



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



*World Communion
 Sunday*

*World Mission Offering
 Crop Walk*

TRUNK OR TREAT

*Quarterly Business
 Meeting*

ABC Annual Meeting

*Wedding & Retirement
 Celebration*

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: Opportunity to serve
 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 members and friends,

Have you ever had the experience where a verse of Scripture just jumped out at you? That happened to me a few years ago with the Apostle Paul's prayer for the church in Ephesus. The prayer begins:

"I pray that from [God's] glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit." (Ephesians 3: 16 NLT)

As I read, I was struck by the fact that God's resources are unlimited, and that God draws on those unlimited resources to provide the strength we need.

Some translations refer to God's "glorious, unlimited resources" as God's "riches in glory." I dusted off my Greek dictionary and discovered that there are at least thirteen references to God's riches in the New Testament. In all these passages, the word translated riches refers to "abundance, richness, valuable bestowment, plentiful supply of something, that which God or Christ possesses in boundless abundance." Take a minute to let that definition sink in - "plentiful supply, boundless abundance." Our God is a God of abundance.

God's resources are unlimited - that's in direct contrast to our resources which are definitely limited. Often we approach life from a position of scarcity. Our credit cards have spending limits that cannot be exceeded. Our bank accounts have a finite amount of money, and if we try to use more than we have, we are informed that we have insufficient funds. It's not only money that seems to be in short supply. Our time is limited; our energy is limited; our abilities to meet the challenges and tasks at hand are often limited. But where our resources are limited - God's are not.

God doesn't need to worry about running out of money, because he made it all and the whole world belongs to him. God doesn't need to worry about running out of time, because he is eternal. God doesn't need to worry about running short on energy, because he is the power that sustains the universe. God's resources are unlimited, and from those unlimited resources God generously supplies the mercy, grace and strength we need from day to day.

May you know the strength that comes from God's unlimited supply today and always.

Faithfully,

Pastor Carol





Dear Congregation,

During the month of October, MABC will be receiving the World Mission Offering. Please consider giving to this mission.

MABC will participate in the Crop Walk on Sunday, October 14 following the church potluck. Please contact Cheryl Ellsworth for further information on the Crop Walk.

Cordially,

Your 2018 Mission Team

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

For decades, schools in this central European country were controlled by the government under repressive Communist rule. But today, Hungarian churches now have the opportunity to run many schools - teaching the Bible, nurturing students in their faith and coaching in conversational English.

Your support through the World Mission Offering will enable International Ministries to provide much-needed support to partner organizations like Hungarian Baptist Aid, which is now managing 49 schools in Hungary.

The work is urgent. "We're living in a period of grace," says one HBAid official. "We don't know how long we'll be able to do this, and we want to touch as many lives as possible."

Similar urgency exists in all of International Ministries life-changing work in more than 70 countries around the world. Join us in the vital task of raising up, placing and supporting many more global workers and volunteers to share the gospel and to meet pressing human needs, and teach, heal, serve and encourage others in the name of Jesus.

Give generously to the World Mission Offering as, together, we help people come to Christ, grow in relationship with God and change the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.





**9:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 13, 2018**

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

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

A WELL-SHAKEN TREE



For several years I have read the Bible through twice in 12 months. It is a great and powerful tree, each word of which is a mighty branch. Each of these branches have I well shaken, so desirous was I to know what each one bore and what it would give me. And the shaking of them has never disappointed me.

-Martin Luther

INFINITE TREASURE

The present moment is always full of infinite treasure. It contains far more than you can possibly grasp. Faith is the measure of its riches: what you find in the present moment is according to the measure of your faith. Love also is the measure: the more the heart loves, the more it rejoices in what God provides.

The will of God presents itself at each moment like an immense ocean that the desire of your heart cannot empty; yet you will drink from that ocean according to your faith and love.

-Jean-Pierre de Caussade

- "Scripture is like a pair of spectacles which dispels the darkness and gives us a clear view of God."

-John Calvin

STICK WITH IT!



"If I've learned anything about friendship, it's to hang in, stay connected," says journalist Jon Katz. "Don't walk away, don't be distracted, don't be too busy or tired, don't take them for granted. Friends are part of the glue that holds life and faith together."

This applies to church life too. When we're annoyed by some aspect of congregational life or caught in conflict with other members, it's tempting to drift away to another church - or no church. Even when all is fine, we sometimes let church take a back seat. But our bonds with the family of God are "part of the glue that holds life and faith together." For the sake of the benefits we gain and give, may we "hang in and stay connected" with our church family. May we not "walk away or be distracted, ... be too busy or tired." May we not take one another for granted but thank God for this "glue" - even when things get a bit sticky!



**POTLUCK SUNDAY
October 14, 2018**

We will gather in the fellowship halls following the worship service on Sunday, October 14 for our monthly Potluck Sunday and Christian Fellowship.

You are invited to bring your favorite dish to pass and to remember to fill the green bowls to help defray added costs of paper products.

See you at the potluck!



- Whatever a person may be like, we must still love them because we love God."

