



The Beacon Newsletter



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: Cheryl Zinz
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.





A Message from Pastor Carol

Dear Members and Friends,

On June 4th we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples in a powerful and dramatic way. The same Holy Spirit who came upon the believers at Pentecost is at work in our lives and in our church today. I see God's Spirit at work in our midst....

- In the five believers who were baptized on Palm Sunday.
- In the congregation's generous support of Jeff and Destiny as they embark on a mission trip to Haiti this summer.
- In the volunteers who gathered to tend David Quinnan's flowerbeds.
- In the faithfulness of our ministry team members, Sunday School teachers, and choir members.

All these and many more are signs of God's Spirit working in and through us.

I am very excited to announce that the Christian Education team is making plans for two special children's activities to take place this summer. The first, to be held on Wednesday, July 12, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., promises to be a wet and wild time as we explore the story of Jesus Walking on the Water. We'll have fun mixing up a non-Newtonian fluid for the kids to run through to see if they sink like Peter or stay afloat like Jesus. We'll also have fun science demonstrations and play some water games. We'll learn that Jesus can help us when we are afraid. Our second event will be held Wednesday, August 9, with the theme to be announced. Please be praying for God to raise up willing volunteers to assist with these activities and begin thinking now about who you can invite to be a part of these fun programs.

I encourage you to join us through the summer for our Sunday morning worship services. Each week we will worship God through prayer and song and the preaching of God's Word. Our theme this year is "Summer in the Psalms." Each week we will be savoring a different Psalm. The beauty of the Psalms is that they cover the full range of human emotions. The Psalms remind us that we can bring our whole selves to God - our joys, pain, doubt, fear, anger, gratitude, knowing that God will hear and graciously respond. Come and have your faith strengthened as we worship and fellowship together. May God's Spirit continue to blow through our midst and blaze in our hearts this summer and always.

Faithfully,

Pastor Carol

SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

Join us as we read through the Psalms this summer.

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|--------|-------------|--------|-------------------|
| Day 1 | Psalm 1-3 | Day 31 | Psalm 78 |
| Day 2 | Psalm 4-6 | Day 32 | Psalm 79-80 |
| Day 3 | Psalm 7-8 | Day 33 | Psalm 81-83 |
| Day 4 | Psalm 9-10 | Day 34 | Psalm 84-86 |
| Day 5 | Psalm 11-15 | Day 35 | Psalm 87-88 |
| Day 6 | Psalm 16-17 | Day 36 | Psalm 89 |
| Day 7 | Psalm 18 | Day 37 | Psalm 90-92 |
| Day 8 | Psalm 19-21 | Day 38 | Psalm 93-95 |
| Day 9 | Psalm 22-24 | Day 39 | Psalm 96-99 |
| Day 10 | Psalm 25-27 | Day 40 | Psalm 100-102 |
| Day 11 | Psalm 28-30 | Day 41 | Psalm 103-104 |
| Day 12 | Psalm 31-32 | Day 42 | Psalm 105 |
| Day 13 | Psalm 33-34 | Day 43 | Psalm 106 |
| Day 14 | Psalm 35-36 | Day 44 | Psalm 107 |
| Day 15 | Psalm 37 | Day 45 | Psalm 108-109 |
| Day 16 | Psalm 38 | Day 46 | Psalm 110-113 |
| Day 17 | Psalm 39-41 | Day 47 | Psalm 114-117 |
| Day 18 | Psalm 42-44 | Day 48 | Psalm 118-119:16 |
| Day 18 | Psalm 45-47 | Day 49 | Psalm 119:17-72 |
| Day 20 | Psalm 48-50 | Day 50 | Psalm 119:73-128 |
| Day 21 | Psalm 51-54 | Day 51 | Psalm 119:129-176 |
| Day 22 | Psalm 55-57 | Day 52 | Psalm 120-124 |
| Day 23 | Psalm 58-60 | Day 53 | Psalm 125-129 |
| Day 24 | Psalm 61-64 | Day 54 | Psalm 130-134 |
| Day 25 | Psalm 65-67 | Day 55 | Psalm 135-137 |
| Day 26 | Psalm 68 | Day 56 | Psalm 138-140 |
| Day 27 | Psalm 69-70 | Day 57 | Psalm 141-143 |
| Day 28 | Psalm 71-72 | Day 58 | Psalm 144-145 |
| Day 29 | Psalm 73-74 | Day 59 | Psalm 146-147 |
| Day 30 | Psalm 75-77 | Day 60 | Psalm 148-150 |

