



#### OUR STAFF

Pastor:  
 Reverend Carol McCleary  
 Director of Music: John Rickert  
 Organist: Jeremy Reis  
 Administrative Assistant:  
 Holly Sanchez  
 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



155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mission Opportunity

Poinsettia order Form

Holiday Cookie Sale

Fall Backwards

Potluck Sunday

Hanging of the Greens

Women's Christmas Tea  
 (Breakfast will be served)

#### 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:  
 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.





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# Homecoming 2018

*Celebrating 155 years of God's Faithfulness*

Please join us in worship at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>,  
as we mark *155 years* of ministry in Saginaw .



Former Pastor, Rev. Bill Walker, will be bringing the message. There will be a potluck luncheon in the fellowship hall following the service. We hope you will make plans to join us for this special service as we celebrate 155 years of ministry.



## HealthSource CHRISTMAS GIFT MISSION OPPORTUNITY

It is time to get ready for the holidays and HealthSource is requesting donations and our help in providing the residents and patients of HealthSource Saginaw an incredible Christmas Season. We, MABC, can help by providing gift suggestions as listed below.

As always, HealthSource will gladly wrap your gifts. If you wish, you can include gift bags and tissue paper. If you choose to wrap your gift/s, please be sure the gift is tagged with the contents of the package including size, color, male or female, etc

**Bring your gift/s to the church and place your gift/s under the Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary. Deadline for gifts to be brought to MABC is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018.**

*Thank you for your support of patients and residents of HealthSource.*



### Gift Suggestions for Men

Socks  
After & Pre-Shave/Body Spray  
Combs and Hair Picks  
Sweatshirts L-3X (pullover/zip up)  
Sweatpants L-3X  
Slippers  
(with rubber soles and backs)  
Sugar free gum/candy  
Stick deodorant  
T-shirts L-3X  
Denture cleaner and adhesive  
Button up sweaters  
Radio/CD players

Large face watches  
Flannel shirts L-3X  
Polo type shirts  
Wallet/change purse  
Electric shavers  
CD's of music

\$2.00 or \$3.00 in money envelopes  
Magazines  
Hair gel/hair and scalp conditioner  
Playing cards (large print)  
Shampoo and body wash

### Gift Suggestions for Women

Magazines  
Body spray/cologne  
Deodorant  
Body wash/lotions  
Slippers  
(with rubber soles and backs)  
Sweatpants M-3X  
Sweatshirts M-3X (pullover/zip up)  
Dusters and nightgowns M-3X  
Jewelry/clip-on earrings  
Sugar free candy/gum  
Button up sweaters  
Undershirts M-2X

CD's of music  
Simple craft projects  
Nail polish and polish remover  
Radio/CD players  
Large face watches  
Lipstick/chap stick  
Coin purses

Shampoo  
Hair and scalp conditioner  
Brushes/large tooth combs/picks  
\$2.00 or \$3.00 in money envelopes  
Hair spray/hair gel  
Mirrors





## POINSETTIA ORDERS



If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for the Christmas season, please fill out this form and return it along with \$8.00 per plant to the church office or place it in the offering plate no later than Sunday, November 18, 2018. Please place your order so we can have an accurate count as to how many plants to order. Order must be paid in full by December 9. *(Please note, our poinsettia supplier has asked for this early date. Thank you for your cooperation).*

**Please make your check payable to MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*Thank You.*

Poinsettia given in HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettia given in MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettia GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

*You may take your poinsettia home to enjoy after the Christmas Eve worship service.  
May you have a Blessed Christmas.*

*Christmas, 2018*

### MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH Event Cancellation Policy



In the event that the cancellation of the worship service or any other *public* church activity may be warranted, the following procedure will be followed:

The Church Moderator shall consult with the Pastor(s), the Worship Team Leader, and any other persons who might provide pertinent information for making the decision, such as the Facilities Team Leader, church maintenance staff, Christian Education Team Leader, Music Director, etc.

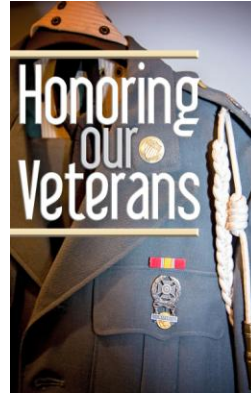
Should the Moderator determine that cancellation is warranted, he/she shall notify WNEM-TV (Channel 5), for public announcement.