-John Calvin

PRAYER TEAM

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

16th-CENTURY GUIDANCE FOR TODAY

How can we know whether we're following God's will? Sometimes we act, only to see in hindsight that we caused harm. Or self-righteousness blinds us to the good guidance of others.

St. Ignatius of Loyola pondered the difficulty of aligning our actions to God's ways. He taught the need for "discernment of spirits" - examining internal thoughts and emotions to see if they originate with and lead to God. Ignatius called it "consolation" when he felt loved by God and eager to care for people in need, and "desolation" when something left him full of darkness and fear that moved him away from God and neighbor.

Think of a time you made a decision and then felt peaceful, full of light, convinced it was "right." And when have you done something despite feeling tangled in knots about it, and perhaps later felt worse? Life isn't always so clear-cut, but the more we practice discernment, the better we will recognize and follow God's will.



World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 7, 2018



Wedding and Retirement Celebration

Sunday, October 28, 2018
Immediately following the worship service

A reception is being given in recognition of the wedding and retirement of our Administrative Assistant, Linda Wieferich.

Linda and Christopher Weinburger were married on September 28 and will be living in Highland, MI. Linda's last day at MABC is November 1st after serving MABC for 22 years.

At the celebration there will be finger sandwiches, chips, fruit, vegetable trays, punch, coffee, tea and cake. *(Please note, we do not need desserts as there will be a special cake for dessert).*

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Ellsworth at 752-8680 leaving a message and phone number if she cannot answer your call.

If you are planning on attending, please let Cyndi James or Connie Ellsworth know so the proper amount of food is prepared. Thank you.

See you at the Celebration!



Saturday, October 20, 2018
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Ages 12 and under



What actually is Trunk or Treat? It is for kids' enjoyment, adults decorate the back of their cars for Halloween, load up on candy and come sit in a parking lot for kids to "Trunk or Treat" from car to car. Kids come fully dressed in costumes and holding out bags or plastic pumpkins for treats. The adults get to socialize and get creative while seeing all the cute and creative costumes.

We are looking for volunteers to decorate their car, SUV, truck, etc. in a festive theme, and to fill the back end of the vehicle with candy treats and perhaps a game to play at the Trunk or Treat festivities.

Dress in appropriate costumes (please no ghosts, witches, scary monsters, or blood and guts costumes. Think Christian themes such as football/college themes, super hero themes, etc.).

Hot dogs, chips and a beverage will be offered. This will be a fun evening in the church parking lot! (Think tail gaiting). Ideas for this fun alternative way of doing the traditional Halloween can be found on Google (type in Trunk or Treat).



We are taking donations of candy and money for Trunk or Treat. Donation should be given to Connie Ellsworth. Thank you.



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 25, 2018



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



PLUMB LINE - In the writings of the prophets Isaiah and Amos, a plumb line is a symbol of God's judgment of Israel: "I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line" (Isaiah 28:17, NIV). The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. ...Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer" (Amos 7:7-8, NIV). When Jesus is portrayed as Judge of the world, he is sometimes shown holding a plumb line.

- "The more we pray, the more we come to the heartbeat of God."

-Richard J. Foster

Bible Quiz

Though daughters weren't allowed to inherit property, some young women whose father had died appealed to the community's leaders to change the law in their favor — and it was done! Who were these women?

- A. Mary and Martha
- B. The daughters of Zelophehad
- C. Nympha, Sapphira, Claudia, Tabitha and Lydia
- D. Joanna, Susanna and Salome



Answer: B (See Numbers 27:1-11.)

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWER SIGN-UP

October 7	Communion Sunday
October 14	Mindy Tuck
October 21	Jody & Cyndi James
October 28	Cheryl Zinz

LOOKING AHEAD

November 5	Communion Sunday
	Daylight Saving time ends
November 10	Men's Breakfast
November 11	Potluck Sunday
	155 th Anniversary Celebration
November 18	Hanging of the Greens
November 22	Thanksgiving
December 1	Women's Christmas Tea
December 2	First day of Advent

- "Looking back over a lifetime, You see that love was the answer to everything."

-Ray Bradbury



"You said dress up as a Bible character ... and my character is Leviathan."



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	2 2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	3 Rehearsal	4 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer	5	6
7 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 12:00 p.m., C.E. Team meeting	8 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	9 2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	10 Rehearsal	11 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer	12	13 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
14 CROP WALK And POTLUCK SUNDAY	15 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	16 2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	17 Rehearsal	18 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer	19	20 5:30-7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat
21	22 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	23 2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	24 Rehearsal	25 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer 7:00 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting	26	27 ABC-Annual Meeting in Battle Creek
28 Wedding and Retirement Celebration	29 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	30 2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	31 Rehearsal			

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT MABC
 9:30 a.m. Church School for All
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS
 6:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



*07 Mindy Tuck
08 Pamela Graham
11 Pamela Leaman
22 Al Ferrell
23 Peggy Landeryou
23 Jeff LaPan
30 John Sauvie
31 Cheryl Zinz*

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.