



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

NOVEMBER

- Mission Opportunity
- Cancellation Policy
- Poinsettia Order Form
- In the Balcony of Heaven
- Fall Backwards
- 90th Birthday Celebration
- Potluck Sunday
- Hanging of the Greens
- Purchase tickets for Women's Christmas Breakfast
- Advent begins December 3

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.





Dear Congregation,

October 31 marks an important date in church history: The 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. On this day in 1517, German monk Martin Luther famously presented his 95 Theses, a list of statements critiquing prevailing beliefs and practices within the church. Luther was particularly concerned about the sale of indulgences: documents that supposedly provided relief from the punishment of sin. From his study of the Scripture, Luther came to understand that forgiveness of sin is a gift of God's grace received through faith - not something that can be bought and sold. Luther, and other reformers after him, stressed that we are made right with God by faith alone, not by human effort. Over time the teachings of the Reformers became associated with five Latin phrases, known as the five *solas* of the Reformation: *Sola Gratia*, *Sola Fide*, *Solus Christus*, *Sola Scriptura*, *Soli Dei Gloria*. Here's what the 5 *solas* mean in plain English.

Sola Gratia: *Sola Gratia* means that we are saved by God's **grace alone**. We are all sinners in need of a Savior. Some people think that they need to earn God's love and forgiveness by doing good works, but *sola gratia* reminds us that salvation from sin is a free gift of God's grace.

Sola Fide: *Sola Fide* means that we are justified (made right with God) through **faith alone**. We receive God's gift of new life simply by trusting Christ, not by any works of righteousness that we do. The good works we do as Christians are a result of our being saved, not the cause of our salvation. As Ephesians 2:8-9 reminds us: *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God, not of works so that no one can boast.*"

Solus Christus: *Solus Christus* reminds us that salvation is found in **Christ alone**. Our salvation is made possible, not by what we do, but by what God has done for us in Christ. Jesus lived and died and rose again for us. Jesus is our only Savior.

Sola Scriptura: *Sola Scriptura* reminds us that we learn about Jesus and his saving work through **Scripture alone**. The Bible is God's inspired Word and is our final authority for Christian faith and practice.

Soli Dei Gloria: *Soli Dei Gloria* means "to the glory of God alone." God alone receives the glory for creating us, loving us, and making us new people in Christ. All that we do and say should be for the purpose of bringing honor and glory to God.

Taken together, the *solas* remind us that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, revealed in Scripture alone, to the glory of God alone.

As we mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, may our hearts overflow with thankfulness to God for his mercy in saving us, and may we live each day to bring God glory.

Faithfully,
Pastor Carol





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 10, 2017.

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





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, and (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 team meetings, music rehearsals, and youth group meetings.



POINSETTIA ORDERS



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 19, 2017. *(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, 2017

THANK YOU

Dear Congregation:

My heartfelt thanks to the congregation for the gifts and cards you showered me with for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. I was blessed and encouraged by your thoughtful words. It is a great privilege to serve as your Pastor. I thank God for each one of you, and I pray for God's continued guidance for us all as we seek to follow Jesus.

-Pastor Carol



IN THE BALCONY OF HEAVEN

In the balcony of heaven there's always Peace
In the balcony of heaven there's rest and release
In the balcony of Heaven

In the balcony of heaven there is no pain
In the balcony of heaven, love always reigns
In the balcony of heaven

In the balcony of heaven you can find a friend
In the balcony of heaven the joy never ends
In the balcony of heaven

In the balcony of heaven you are never down
In the balcony of heaven God's always round
In the balcony of heaven friends are found
In the balcony of heaven.

In the balcony of heaven we learn of love
where God warms the heart with His light
from above and His grace imparts
and all of life's struggles are left at his feet
as we sit at his side in complete release.
In the balcony of heaven

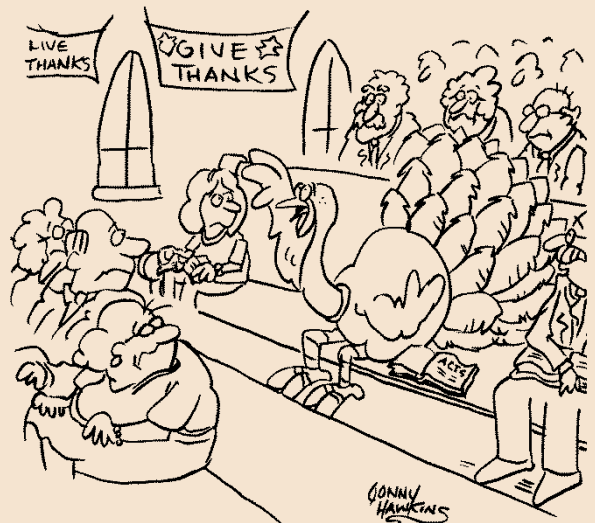
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PRAYER TIME

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



"Could we study Exodus instead of the book of Acts?"