Reasons for the cancellation of worship or other church activities include (but are not limited to) power outage, boiler malfunction, inclement weather or other natural disaster, declared emergency by local officials, and medical emergencies.

*Note: This policy does not apply to internal meetings, such as Church Council, team and committee meetings, music rehearsals, and youth group meetings. Rev. April 2018*



Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour  
before going to bed  
Saturday, November 3.



*Our flag does not fly because  
the wind moves it... it flies  
with the last breath of each  
soldier who died protecting it.*

**THANK YOU!**

### LIFELONG SAINTS

Rather than limit the celebration of saints to one Sunday, some churches now observe a Season of Saints from World Communion Sunday (the first Sunday in October) to All Saints' Sunday (the first Sunday in November).

Saints aren't merely exceptional Christians, writes worship director Taylor Burton-Edwards. Instead, they're simply believers, all of whom are undergoing a lifetime of transformation into Christ's own people.

Pointing to a saint-themed hymn by Charles Wesley, Burton-Edwards notes that the lyrics are intended to be an "anthem for a lifetime," not a once-yearly occasion.

Come, let us join our friends above  
Who have obtained the prize,  
And on the eagle wings of love  
To joys celestial rise.  
Let saints on earth unite to sing  
With those to glory gone,  
For all the servants of our King  
In earth and heaven are one.

### "GOD IS NIGH"

The earliest official reference to using "Taps" at a military funeral is described in an 1891 manual. During the Civil War, a Union soldier "was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods." Because it wasn't safe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave, Captain John Tidball decided the sounding of "Taps" would be an appropriate substitute ceremony.

Previously, "Taps" signaled the end of a soldier's work day, but it has since come to honor the end of his or her earthly life. Horace Trim's lyrics reminded us of God's constant presence:

Day is done, gone the sun  
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky  
All is well, safely rest  
God is nigh.

Thanks and praise for our days  
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky  
As we go, this we know  
God is nigh.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, November 10, 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 encouraged to attend this time of delicious food and Christian Fellowship.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 15, 2018

- *"A single grateful thought toward heaven is the most complete prayer."*

*-Gotthold Lessing*

## SELF-CARE FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS

In light of Matthew 22:39, where Jesus says we should love our neighbors as ourselves, Rozella Haydee White writes: "I believe that we are called to love ourselves so that we can love our neighbor. I believe that loving God leads to loving self. When we love self, we practice how we are called to love others. Then when we love others, we love the incarnate God. And this cycle continues, leading us deeper into love with the One who is love."

Unfortunately, many Christians have been taught that loving oneself is, well, selfish. But White understands self-care not as being self-serving but as recognizing oneself as a holy, beloved dwelling place for God.

She asks, "What if God has been inviting you not just to rest but to remember that you are first called to love God and love yourself? What if living out the commandments in that order gives you boundless energy to love others? What if stopping and caring for yourself is the missing link?"



On Sunday, November 18, immediately following the worship service, we will decorate the church for the holidays. Please consider helping as many hands are needed and appreciated by many. When the church is decorated for the Advent and Christmas season, a light lunch will be served. Come, join in this happy time.



The staff of MABC wishes you a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

*Pastor Carol, Holly Sanchez, John Rickert, Jeremy Reis, Al Ferrell, and Sarah Egerer*



## LITTLE WORD, BIG DIFFERENCE

God says to give thanks in everything. That doesn't mean you need to give thanks for everything. You don't need to give thanks for that bad day, or for that bad relationship, or being passed over at work, financial hardship. Whatever it is - you are not to give thanks for the difficulties but rather in the difficulties.

That is a very important distinction, and one I think we often miss. Giving thanks in everything shows a heart of faith that God is bigger than the difficulties and that he can use them, if you approach him with the right heart and spirit, for your good and his glory.

-Tony Evans

## HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY

Beth Lewis, CEO of 1517 Media, blogged about a favorite holiday tradition: inviting over people who'd otherwise be alone. Her grandchildren prepared hand-made place cards, wrapped small gifts for the guests and helped cook the meal.

Then one year, Thanksgiving happened to coincide with a cross-country move for Grandma and Grandpa. Chaos and stress almost buried the tradition - until Lewis's 9-year-old granddaughter asked nonchalantly, "Who's joining us for dinner this year?"

