



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

September 2018

RALLY DAY

POTLUCK SUNDAY

Sunday, September 9, 2018

9:30 a.m., Church School

10:45 a.m., Worship Service

12:00 p.m., Potluck Sunday



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

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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,

“Put your books away. Take out a half sheet of paper and number it 1-10.” Those dreaded words, spoken by a teacher, always put fear in my heart. They meant that we were going to have a “pop” quiz. No announcement; no time to prepare. Just a quick assessment of how the class was grasping the material. So here’s a pop quiz for you. Without googling it or opening your Bible, how many of the 10 commandments can you name? You don’t need to put them in order or get the words exactly right...just hit the highlights.

Ready? Go!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

So, how did you do? You can check your answers by reading Exodus 20:1-17 or Deuteronomy 5:6-21. If you remembered them all, congratulations! If you’re like most Americans, you probably got 2 or 3. A recent study found that most people can recall more ingredients in a Big Mac sandwich than they can commandments. And yet many of these same people believe that following the 10 Commandments is a good thing to do.

I recently heard a Pastor refer to the 10 Commandments as “a better way.” I like that phrase. It’s a reminder that these aren’t a bunch of rules given by a stern taskmaster in order to squelch our fun. These commands are given by a loving God to help us live our best possible lives. I have to believe that the God who created us and loves us knows the best way for us to live - loving God and loving others.

On September 9, we will be starting a sermon series on the 10 Commandments. These ancient words still have the power to shape our lives today. Each week we will look at a different commandment and explore what it means to follow that command in the 21st century. We’ll also hear how Jesus’ teaching relates to the commandments. In the process, we’ll be equipped to live more faithfully as followers of Christ. Whether you can name all or none of the 10 commandments, I hope you’ll join us this fall for this exciting series. May we all say with the Psalmist: *“I seek you, God, with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.” (Psalm 119:10)*

Faithfully,
Pastor Carol

RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 9, 2018



9:30 a.m., Church School for All
10:45 a.m., Worship Service
12:00 p.m., Potluck Sunday



FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



As we begin our fall schedule on Rally Day, September 9, there will be opportunities to study God's Word for children, youth, and adults. Below you will find a list of these opportunities. We hope everyone will choose one of these options and join us at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday so that we might learn together of the amazing messages of the scripture.

NURSERY (birth through age 5): Staffed by Sarah Egerer, our long-time caregiver, Sarah provides a safe and loving environment for our children during their formative years. Church volunteers assist Sarah to ensure proper care and nurturing.

JESUS HUNTERS (1st through 5th grade): Led by Becky Geidans (Mrs. G.), this class uses the "Kids Sunday School Place" curriculum and the *Action Bible*, a pictorial account of the Bible written especially for children in this age group. Interactive games that bring the Bible to life are frequently interspersed into the lessons.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (grades 6-12): Co-taught by Cheryl Ellsworth and Jim Garn, this class delves into scripture in an interactive, hands-on style, including faith-based crafts that keep teenagers engaged and excited about coming every Sunday.

FRIENDSHIP CLASS: Led by Al Ferrell, this class is designed for special needs adults, presenting the scripture in uniquely meaningful ways to meet the needs of this special population. Al's caring and calm presence draws students toward learning more about God's Word.

WORKING CLASS (Adults): Led by Nancy Lewis, this class, composed of both men and women, will delve into the *lectio divino* style of study again this year, continuing in the book *Meeting God in Scripture* by Jan Johnson. Participants will focus on a single passage of scripture each week, studying it in-depth, using a combination of reading, meditation and discussion.

KITCHEN CLASS (adults): Led by Dave Garn. This class (obviously meeting in the kitchen), addresses topical issues through a video series. Participants (men and women) view a segment of the video series each week, followed by discussion on the week's topic.

BURROWS ROOM CLASS (adults): Led by Lois Smith, this class meets in a cozy room that looks more like our living rooms than a classroom (the Burrows Room), and reminds participants (men and women) of the rich history of our church. This intimate setting will provide the perfect "get-away" for this year's study on prayer.



Welcome September 2018

As MABC returns to its regular schedule on Sunday, September 9, 2018, you are encouraged to return to church after this beautiful summer with which we have been blessed. There are many opportunities to grow in the Lord and enrich our Christian fellowship. We look forward to sharing with you as we grow in the word of our Lord.