This reading schedule was compiled by Ruth J. Leamy.
Ruth shares excellent devotional thoughts on the Psalms on her blog at Treasuresinpsalms.wordpress.com.



Dear Congregation

We are excited to have two young adults from our church, Destiny Helpap and Jeff LaPan, participating in a mission trip to Haiti this summer, July 18-25. While there, they will be helping to lead a Vacation Bible School program and installing water filters in the community. They are being asked to bring youth-size soccer balls, basket balls, crayons and colored pencils. They are also collecting money to purchase water filters. The cost of each filter is \$105.00. For more information, please visit www.michiganservantsforchrist.blogspot.com.

Since we have meant our goal for the One Great Hour of Sharing through a generous contribution this year, we will be collecting money for the Haiti Clean Water Project. For more information on this project, please see www.Haiticleanwaterproject.org. Thank you for your support.

The Regional Offering is being received during the month of June also. 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/Clean Water for Haiti. It's all about sharing - sharing resources, changing lives! Your MABC Mission Team has set a goal of \$300.00 for Region Offering and \$210.00 for water filters for Clean Water for Haiti. Offering envelopes will be available in the church pews and on the usher's table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

Sincerely,

MABC Mission Team



TEACHER RECOGNITION

The following teachers at Michigan Avenue Baptist Church were recognized during the worship on Sunday, May 21, 2017. We are truly thankful for these people in their dedication to teaching God's word each and every Sunday.

Sarah Egerer cares for the youngest among us during Sunday school and worship. She provides our infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with their first experience of Jesus' love at church.

Becky Geidans teaches the Jesus Hunters class for children in 1st - 5th grade as well as leading extended session for our 1st - 4th graders. Children begin learning the stories of our faith under Mrs. G's teaching and many trust Christ as their Savior.

Nikki Anjakos-Seno and Cheryl Zinz teach our Middle School youth. They help guide our young people through the sometimes challenging middle school years.

Cheryl Ellsworth and Jim Garn lead American Baptist Youth activities and Sunday school. This year we didn't have any Sr. High youth, but it is wonderful to have such a dedicated teaching team in place for next year.

Al Ferrell teaches the Friendship Class. He tailors the class to the needs of each student, with a strong emphasis on basic Bible teachings and practical application.

Nancy Lewis teaches the Working Class. They are currently reading and discussing the book *God without Religion* by Andrew Farley.

Lois Smith teaches what used to be called the Women's Class but is now open to everyone. They are currently studying the names and attributes of God.

Jackie Anjakos and David Garn facilitate the Kitchen class, so named because they meet in the church kitchen. Class discussions are based on video presentation by Christian pastors and teachers. They are currently finishing a series that asks the question Why Does Evil Exist?



American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES



ABWM JUNE CONFERENCE

June 2-4, 2017

Please see Jackie Anjakos for further information.

THE HOLY SPACE OF LOVE

An ancient story is told of two brothers who shared grain fields and a mill and, at day's end, equally divided the results of their labor. But the unmarried farmer felt that his brother, with a family to support, should have a greater share. So each night, under cover of darkness, he added some of his grain to his brother's.

Meanwhile, the married brother was concerned that his single brother would have no children to care for him in his old age. So each night he, too, added to his brother's granary.

One night, the selfless brothers ran into each other. Grasping what was going on, they laughed and embraced. Rabbinic legend holds that on that spot - where love was freely shared - God decided his Temple should be built. Wherever people act in sacrificial love, the space between them is holy.

PRAYER TEAM

Every 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!

