



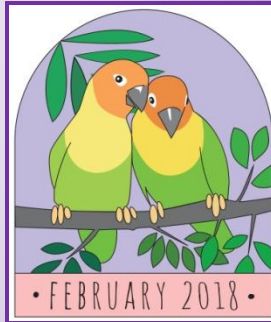
#### OUR STAFF

Pastor:

Reverend Carol McCleary  
 Director of Music: John Rickert  
 Organist: Jeremy Reis  
 Administrative Assistant:  
 Linda Wieferich  
 Caretaker: Al Ferrell  
 Nursery Attendant:  
 Sarah Egerer  
 Sound Technician  
 Robert Parks

#### OUR CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator: Nancy Lewis  
 Vice-Moderator: Cheryl Zinz  
 Clerk: Cyndi James  
 Treasurer: J. David Garn  
 Missions Treasurer:  
 Rose Johnson  
 Financial Secretary: Laure Smith



**Lent Begins  
 Sunday, February 18**



#### CHURCH TEAM LEADERS

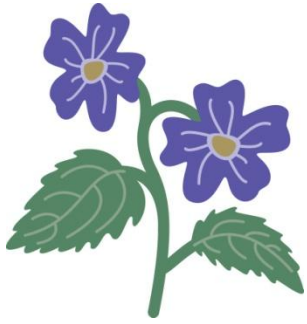
Christian Ed & Youth Ministry  
 Cheryl Ellsworth  
 Facilities/Maintenance:  
 Jody James  
 Historian: J. David Garn  
 Assistant: Cheryl Ellsworth  
 Finance: Jim Garn  
 Missions, Outreach/Evangelism:  
 Co-Leader: Nikki Anjakos-Seno  
 Co-Leader: Opportunity to  
 serve  
 Hospitality: Connie Ellsworth  
 Music & Worship: Jan Wheeler  
 Pastoral Relations: Vacant  
  
 Visitation: Lois Smith  
 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,

When Jesus encountered people he offered words of hope, healing and challenge. One of Jesus' most famous encounters was with a man named Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a devout man and a leading figure of his day. He "came to Jesus by night," presumably because he wanted to know more about Jesus and his teaching. Jesus told Nicodemus: "***For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.***" (John 3:16) This is the good news of the gospel - God loves us and gave his Son to save us.

As I studied John 3 last week, I was captivated by Frederick Bruner's summary of this famous verse. The words in bold are Bruner's own translation of the Greek; the words in italics offer an explanation.

**God** - *The greatest subject ever*

**So** (much) - *The greatest extent ever*

**Loved** - *The greatest affection ever*

**The world** - *The greatest object ever*

**That He gave his one and only Son** - *The greatest gift ever*

**So that every single individual whoever** - *The greatest opportunity ever*

**Who is entrusting oneself to Him** - *The greatest commitment ever*

**Would never be destroyed** - *The greatest rescue ever*

**But would even now have a deep, lasting Life** - *The greatest promise ever*

God promises that all who believe in Jesus, who entrust themselves to him, will have even now deep, lasting Life. May we rest in that promise, now and always, and may we share that good news with others as the Spirit gives us opportunity.

Faithfully,

Pastor Carol



## THANK YOU

Dear Congregation of MABC:

Al would like to thank you for the Christmas gift. It is much appreciated. I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely,  
Al Ferrell

**To My MABC Family,**

Thank you for the extremely generous Christmas love gift. I was very surprised. I am so thankful to be here and appreciate your gift so much. Looking forward to a great 2018.

God Bless all of You!  
John Rickert  
Director of Music

**Dear MABC**

Whether you supported us financially, through volunteering, prayers, whatever you did, is very much appreciated. Thank you for being a part of God's beautiful tapestry to fulfill His plan to evangelize and make disciples that souls be saved. God bless you, and thank you,

Frances Irvin, Chaplain  
Saginaw County Jail  
Forgotten Man Ministries

you  
are the  
LIGHT  
of the  
WORLD.  
—MATTHEW 5:14

## “WHAT DO I HAVE?”

What do I have, Lord, that you would need me as a servant?