Lewis writes: "In the busyness of moving, it hadn't even occurred to me. But, for her, it is simply what our family does!" So they extended some invitations, ate on paper plates among moving boxes and had a joyous time. Lewis was proud of her granddaughter for the reminder that hospitality is a value worth practicing and modeling - and even turning into a holiday tradition!



## Women's Christmas Tea

9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Saturday  
December 1, 2018

The women of the church are invited to bring family and friends to this festive morning in celebration of the Christmas season.

Tickets are \$6.00 each and may be purchased from Cheryl Ellsworth, Cyndi James or Connie Ellsworth.

See you are the Women's Christmas Tea.



Come, let us adore Him!

Advent Begins  
Sunday, December 2, 2018  
H O P E

### KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

In the Bible, no one is called "Lord of lords" but God and Christ. Although a couple of Old Testament earthly kings (artaxerxes and Nebuchadnezzar) are referred to as "king of kings," only in reference to Christ is the term capitalized - "King of kings."

Earthly rulers can claim supremacy, but we celebrate Christ the King Sunday as the culmination of the liturgical year to testify that our Lord Jesus is Ruler of all. In the words of the famous "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's Messiah: "King of kings and Lord of lords; and he shall reign for ever and ever!"



### COMMUNION TABLE FLOWER SIGN-UP

November 4 Communion Sunday  
November 11 Nikki Anjakos-Seno  
November 18 Sharon Mason  
November 25 John & Debbie Rickert

### LOOKING AHEAD

December 1 Women's Christmas Tea  
**December 2 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - HOPE**  
Communion Sunday  
December 8 Men's Breakfast  
**December 9 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - PEACE**  
Potluck Sunday  
Children's Christmas Program  
December 15 Poinsettias Delivered  
**December 16 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - LOVE**  
Christmas Cantata  
December 20 Church Council  
**December 23 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - JOY**  
**December 24 Christmas Eve - CHRIST**  
**December 25 Christmas Day**

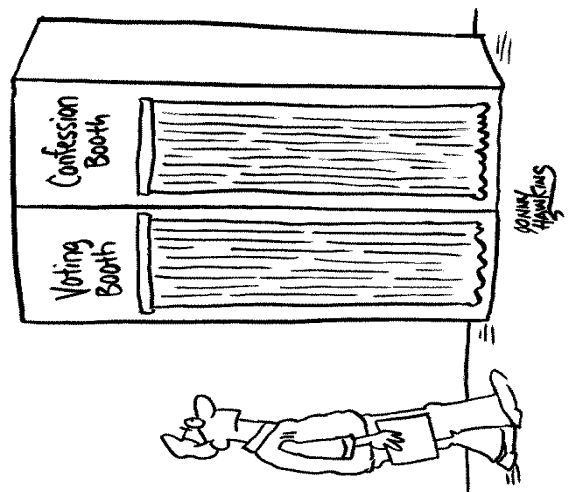
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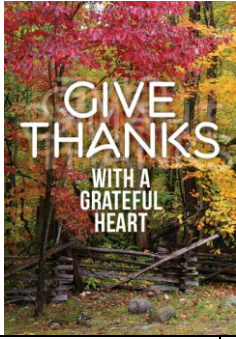
After Cain killed Abel, their parents, Adam and Eve, had another son. What did they name the baby?

- A. Seth
- B. Enoch
- C. Shem
- D. Lamech



Answer: A (See Genesis 4:25.)





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 November 2018				1  2:00 p.m. Prayer Time	2	3 (turn clocks back one hour before going to bed)
4 (Daylight Savings time ends) Communion Sunday	5  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	6  2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	7  Rehearsals	8  2:00 p.m. Prayer Time	9	10 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
11 Veteran's Day  155 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Potluck Sunday	12  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	13  2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	14  Rehearsals	15  2:00 p.m. Prayer Time	16	17
18  Hanging of the Greens Poinsettia Orders Due	19  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	20  2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	21	22  	23	24 Social Halls in use today
25	26  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	27  2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	28  Rehearsals	29  2:00 p.m. Prayer Time	30	

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

**WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS**  
 6:30 p.m. Belle Aire Handbell Choir  
 7:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- 01 Nancy Lewis
- 02 Sharon Murphy Casey
- 04 Teddy Pelkey
- 05 Heather Ballien
- 06 Michael Quinnan
- 07 Raymond Ingles
- 09 Craig Egerer
- 12 Eric Smith
- 17 Joyce Murphy
- 19 Daniel Leaman
- 21 James Cooper



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.