DOING FAITH

Faith is better understood as a verb than as a noun, as a process than as a possession. It is on-again-off-again rather than once-and-for-all. Faith is not being sure where you're going, but going anyway. A journey without maps. As the theologian, Paul Tillich said, doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith.

-Frederick Buechner

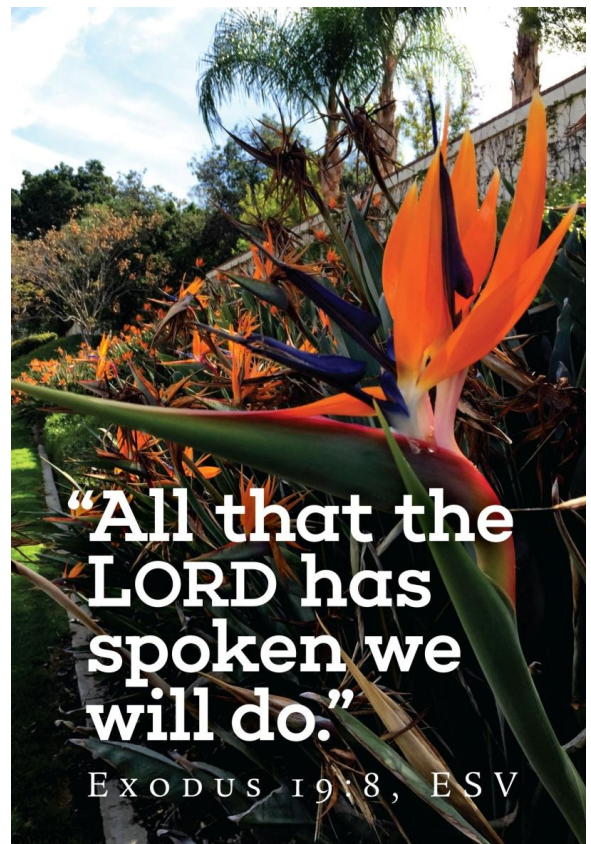


Pentecost Sunday
June 4, 2017

Today we celebrate the birth of the church and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, blow through our hearts and set us on fire for you! Church school at 9:30 a.m. and Worship service begins at 10:45 a.m. Come and celebrate! Remember to wear RED.

"You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty."

-Mahatma Gandhi



**"All that the
LORD has
spoken we
will do."**

EXODUS 19:8, ESV

STRENGTH FOR LIFE'S BITES

The day was fresh, and I jumped into my work with an attitude of praise. Then those bothersome mosquito bites started itching again. I rubbed lotion on them and tried to cope with the pain and distraction.

Most days are like that. We intend to honor God in all things, but irritating itches or overwhelming problems develop. Worry leads our minds away from God's love and promises.

We can't avoid life's little, or big, "bites". Yet we look to Jesus as our salve and salvation. He covers us and empowers us for each day's tasks. As Isaiah 40:29 (NIV) says, "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."

-MaryAnn Sundby

POTLUCK SUNDAY

Please note, Potluck Sunday will not be held during the months of June, July, and August. We will resume on Rally Day, September 10.



Sunday, June 18, 2017

THE BEST FATHER

Unlike the earthly prince, God didn't take a high-and-mighty title, notes 17th-century British preacher Thomas Watson. Instead, God calls himself Father to encourage us to pray to him.

But God isn't just any father. Watson offers these reasons why God is "the Best Father":

- He is the most ancient (Daniel 7:9)
- He is perfect (Matthew 5:48)
- He is the wisest (Romans 16:27)
- He is the most loving (Zephaniah 3:17, 1 John 4:16)
- He has unsearchable riches (Ephesians 3:8)
- He can reform his children (Acts 9:11)
- He never dies (1 Timothy 6:16; Revelation 1:8).

Men's Breakfast Invites You To Breakfast and a Field Trip

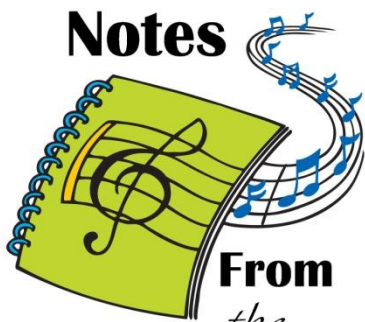
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

The Men's Breakfast cordially invites you, (men, women and children) to breakfast and a field trip to the USS Edson docked in Bay City.