- Our PRAYER TEAM meets every Thursday, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., to offer prayer in all aspects of life. You are encouraged to join us in prayer either at the church or at home. For further information, please contact Lois Smith or Becky Geidans.
- The MEN'S BREAKFAST will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 8 for a delicious breakfast and Christian Fellowship at Tim's Tony's Restaurant located in the plaza on Center and Gratiot.
- RALLY DAY! Sunday, September 9 is the day we return to church school. Our church school teachers have exciting plans for the new year! Today is also the return of Potluck Sundays. Remember to invite a friend to church.

9:30 a.m. Church School for All

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

12:00 p.m. Potluck Sunday. Bring your favorite dish to pass and join in the feast and Christian fellowship.

- CHOIR REHEARSALS begin: The Latham Burrows Choir will meet on Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. to rehearse for Rally Day. On Wednesday, September 12 the choirs will meet: 6:30 p.m. Belle Aire Handbell Choir, 7:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir. If you are interested in joining the choir, please see John Rickert, Director of Music.
- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin a new study on Monday, September 10. They meet at 6:15 p.m. on Mondays. Should you have questions, please contact Becky Geidans.
- FALL SERMON SERIES begins Sunday, September 9 (Rally Day) and continue through beginning of Advent. The theme will be The 10 Commandments.
- CHURCH SCHOOL SERIES begins, Sunday, September 9 (Rally Day). There are classes for every person.



PRAYER TEAM

Every Thursday the Prayer Team gathers from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to offer prayer both 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.

PRAYER WORKS!
Pray without ceasing!



A MORNING PRAYER

At the start of a day, who can tell what a day may bring forth? Cause me therefore, gracious God, to live every day as if it were to be my last, for I know not but that it may be such. Cause me to live now as I shall wish I had done when I come to die. O grant that I may not die with any guilt on my conscience, or any known sin un-repented of, but that I may be found in Christ, who is my only Savior and Redeemer.

-Thomas á Kempis



Music Rehearsals

Wednesday, September 5
6:30 p.m., Latham Burrows Choir

Wednesday, September 12
6:30 p.m., Belle Aire Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m., Latham Burrows Choir

If you would like to join either choir please contact John Rickert, Music Director.

WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS
His Word, His Name, His Blood
by Joyce Meyer

Come learn from scripture about the powerful gifts God has provided to equip us for a victorious life in Christ. This book study will show us scriptural principles that will empower us, as Christ followers, with His authority through the Word of God, His name and the Blood of Jesus.

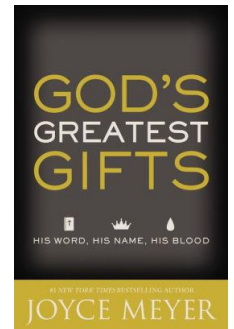
We will learn:

- How to be changed by the power of the Word
- How to wield the sword of the Spirit, or the Word of God
- How to exercise authority in the name of Jesus
- Why Satan is afraid of the blood of Jesus

Our study will begin Monday, September 10th at 6:15pm in the Burrows Room. Book cost will be less than \$12.00.

Study/discussion questions provided.

Come learn and grow with us.



THE CHALLENGE OF SCRIPTURE

GQ magazine recently included the Bible on a list of 21 books not worth reading, call the text “repetitive” and “foolish” (among other things). Pushback came from both secular and religious folks. Writing in *USA Today*, Tim Swarens argued that even if you don’t believe in God, the Bible helps you understand Western culture, history, current events and your neighbors.

For Christians, the Bible - God’s inspired Word - reveals God’s love and will. It isn’t always easy to read or process, but no other book contains such good news.

As Danielle Shroyer writes in *Original Blessing*, “Scripture is a sacred book meant to provoke us in ways that will move us toward God. And often, that is the very last thing we are looking for. We would rather have an answer, a simple plan, even a nicely tidy moral story. But Scripture gives us none of these things, because the holy is anything but domestic. We go looking to find a plan and instead are sent on a treasure hunt.”

MEN'S BREAKFAST
9:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 8, 2018

We will meet at Tim's Tony's Restaurant located in the plaza at the corner of Center and Gratiot.

