



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
Opportunity to serve

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

Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m.
Mini worship service, Easter
breakfast, egg hunt and
interactive activity.

9:30 a.m.
Church School
(Check with your teacher)

10:45 a.m.
Worship Service



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.





On the first Easter morning, an angel told the women at the tomb, *"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: **He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee.** There you will see him."* (Matthew 28:5-7)

I'd like to focus on that phrase, "He...is going ahead of you." Just as Jesus went ahead of his disciples, so the risen Christ continues to go before us, leading and guiding us today. A few years ago, I read a sermon by Chuck Warnock, where he pointed out some of the ways Christ goes before us.¹ Here's an adaptation of his list.

- **Jesus goes before us in good times.** Jesus' first miracle was at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus turned the water into wine, showing us that "God saves the best for last."
- **Jesus goes before us in times of fear and confusion.** When the disciples were caught in a storm on the sea, Jesus calmed the storm.
- **Jesus goes before us in doubt.** Jesus welcomed his disciple Thomas, despite his doubts and questions.
- **Jesus goes before us when friends fail us.** Jesus knew what it was like, not only to be attacked by enemies, but also to be abandoned by friends. Judas betrayed him; Peter denied him; and in the end, all the disciples *"forsook him and fled."* (Matthew 26:56)
- **Jesus goes before us in sorrow and death.** Jesus wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus, and then raised him to life. Jesus himself died an agonizing death on the cross. The writer of Hebrews reminds us that Jesus shared in our humanity *"so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death, that is the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death."* (Hebrews 2:14-15)
- **Jesus goes before us to heaven.** Jesus told his followers, *"I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."* (John 14: 2-3) By his death and resurrection, Jesus conquered death and opened wide the doors of heaven.

This is the good news we celebrate on Easter and every day. Jesus Christ is risen! The living Christ goes before us in every situation and circumstance of our lives. May we boldly follow where He leads.

Have a blessed Easter celebration.
Pastor Carol



¹ <https://chuckwarnockblog.wordpress.com/2009/04/14/easter-sunrise-sermon-youre-not-alone/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES


Are you looking for a way you might help around the church without making a major commitment such as serving on a team or becoming an officer? Here are some possibilities that would greatly help.

1. Coffee Service: Set up the coffee service for the social hour. This service is set up by 9:00 a.m. so that those attending Sunday School may use it, as well as those wishing a cup of coffee between Sunday School and church time. It just requires setting up the coffee urn and plugging it in, putting out cream, sugar, cups, spoons, napkins, etc. Someone else will take care of clean-up after church.
2. Door monitor: This requires sitting near the Adams Street entrance (top of stairs) to monitor individuals coming in after the start of service. This person should be comfortable approaching unknown individuals to determine whether they are coming in for the service or some other reason.
3. Worship in the Park: This person would help coordinate the summer Worship in the Park service as well as the picnic following.
4. Church Sign: This person would regularly change the messages on the sign in front of our building. Pastor Carol and/or church leaders would assist with appropriate messages.

If you believe you could help with any of these tasks, please see Nancy Lewis—and look for more opportunities in future Beacons!

Puzzle!

Use the clues to complete words with various vowel arrangements. Then place the circled letters in the correct blanks below to complete an Easter phrase.

1. Brave: _____ E O U
2. A dark profile: _____ O U E _____
3. Circular: _____ O U _____
4. Running away: _____ E E _____
5. Savage, fierce: _____ I O U _____
6. Odd or nostalgic: _____ U A I _____
7. A person from the 50th state: _____ A _____ I A _____
8. Compress, push together: _____ U E E _____
9. A large tree in California: _____ U _____ I A _____
10. Paddling in a small, narrow boat: _____ O E I _____
11. Upright, moral and righteous: _____ U O U _____
12. Lining up in a row: _____ U E U _____
13. Gorgeous: _____ E A U _____ E _____ U _____
14. Precipitation: _____ A I _____
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- The illustrations include: a person holding a torch (Brave), a silhouette of a head in profile (A dark profile), a circular object like a wheel or coin (Circular), a person running away (Running away), a person with a fierce expression (Savage, fierce), a person looking odd or nostalgic (Odd or nostalgic), a person from the 50th state (Alaska) (A person from the 50th state), two people pushing together (Compress, push together), a large redwood tree (A large tree in California), a person in a small boat (Paddling in a small, narrow boat), a person standing upright (Upright, moral and righteous), a line of people (Lining up in a row), a person who is gorgeous (Gorgeous), and rain falling (Precipitation).

Easter phrase:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

Answers: 1. courageous, 2. silhouette, 3. round, 4. fleeing, 5. vicious, 6. quaint, 7. Hawaiian, 8. squeeze, 9. sequoia, 10. canoeing, 11. virtuous, 12. queuing, 13. beauteous, 14. rain; Christ is Savior!

Easter is eternal



If Easter means anything to modern man, it means that eternal truth is eternal. You may nail it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes and seal it in a tomb.

But truth crushed to earth shall rise again.

Truth does not perish. It cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted. It has been silenced temporarily. It has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary's brow ... but with an inevitable certainty, after every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter morn.