We will meet at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 13 at MABC for breakfast, and then go to the ship for a tour. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the Narthex. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Scholarships are available. Please see Jan Wheeler or Jim Garn for further information.



Notes From the Music Director



CHOIRS ARE TAKING A BREAK

The Latham Burrows Choir and the Belle Aire Handbell Choir are taking a break for the summer months. 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.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you goes to the Latham Burrows Choir, Belle Aire Handbell Choir, and those who offered A Gift of Music throughout the year. You've brought much joy and ministry through your gift of music.

SUMMER MUSIC

Your church needs your help this summer. If you are interested in offering your musical talent, now is the time. Beginning in June, 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, John Rickert.

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

John Rickert
MABC Music Director



Summer WORSHIP Schedule at MABC

Sunday, June 18, 2017

9:00 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL
10:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



"SUMMER FLOWERS"

Behold the flowers of June!
How fair and bright their buds appear,
As, opening to the summer air,
Our eyes and hearts they cheer!

Who would have thought there could abound
Such beauty and delight
Beneath the cold and wintry ground
That hid those flowers from sight?

That power which made and governs all -
The mighty power of God -
Alone could life and beauty call
Out of the lifeless sod.

And he, who from the winter's gloom
Can summer thus disclose,
Shall one day make the desert bloom,
And blossom as the rose.

-Anonymous

CHURCH COUNCIL

The church Council will meet at
7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15.

2017 CAMP LAKE LOUISE

Are you thinking about attending Camp Lake Louise this summer? Information will soon be ready. They are putting together a wonderful God-filled program for all ages. Church scholarships are available too! Check out their website at www.camlakelouise.com or see Cheryl Ellsworth for further information.

Bible Quiz

In John 4, Jesus talks with a woman about living water. Where does that conversation take place?

- A. Sychar
- B. Samaria
- C. Galilee
- D. Jacob's well

Answer: A, B and D (See John 4:4-7ff.)

Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

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COMMUNION TABLE FLOWER SIGN-UP

June 4 Communion Sunday
June 11 Becky Geidans
June 18 Cyndi James
June 25 Mary & Jim Larkin

LOOKING AHEAD

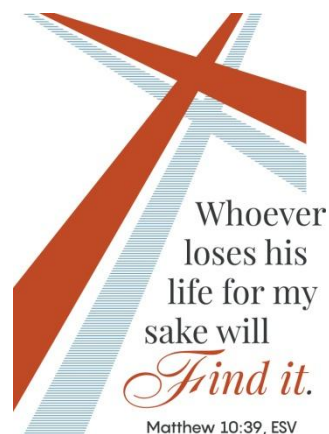
July 2 Communion Sunday
July 9 Worship in the Park at Olson Park
July 18-25 Destiny Helpap and Jeff LaPan on Mission trip to Haiti
July 21-Aug 5 Linda on Mission trip to Zimbabwe
July 27 Quarterly Business Meeting



"He's using the devotional we gave him for Father's Day."



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--------|---------|-----------|--|--------|---|
| | | | | 1 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team | 2 | 3 |
| 4 PENTECOST SUNDAY | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team | 9 | 10 9:00 a.m. All are invited to Men's Breakfast & USS Edson field trip |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team 7:00 p.m. Church Council Mtg | 16 | 17 |
| 18 FATHER'S DAY SUMMER SCHEDULE 9:00 Church School 10:00 Worship | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 4:30 p.m. Prayer Team | 30 | |

Pastor Carol at
 ABC Biennial
 June 30-July 2

WORSHIP AT MABC

June 4 and 11 9:30 a.m., Church School
 10:45 a.m., Worship Service

June 18, SUMMER SCHEDULE
 9:00 a.m., Church School
 10:00 a.m., Worship Service

Happy Birthday



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

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.