



October 2017

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



Ages 12 and under
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Saturday,
October 21, 2017



CHURCH TEAM LEADERS

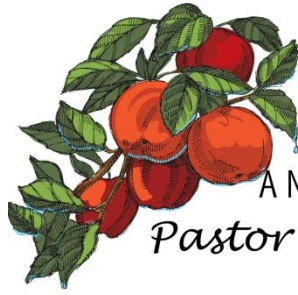
1. Christian Education:
 Theresa King
2. Youth: Cheryl Ellsworth
3. Missions: Outreach/Evangelism:
 Co-Leader: Nikki Anjakos-Seno
 Co-Leader: Vacant
 Historian: J. David Garn
 Assistant: Cheryl Ellsworth
4. Music: David Garn
5. Finance: Jim Garn
6. Facilities/Maintenance:
 Vacant
7. Hospitality: Connie 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 Congregation,

Have you ever done the Mentos and Diet Coke experiment? It's a favorite among science teachers and others who work with children. The experiment itself is fairly simple. Take a two-liter bottle of pop outdoors (room temperature or slightly warmer is best), unscrew the lid and quickly drop a packet of Mentos candy into the pop. Then stand back. The resulting chemical reaction will create a geyser 20 feet high! The pop spurts out of the bottle and overflows onto everything (and everyone) around it.

This image of overflowing abundance shows up frequently in Scripture. The Greek word *perisseuo*, which means "to abound, overflow, be more than enough, be extremely rich," is one of the Apostle Paul's favorite words to use when describing our new life in Jesus Christ.

The Bible uses *perisseuo* and related words to describe how God lavishes grace and love on us. Our sin is no match for God's abundant grace. In Romans 5:20 we read "Where sin increased, **grace abounded** all the more." (NRSV) Ephesians 1:7-8 reminds us that "In [Jesus] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he **lavished** on us with all wisdom and understanding. (NIV)

God is not stingy with grace. God's love is not in short supply. God's resources are inexhaustible.

God has lavished his abundant love and grace on us, and God's Spirit within us enables us to live lives characterized by overflowing abundance.

In 1 Thessalonians 3:12, Paul prays: "May the Lord make your **love** for one another and for all people **grow and overflow**, just as our love for you overflows." (NLT).

Colossians 2:7 encourages us: "Let your roots grow down into [Christ], and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will **overflow with thankfulness**. (NLT)

Romans 15:13 : "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will **overflow with confident hope** through the power of the Holy Spirit." (NLT)

May you know God's abundant love and grace in your heart, and may your life overflow with thankfulness, love, and confident hope today and always.

Faithfully,

Pastor Carol

World Mission Offering Saginaw CROP HUNGER WALK

Dear Congregation,

During the month of October, MABC will be receiving the World Mission Offering and the Saginaw CROP HUNGER WALK offerings. A goal of \$200.00 each has been set by your Mission Team. Please consider giving to these two missions. MABC will participate in the Crop Walk on Sunday, October 8. Please contact Cheryl Ellswo4th for further information on the Crop Walk.

Cordially,
Your 2017 Mission Team

WORLD MSISION OFFERING

For decades, schools in this central European country were controlled by the government under repressive Communist rule. But today, Hungarian churches now have the opportunity to run many schools - teaching the Bible, nurturing students in their faith and coaching in conversational English.

Your support through the World Mission Offering will enable International Ministries to provide much-needed support to partner organizations like Hungarian Baptist Aid, which is now managing 49 schools in Hungary.

The work is urgent. "We're living in a period of grace," says one HBAid official. "We don't know how long we'll be able to do this, and we want to touch as many lives as possible."

Similar urgency exists in all of International Ministries life-changing work in more than 70 countries around the world. Join us in the vital task of raising up, placing and supporting many more global workers and volunteers to share the gospel and to meet pressing human needs, and teach, heal, serve and encourage others in the name of Jesus.

Give generously to the World Mission Offering as, together, we help people come to Christ, grow in relationship with God and change the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.