Eyes, he said,  
To see the beauty in all that I've made -  
and my children as they travel life's highway.

Hands, he said,  
To reach out and touch hurting souls,  
to give a hug or encouraging pat on the back.

Fee, he said,  
To lead my children through this world of strife  
and to help them run from sin and follow me.

Mouth, he said,  
To lift up your voice and sing praises to me  
so others may hear the joy in your heart.

Ears, he said,  
To listen to my still, small voice of love  
and to hear my children when they cry for help.

Heart, he said,  
So you may know the full love of my Spirit  
and love my children as I have loved you.

-Thomas butler



## A REPENTANT HEART

Until we taste the bitterness of our own misery, we will never relish the sweetness of God's mercy. Until we see how foul our sins have made us, we will never pay our tribute of praise to Christ for washing us. If you would know the heart of your sin, then you must know the sins of your heart!

-William Secker



9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, February 10, 2018

Contact  
Jan Wheeler or Jim Garn  
for location.



## 10 BIBLICAL WAYS TO LOVE

1. Listen without interrupting. "To answer before listening - that is folly and shame" (Proverbs 18:13).
2. Speak without accusing. "Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).
3. Give without selfishness. "The righteous give without sparing" (Proverbs 21:26).
4. Pray without ceasing. "We have not stopped praying for you" (Colossians 1:9).
5. Answer without arguing. "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife" (Proverbs 17:1).
6. Share without pretending. "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).
7. Enjoy without complaining. "Do everything without grumbling or arguing" (Philippians 2:14).
8. Trust without wavering. "Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Corinthians 13:7).
9. Forgive without punishing. "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).
10. Promise without forgetting. "A longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).

-From various websites; all Scriptures NIV

## IN AWE OF GOD

A feel-good gospel is attractive but not transformative, writes Michael Yaconelli in *Dangerous Wonder* (NavPress). "The nice, nonthreatening God needs to be replaced by the God whose very presence smashes our egos into dust, burns our sin into ashes, and strips us naked to reveal the real person within. A healthy, childlike fear should make us more in awe of God than we are of our government, our problems, ... our doctrines and agendas, or any of our other earthly concerns."

Yaconelli urges Christians "to become people whose God is big and holy and frightening and gentle and tender and ours; a God whose love frightens us into his strong and powerful arms where he dares to hold us in this terrifying, loving presence."

## POTLUCK SUNDAY February 11, 2018

You are invited to bring your favorite dish to pass and come enjoy Christian Fellowship following the worship service. See you there!

## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

**LARK** - Birds became prominent in Christian art during the Medieval and Renaissance eras. The lark came to symbolize the humility of the priesthood because it flies high and sings only when flying upward.







## SUNDAYS

Following the worship service

February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18

On behalf of the Hospitality Team of MABC, Connie Ellsworth is extending an invitation to all to attend the MABC Lenten "Austerity" Lunches. These "SOUP & BREAD ONLY" lunches are intended to highlight the simple and reflective season of Lent.

The Lenten "Austerity" Lunches will begin on Sunday, February 18 following the worship service and run through March 18. Please plan on attending these times of fellowship and preparation for the holy season of Easter.

*NOTE: Potluck Sunday on March 11, will not be held due to the Lenten "Austerity" Luncheons. Please join us for the Lenten luncheons*

Please watch your Sunday bulletin for Easter Flower ordering information as it is not known at this time. Thank you.

*"I am the resurrection and the life."*  
JOHN 11:25



# Puzzle!

Search in all directions to find these words from the first seven chapters of Proverbs.

