



OUR STAFF

Pastor:

Reverend Carol McCleary

Director of Music: John Rickert

Organist: Jeremy Reis

Administrative Assistant:

Linda Wieferrich

Caretaker: Al Ferrell

Nursery Attendant:

Sarah Egerer

OUR CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator: Nancy Lewis

Vice-Moderator: Cheryl Zinz

Clerk: Cyndi James

Treasurer: Jody James

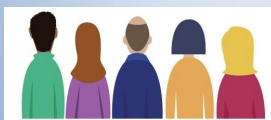
Missions Treasurer:

Roger Ellsworth

Financial Secretary: Mary Leary



**Annual
Business Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Thursday,
January 25, 2018**



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:
Opportunity to serve
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.





PASTOR'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Things were not looking good for Adoniram Judson. In 1812, he and his wife Ann left New England and sailed east. Their goal was to share the gospel of Christ with those who had never heard. After a brief stay in India, the Judson's continued on to Burma. Ann and Adoniram immediately began immersing themselves in the Burmese language, studying it up to 12 hours a day. As their knowledge of the language grew, they began to share the story of Jesus. After 10 years of dedicated service, 18 men and women had trusted Christ as Savior.

In 1824, war broke out between England and Burma. Judson was mistaken for an Englishman and imprisoned. The jail where he was held was vermin infested. For long periods of time he was forced to hang upside down, his feet locked in stocks, with only his head and shoulders touching the ground. Judson was held captive for almost a year and half, while the war raged. Shortly after the war ended, his beloved wife Ann died.

It was sometime during these difficult years that Judson was asked: "What are the prospects for the mission in Burma?" To which Judson reportedly replied: "The future is as bright as the promises of God." I believe those words are as true for us today as they were for Adoniram Judson nearly two centuries ago. As we enter 2018, we can have hope for the future because we serve a faithful God - a God who keeps His promises.

The author of Hebrews says, *"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, because He who promised is faithful."* (Hebrews 10:23)

What are the promises we hold onto? God has promised to be with us, to never leave us or forsake us. God has promised to forgive our sin. God has promised to supply our every need. God has promised us eternal life. God has promised us that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We can stand on these promises and rest in these promises today and always.

When Judson said, "The future is as bright as the promises of God," he could not have predicted the hundreds of thousands of Burmese who would become followers of the Jesus way. Today there are over 600,000 Christians in Myanmar (formerly Burma) with thousands more scattered around the world. A few weeks ago I had the joy of worshipping at the Falam Baptist Church in Battle Creek, MI - a congregation made up of several hundred men, women, and children from the Falam region of Burma (Myanmar). Our worship was joyous and God-honoring.

Judson could not have foreseen the results of his labors, but he knew that God could be trusted to keep his promises. And that is the same hope and conviction that we have as we begin a new year. Whatever 2018 may bring your way, you can trust God to keep his promises. Our God is a faithful God.

Pastor Carol



CHURCH SAFETY PROCEDURES

Members:

The following message was sent to all church leaders last month. I ask that you review the procedures now in place and help us to ensure the safety of all of our members.

In light of recent violence across the nation, including in our houses of worship, the Church Council discussed ways in which we could proactively work to protect the safety of our membership. We are asking you to assist in implementing the following procedures, starting immediately. For the procedures that involve your area of responsibility, we are asking that you put a process in place to ensure that these procedures are consistently followed.

Monday Night Bible Study: *Lock all doors 15 minutes after the posted start time.*

Choirs: *Lock all doors 15 minutes after the start of the last rehearsal.*

Worship Service:

- 1) *Lock the door by the kitchen at the start of worship*
- 2) *Post ushers or male members of the congregation near both the Adams Street and Michigan Avenue entrances to monitor Individuals entering after the start of worship*

Church Meetings (Quarterly, Council, Team Meetings, etc.): *Lock all doors 15 minutes after the start of the meeting, unless the meeting is open to the public.*

It is critical that these procedures be followed any time the above groups are meeting. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Thanks for your help,

Nancy M. Lewis, Ph.D.
Church Moderator

Annual Report



**Annual Reports are due
Sunday, January 7, 2018**

Annual Reports are due from:

All Team Chairpersons
Sub-Team Chairpersons
Moderator
Church Clerk
Church Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Mission (Benevolence) Treasurer
Historian
Director of Music
Pastor

Submitting your annual report by the due date is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

7:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 25, 2018



Thank You!

Thank you so much for your very generous donation this holiday season to HealthSource Saginaw. These donations will help our residents to have a good holiday season.

Sincerely
Teresa Emerson, Activity Director

Dear MABC Family,

Thank you so much for my Christmas love gift. I feel truly blessed. I hope everyone has a wonderful and blessed new year.

