team	18	19
20 Hanging of the Greens and a light lunch	21 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	22 December Beacon articles due	23 No Rehearsals	24 	25	26
27 HOPE 1 st Sunday of Advent	28 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	29	30 Rehearsals	<div> Answer to Bible Quiz: B (See Psalm 103:2, ESV). </div>		



SUNDAYS AT MABC

9:30 a.m. Church School for All

10:45 a.m., Worship Service

WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS

AT MABC

6:30 p.m. Belle Aire Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir

Happy Birthday



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Nancy Lewis
02 Sharon Murphy Casey
04 Teddy Pelkey
05 Heather Ballien
06 Michael Quinnan
07 Raymond Ingles
12 Eric Smith
17 Joyce Murphy
19 Daniel Leaman
21 James Cooper

If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the church office at (989) 793-8555 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.