**WORD LIST:** covenant, delight, discipline, evil, father, fool, forsake, fountain, fruit, heart, honest, humble, insight, listen, Lord, love, neighbor, path, pleasant, poverty, protect, rebuke, sleep, son, teaching, tongue, walk, wisdom, youth

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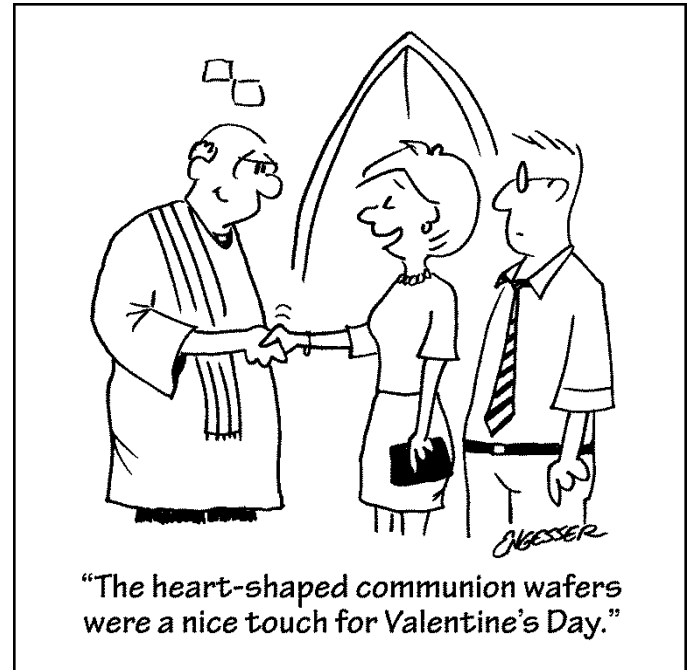
## DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME

When life is going fine and you have no cares  
Don't forget about Me  
In the morning when you wake unaware  
Don't forget about Me  
When the struggle seems to overtake you  
Don't forget about Me

Keep your eyes on the prize of a life set free  
Run the race of your life and keep your eyes on Me  
When the world overtakes you and you see no end  
Just look to the skies and Keep your eyes on Me  
When you can't take anymore, don't forget about Me

Love overwhelming and a heart set free  
Can be ours for eternity if we will just see  
The God of our creation, His Love for free  
If we just look up and don't forget to see  
When Jesus said Don't forget about Me

Jody R. James  
January 31, 2018



*"Love doesn't make the world go round,  
Love is what makes the ride worthwhile."*  
-Franklin P. Jones

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Paul declares that nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Which of the following does Paul specify as unable to block God's love?

- A. death; life
- B. angels; demons
- C. present; future
- D. height; depth
- E. all of the above

ANGELS  
LIFE  
FUTURE  
death  
depth  
present  
HEIGHT  
demons

Answer: E (See Romans 8:38-39, NIV.)



## FEBRUARY COMMUNION TABLE FLOWER SIGN-UP

February 4	Communion Sunday
February 11	Todd/NoNo Hall
February 18	Gloria Hernandez
February 25	Ted/Denise Papesh

## 2018 SAVE THE DATES

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|------------|------------------------------------|
| • March 10 | Set clocks ahead                   |
| • March 17 | Church Cleaning Day<br>10:00-12:00 |
| • March 25 | Palm Sunday                        |
| • March 29 | Maundy Thursday                    |
| • March 30 | Good Friday                        |
| • April 1  | Easter                             |



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Team	2	3
4 Communion Sunday	5  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	6	7  Rehearsals	8  2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Team	9	10 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
11 Potluck Sunday	12  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	13	14 Ash Wednesday  Rehearsals	15  2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Team  7:00 p.m. Church Council	16	17
18 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	19  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	20	21  Rehearsals	22  2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Team	23	24
25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	26  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	27	28  Rehearsals			

#### 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



06 Connie Ellsworth  
11 Brenda Ferrell  
13 Dianne Ellsworth  
15 Jody James  
17 Kyle Casey  
24 Julie Bell  
24 Gregg Schultz  
24 Chuck Bell Jr.  
26 Lois Smith  
28 Rusty Ellsworth III

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.