Sarah Egerer
Nursery Attendant

Dear Friends,

Words cannot express my gratitude for your generous love gift this Christmas season. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for your outpouring of love and support. Thank you, too, for all the cards, gifts, and sweet treats you gave me. Your kindness is a blessing. I look forward to serving the Lord with you in 2018.

-Pastor Carol

Dear MABC FRIENDS

Thank you so very much for the Christmas Love Gift. I feel every bit of love expressed! My life has been and continues to be enriched as we, together, serve our Lord Jesus Christ. I'd like to wish you and your loved ones a very blessed and happy new year.

-Linda Wierferich
Administrative Assistant

“For
I KNOW
the plans
I have for you,”
declares the LORD,
“... plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE.”

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV



PRAYER FOR A NEW BEGINNING

Dear Lord, touch me with your Spirit of truth so I may be honest about my sins and failures. Forgive me for treating your covenant lightly and at times ignoring it completely. Help me truly seek and know forgiveness for all the hurts I've caused, for harboring ill will and for any hardness of heart I may have. Please renew a right spirit within me that I may become more Christ-like and that my life may daily reveal your love and light. Amen.



Please let the church office, Nancy Lewis, Carole Moore, or Pastor know when you are in the hospital. The hospitals don't always let us know in a timely manner that you are there. Thank you for your help. We care about you greatly!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

*(Possibly meeting at a restaurant.
Please see Jan Wheeler or Jim Garn)*

9:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 13, 2017

All men of MABC are invited to this time of Christian fellowship and delicious food.

PRAYER TEAM

The Prayer Team meets every THURSDAY from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to pray individually and corporately for the needs of our nation, community, church, families, 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.

A NEW YOU

The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes. Unless a particular man made New Year resolutions, he would make no resolutions. Unless a man starts afresh about things, he will certainly do nothing effective.

-G.K. Chesterton

BIBLE QUIZ

At the start of a new year, we remember that God continually gives us new chances. What does Jesus say to a woman caught in adultery?



- A. "Go, and from now on sin no more."
- B. "Not even in Israel have I found such great faith."
- C. "Peace be with you."
- D. "Tell no one what I have done for you."

Answer may be found on the calendar page.



All are invited to the annual De-Decorating Party to be held on Sunday, January 7 following the worship service and fellowship. Come and join in the fun of putting away our Advent and Christmas decorations for another year.

CHURCH CLEANING DAY (Two Rooms)

10:00 – 12:00

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Come to MABC and help spiff up your church. We will gather on January 20 and clean up a few areas of the church. Your help is needed. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY AT MABC

While we do not have a regular give-away food program at MABC, we do have a good pantry that is used to meet the needs of anyone who finds themselves without enough food for their families. We especially like to help those who might not be served by other organizations or are friends and/or family of our members. Please feel free to refer anyone you know to Connie Ellsworth if there is a need.

The Pantry can always use the brief list below. Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry to the hungry!

Laundry soap, shampoo, bath soap
Paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, napkins, Kleenex tissues.
Tuna, peanut butter, jams/jellies.
Soup, canned fruits, canned vegetables, crackers.
Baby products: diapers, baby wipes, baby wash soap.



JANUARY COMMUNION TABLE FLOWER SIGN-UP

January 7	Communion Sunday
January 14	Theresa and Daytona King
January 21	Mary Leary
January 28	Cheryl Zinz

2018 SAVE THE DATES

- February 4 Communion Sunday
- February 10 Men's Breakfast
- February 11 Potluck Sunday
- February 14 Ash Wednesday
- February 15 Church Council
- February 18 First Sunday in Lent





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day	2	3 Rehearsal	4 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Team	5	6 Epiphany
7 -Communion -Taking Down the Greens -Annual Reports Due	8 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	9	10 Rehearsal	11 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Team	12	13 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
14 Potluck Sunday	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	16	17 Rehearsal	18 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Team	19	20 10:00-12:00 p.m. Church Cleaning Day
21	22 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	23	24 Rehearsal	25 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Team 7:00 p.m. ANNUAL BUSINESS MTG 	26	27
28	29 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	30	31 Rehearsals			

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWER: A – See John 8:11

WORSHIP AT MABC
 9:30 a.m. Church School
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship
WEDNESDAY MUSIC REHEARSALS
 6:30-8:00 p.m., Latham Burrows Choir
January 31st
 6:30 p.m. Belle Aire Handbell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir

Happy Birthday



- 07 *James Smith*
- 08 *Devin Ballien*
- 10 *Shirley Yancer*
- 15 *Shannon Ferrell*
- 18 *Daytona King*
- 20 *Lila Larkin*
- 21 *Cody Tuck*
- 21 *Connor Tuck*
- 22 *Hunter Parks*
- 27 *Sharon Mason*
- 29 *Sarah Ferrell*
- 30 *Jim Lewis*
- 30 *Vivian Settle*
- 31 *Chloe Tuck*

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.