CROP HUNGER WALK OFFERING

CROP Hunger Walks and sponsors in some 2,000 communities across the U.S. some two million people participate in locally-organized CROP Hunger Walks to raise awareness and funds to help end hunger and poverty globally and locally. CROP WALK support enables Church World Service to provide emergency relief, nurture self-help development, and assist refugees worldwide. By participating in CROP Hunger Walks, people of faith share God's love by expressing their kinship with neighbors near and far.

Did you know this is the 39th year Crop Walk has been existence? 1.4 million has been raised. - 25% stays local and benefits four agencies; the East Side Soup Kitchen, Neighborhood House, the City Rescue Mission & Hidden Harvest.

HUNGER IS NOT AN ISSUE OF CHARITY. IT IS AN ISSUE OF JUSTICE





POTLUCK SUNDAY

October 8, 2017

We will gather in the fellowship halls following the worship service on Sunday, October 8 for our monthly Potluck Sunday and Christian Fellowship

You are invited to bring your favorite dish to pass and to remember to fill the green bowls to help defray added costs of paper products.

See you at the potluck!

MAKING CONTACT

Prayer is ... a personal contact between embryonic, incomplete persons (ourselves) and the utterly concrete Person. Prayer in the sense of petition, asking for things, is a small part of it, confession and penitence are its threshold, adoration its sanctuary, the presence and vision and enjoyment of God its bread and wine. In it God shows himself to us.

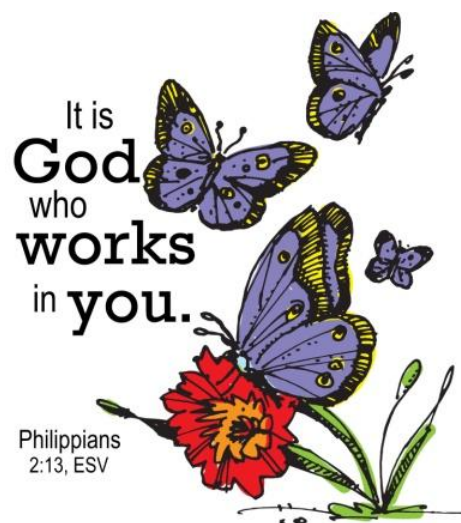
-C.S. Lewis

JUST SHOW UP!

In *A Million Little Ways* (Revell), Emily Freeman says in order for Christians to "show up as you are with what you've been given," we must confront these statements:

- I'm not cut out for this.
- Someone else can do it better.
- People might not like it.
- I have nothing to offer.
- I hate my calling.
- It's a waste of time.
- It's too much work.
- Who do you think you are?

"A million loud voices ... keep us from the million little ways Jesus wants to show up through us to the world," Freeman writes.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 14, 2017

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



AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MEETING

10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 14, 2017

This is a very important meeting about upcoming events.

The Men's Breakfast has asked us to join them for breakfast before the Women's Meeting. Please contact Jackie Anjakos if you will be attending the Men's breakfast at 9:00 a.m. so they will know how to prepare.

Trunk or Treat



Saturday, October 21, 2017

Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Ages 12 and under

We are looking for volunteers to decorate their car, SUV, truck, etc. in a festive theme, and to fill the back end of the vehicle with candy treats and perhaps a game to play at the Trunk or Treat festivities.

Dress in appropriate costumes (please no ghosts, witches, scary monsters, or blood and guts costumes. Think Christian themes such as football/college themes, super hero themes, etc).

Hot dogs, chips and a beverage will be offered.

It will be a fun evening in the church parking lot! (Think tail gaiting).

Ideas for this fun alternative way of doing the traditional Halloween may be found on Google (type in Trunk or Treat).

If you are willing to participate in this event or have any questions, please contact Connie Ellsworth as soon as possible.



ABC-MI ANNUAL GATHERING 2017

The American Baptist Churches 2017 Annual Gathering will take place at Covenant Baptist Church in West Bloomfield, MI on Saturday, October 28. Our delegates this year are Pastor Carol, Nancy Lewis, Connie Ellsworth, and J. David Garn.



**QUARTERLY
BUSINESS MEETING**

**7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 26**



"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons."