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

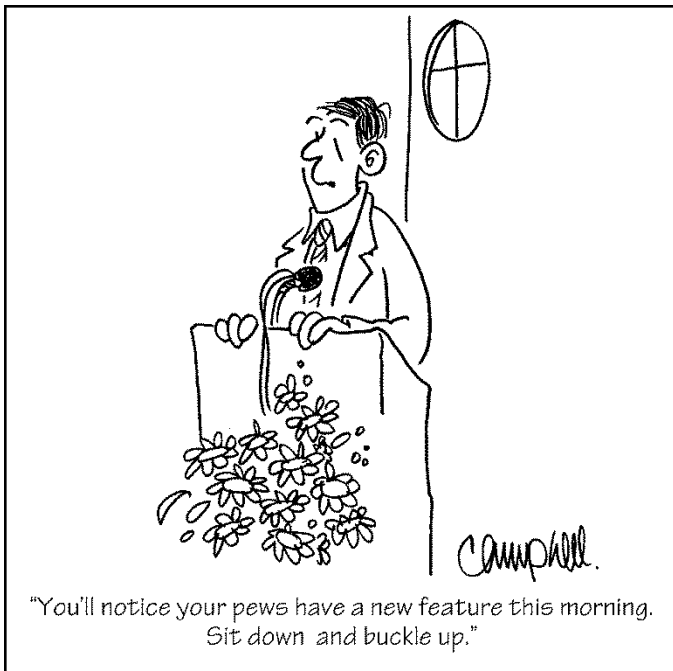
- "Intelligence is knowing the right answer. Wisdom is knowing when to say it."
 -Tim Fargo

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 20, 2018

THE ROLE OF A LIFETIME

We grow up when we see our life and our role from God's perspective; when we thank God for the role he has assigned us and begin to see our cup as a gift instead of a cross; when each morning we ask, "God, how can I glorify you today in my given role?"

-Linda Dillow, *Calm My Anxious Heart*



COMMUNION TABLE
FLOWER SIGN-UP FOR SEPTEMBER

- 02** Communion Sunday
- 09** Teddy Pelkey
- 16** Rick & Laure Smith
- 23** Sharon Mason
- 30** Al & Brenda Ferrell

LOOKING AHEAD INTO OCTOBER

- 01** Women's Bible Study
- 03** Choir Rehearsals
- 07** Communion Sunday
 Christian Education Team Meeting
- 08** Women's Bible Study
- 10** Choir Rehearsal
- 11** Prayer Team
- 13** Men's Breakfast
- 14** CROP WALK and potluck Sunday
- 15** Women's Bible Study
- 17** Choir Rehearsals
- 18** Prayer Team
- 20** Trunk or Treat (?)
- 22** Women's Bible Study
- 24** Choir Rehearsals
- 25** Prayer Team
 Quarterly Business Meeting
- 27** ABC-ANNUAL MEETING in Battle Creek

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

SEAL - A seal is the mark of God's promises to the believer and of the believer's consecration to God. Old Testament priests wore a piece of gold against their forehead, as a seal, engraved with the words "Holy to the Lord." For Christians, the sign of the cross serves as a seal of salvation. Paul declares, "He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come". (2 Corinthians 1:21-22, NIV).



Bible Quiz

Who was Moses' father-in-law, and what was his occupation?

- A. Joshua; shepherd
- B. Miriam; tentmaker
- C. Aaron; farmer
- D. Jethro; priest

Answer: D (See Exodus 3:1.)



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2 Communion Sunday	3 Labor Day	4	5 Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir	6 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Time	7	8 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Tim'sTony's
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WORSHIP AT MABC - SEPTEMBER 2
 10:45 a.m.
 Worship Service

RALLY DAY and POTLUCK - SEPTEMBER 9
 10:45 a.m., Worship Service
 12:00 p.m., Potluck Sunday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



04	Olivia Tuzas
08	Nikki Anjakos-Seno
12	Jim Kushon
16	Jeffrey Zinz
19	Carrie Carrigan
25	Katie Graham
25	Rhonda Casey
26	Harold Ellsworth
26	John Rickert
30	Noah Tuzas

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.