-Donald H. Tippet

MABC PANTRY NEEDS

Household paper products along with personal products are needed to replenish the MABC pantry. Please bring your items to the church and place them either at the back of the sanctuary, the pantry door or the kitchen area. Thank you for your help in filling this need to help others.

Why We Need Easter

No one is exempt from tragedy or disappointment - even God was not exempt. Jesus offered no immunity, no way out of the unfairness, but rather a way through it to the other side. Just as Good Friday demolished the instinctive belief that this life is supposed to be fair, Easter Sunday followed with its startling clue to the riddle of the universe. Out of the darkness, a bright light shone.

The cross of Christ may have overcome evil, but it did not overcome unfairness. For that, Easter is required, a bright clue that someday God will restore all physical reality to its proper place.

-Philip Yancy, Disappointment with God

WE MEET AS A FAMILY



We meet as a family
Cross town and faraway
But our hearts are tied together
By the love that comes our way

God is at the center
And in our heart you'll find
We can't live without Him, not for a moment
Our lives intertwined, excepted, only by design

He gives us direction and guides us in His time
To be His family by love and gladness
Crafted and created by His great design
Hands raised we give back the love He gave us
The thanks for our joy divine.

Jody R. James
March 11, 2018



April 8, 2018
Following the worship service

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

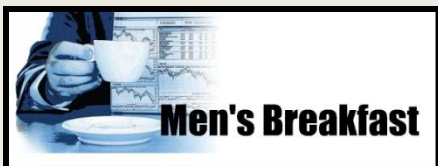
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



If you are going back to school in the fall and are a member of MABC, you may be eligible for a scholarship from the church.

Information and applications about the scholarship program are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the church office.

Scholarship applications are due in the church office no later than Sunday, May 6, 2018.



9:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 14, 2018

At
Tim's Tony's Restaurant
234 Center Road (near Gratiot)
Saginaw, Michigan

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing is so gentle as true strength."

-St. Francis de Sales

2018 Camp Lake Louise

It's not too early to begin 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.

Camp Sunday at MABC is Sunday, April 15, 2018.



**Church
Camp**

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

In John 10, what metaphor does Jesus use to describe himself?

- A. "I am the gate..."
- B. "I am the good shepherd..."
- C. Both A and B
- D. Neither A nor B



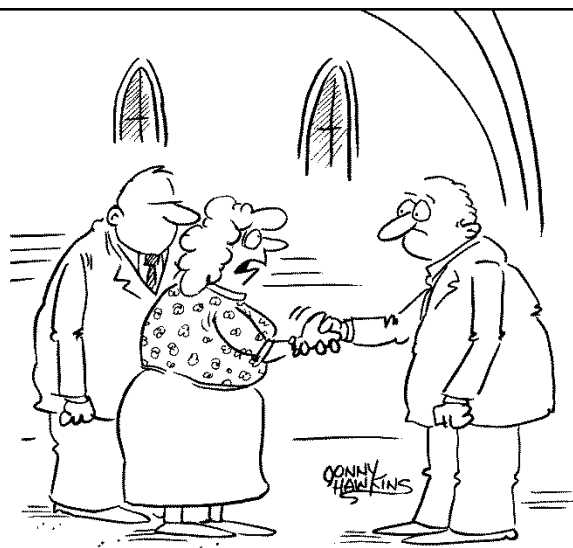
Answer: C (See John 10:9, 11.)

APRIL Communion Table Flower Sign-Up

April 1	Communion Sunday
April 8	Dorothy Croucher
April 15	Nancy Lewis
April 22	Chris Lopez
April 29	Arlene Leary

2018 SAVE THE DATES

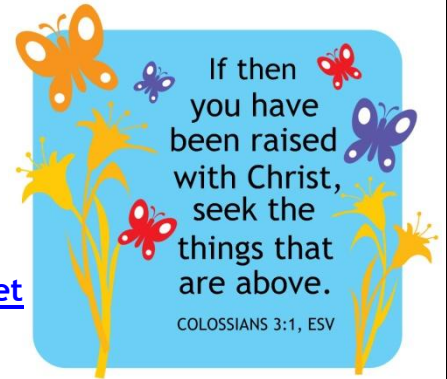
- May 6 Scholarship are Applications Due
- May 20 Teacher Appreciation, Bible Sunday, Pentecost, Potluck



"I thought your Easter message was great, except when you went off on a bunny trail."



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 EASTER SUNDAY	2 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	3	4 Rehearsals	5 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Time	6	7
8 POTLUCK SUNDAY	9 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	10	11 Rehearsals	12 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Time	13	14 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
15 CAMP SUNDAY	16 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	17	18 Rehearsals	19 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Time	20	21
22	23 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	24	25 Rehearsals	26 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Time 7:00 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting	27	28
29	30 6:15 p.m. Bible Study					

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 Destiny Helpap
11 Cynthia James
14 Justin Lemmer
19 Tricia Lewis
19 Logan Lewis
21 Carole Moore
21 Marc Leaman
22 Christopher Smith*

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.