-Jim Bishop

PRAYER TIME

The MABC Prayer Team meets every Thursday from 2:00-4:00 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. If you have any questions, please see Lois Smith or Becky Geidans.



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

**COMMUNION TABLE
FLOWER SIGN-UP**

October 1	Communion Sunday
October 8	Mindy Tuck
October 15	Sharon Schultz
October 22	Joyce Murphy
October 29	Cheryl Zinz

LOOKING AHEAD

November 5	Communion Sunday Daylight Savings time ends
November 11	Men's Breakfast
November 12	Potluck Sunday (Feast of Gratitude)
November 16	Church Council
November 23	Thanksgiving
November __	Hanging of the Greens
December 3	First Sunday of Advent

BIBLE QUIZ

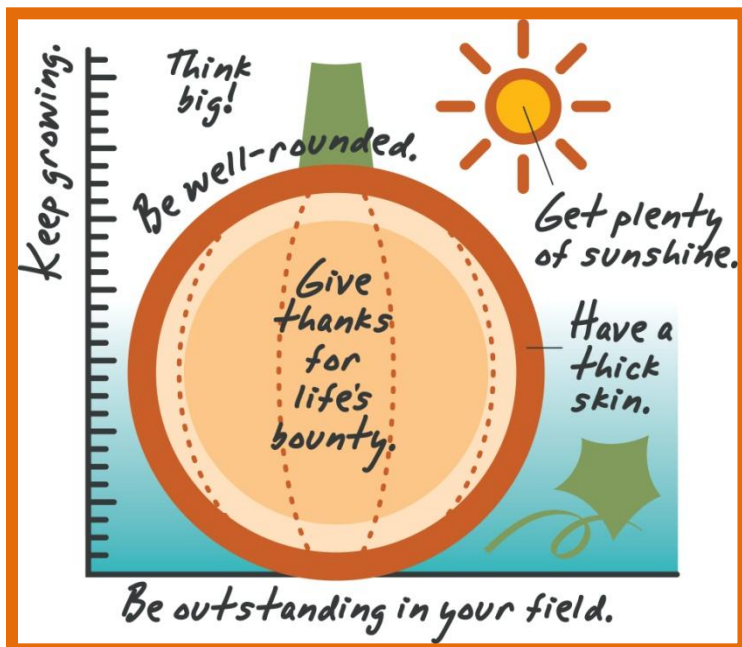
forgive

How many times does Jesus say we should forgive?

- A. 7
- B. 70
- C. 70x7
- D. C or D, depending on the translation.

Answer may be found on the calendar page.

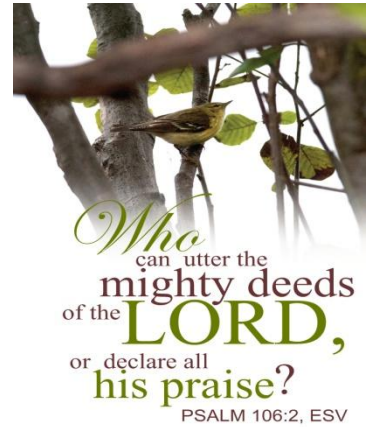
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion Sunday	2 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	3	4 Rehearsal	5 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Time	6	7
8 Potluck Sunday CROP WALK	9 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	10	11 Rehearsal	12 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Time	13	14 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
15	16 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	17	18 Rehearsal	19 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Time	20	21 5:30-7:00 pm Trunk or Treat
22	23 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	24	25 Rehearsal	26 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Time 7:00 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting	27	28 ABC-MI Annual Gathering in West Bloomfield
29	30 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	31		Answer to Bible Quiz: E (See Matthew 18:22)		

WORSHIP AT MABC
 9:30 a.m., Church School
 10:45 a.m., Worship Service
 12:00 p.m., Fellowship

WEDNESDAY MUSIC REHEARSALS
 6:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir

Happy Birthday



07 Mindy Tuck
08 Pamela Graham
11 Pamela Leaman
22 Al Ferrell
23 Peggy Landeryou
23 Jeff LaPar
30 John Savie
31 Cheryl Zinz

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.