*What
we're
thankful
for*





MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will gather at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 11 at MABC. All men are invited to this time of delicious food and Christian fellowship.



CHRIST OUR FEAST

Christ is not only a remedy for your weariness and trouble, but he will give you an abundance of the contrary, joy and delight. They who come to Christ do not only come to a resting place after they have been wandering in a wilderness, but they come to a banqueting house where they may rest, and where they may feast. They may cease from their former troubles and toils, and they may enter upon a course of delights and spiritual joys.

-Jonathan Edwards



JOYCE MURPHY

Sunday, November 5, 2017
12:30 p.m. Gathering
1:00 p.m. Light Lunch
At Michigan Avenue Baptist Church

All are invited to a 90th birthday celebration for Joyce.



On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of the war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore". (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).

Autumn Wardrobe



The leaves fall, the wind blows and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools.

-Henry Beston

POTLUCK SUNDAY

12:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 12, 2017

Christian fellowship will be enjoyed by all as we gather together for a delicious potluck with dishes lovingly prepared by you. See you at the potluck!



The staff of MABC
would like to wish you
a very Happy and
Blessed Thanksgiving.



PRAYERS OF THANKS

The Bible's close connection between prayer and praise caused 19th century preacher J.C. Ryle to proclaim, "I dare not call that true prayer in which thankfulness has no part." He points for example, to Paul's words in Philippians 4:6 ("By prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God") and Colossians 4:2 ("Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful"), both NIV.

Whenever we speak to God, Ryle adds, thoughts of his mercy and the hope of heaven should be at the forefront of our minds. "Surely," he writes, "we should never open our lips in prayer without blessing God for that free grace by which we live, and for that loving-kindness which endures forever."

CHURCH COUNCIL

7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 16, 2017



Sunday, November 19
Following our time of Christian
Fellowship

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



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

9:30-11:00 a.m.
Saturday,
December 2, 2017

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.

See you at the Women's Christmas Breakfast!



Come, let us adore Him!



SUNDAY,
December 3, 2017

H O P E

Bible Quiz

After Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown, bound, into a blazing furnace for refusing to worship false gods, how many men did King Nebuchadnezzar see walking around in the fire?

- A. None — they were all dead
- B. Three — unbound and unharmed
- C. Four — and the fourth looked like a divine being
- D. Too many to count

Answer: C (See Daniel 3:25.)

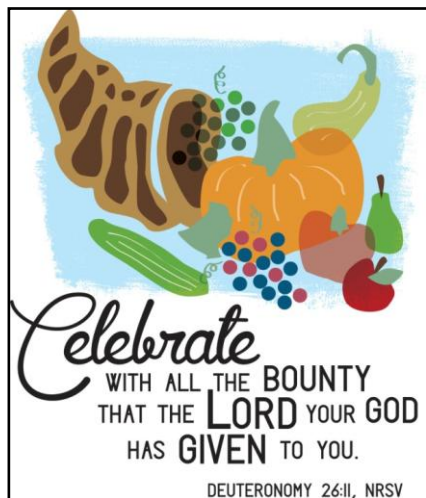
COMMUNION TABLE FLOWER SIGN-UP

November 5	Communion Sunday
November 12	Nikki Anjakos-Seno
November 19	Jeremy Reis
November 26	Karen Hatch



LOOKING AHEAD

December 2	Women's Christmas Tea
December 3	1st Sunday of Advent - HOPE
	Communion Sunday
December 7	Christmas cookie baking
December 9	Men's Breakfast
December 10	2nd Sunday of Advent - PEACE
	Potluck Sunday and Children's Program
December 17	3rd Sunday of Advent - LOVE
	Christmas Cantata
December 21	Church Council
December 24	4th Sunday of Advent - JOY
	Christmas Eve - CHRIST
December 25	Christmas Day



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"Blessing and glory and
 wisdom and thanksgiving and
 honor and power and might
 be to our God
 forever and ever! Amen."
 Revelation 7:12, NRSV

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 No Rehearsals	2 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Time	3	4
5 Communion Sunday 90 th Birthday Celebration for Joyce Murphy 2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving time Ends	6 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	7	8 Rehearsals	9 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Time	10	11 Veteran's Day 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
12 Potluck Sunday (normal potluck)	13 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	14	15 Rehearsals	16 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Time 7:00 p.m. Church Council	17	18
19 Hanging of the Greens following fellowship time Poinsettia Order forms are due	20 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	21	22 Rehearsals	23 Office closed HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	24	25
26	27 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	28	29 Rehearsals	30		

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. Belle Aire Handbell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !



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.