



#### OUR STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Carol McCleary  
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Organist: Jeremy Reis  
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#### OUR CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator: Nancy Lewis  
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#### CHURCH TEAM LEADERS

Christian Education & Youth Ministry  
Cheryl Ellsworth  
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Historian: J. David Garn  
Assistant: Cheryl Ellsworth  
Finance: Jim Garn  
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Hospital Visitation: Carole Moore

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

7:00 p.m.  
Thursday  
January 24, 2019



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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*

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.

Those profound words were written by Howard Thurman and published in his book *The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations*. Thurman was an influential Baptist preacher, author, theologian, and scholar. Thurman's words echo Jesus' words recorded in Luke 4:16-21.

One Sabbath day, Jesus went to the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. He read from the prophet Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Jesus told the assembled crowd, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Jesus's ministry was one of joy and justice. He came proclaiming good news to the poor, release for the prisoners, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. As his followers, we continue Jesus's ministry of seeking the lost, feeding the hungry, welcoming the oppressed and promoting peace in our communities and throughout the world. This is the work of Christmas that lasts all through the New Year.

May you have a happy new year filled with God's blessings!

Pastor Carol

## Thank You!

Dear members and friends:

Thank you so much for your generous love gift, cards, and sweet treats this Christmas Season. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

With gratitude,  
Pastor Carol

Dear MABC & Friends

Thank you for the Christmas love gift. I appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness each of you has shown.

Holly Sanchez  
Office Manager

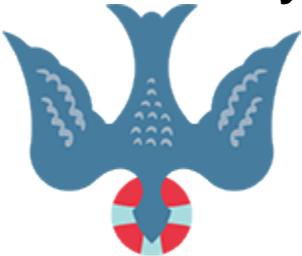
Dear Congregation of MABC

I would like to thank you for the Christmas gift and for the love and appreciation you show me. I wish you all many Blessings in the New Year.

In Christian Love  
Al Ferrell



## +Christian Symbol+



### Descending Dove

A dove is a prominent symbol of the Holy Spirit. When the dove is shown flying downward, it reminds us of Jesus' baptism, when, the gospel writers tell us, the Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove. Doves also symbolize baptism in general, because many Christian denominations teach that the Holy Spirit and its gifts are bestowed at baptism. Sometimes a dove is depicted with a three-ray nimbus around its head, indicating that it is a member of the Trinity. Doves are also commonly used as a sign of peace.

## ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE !



Annual Reports are due from:

All Team Chairpersons  
Sub-Team Chairpersons  
Moderator  
Church Clerk  
Church Treasurer  
Financial Secretary  
Mission (Benevolence)  
Treasurer  
Historian  
Director of Music  
Pastor

*Thank you*

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## Sunday of Service

On Sunday, January 13, you are invited to stay after worship for potluck and to participate in one of four service projects we have identified. We are looking for volunteers to clean and reorganize our church's emergency food pantry, cut and/or sew hats for children at Herig elementary school, make encouragement cards for residents at Health Source, and (weather permitting) shovel snow on public sidewalks near the church.

All you need to do to participate is show up! We can use people of all skill levels. While we will have supplies available, it would be helpful if you could bring the following items if you have them. Please mark your items so that we can return them.

Portable sewing machine and navy, red or black thread  
Sewing Scissors  
Snow Shovels (and warm clothes and boots, if you are planning to shovel)  
We are also accepting donations of non-perishable food and paper products for our emergency pantry. The following items are especially appreciated: toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags and food storage bags, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, creamy peanut butter, canned soups, vegetables, fruits and meat.  
Thank you.

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## Food Collection

### Food Pantry at MABC

While we do not have a regular food give-away program, MABC maintains a small food pantry that is used to meet the needs of anyone who finds themselves without enough food for their families. We especially like to help those who might not be served by other organizations or are friends and/or family of our members. Please feel free to refer anyone you know to Pastor Carol or Connie Ellsworth if there is a need.

The pantry can always use the following items:

Peanut butter, canned meats, jams/jellies, soup, canned fruits, canned vegetables, and crackers.

The following non-food items are also helpful: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, food storage bags, trash bags, paper plates and napkins.

Toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, Q-tips, feminine hygiene products, disposable razors.

Dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo, conditioner, and bath soap.

Thank you for your generous donations.



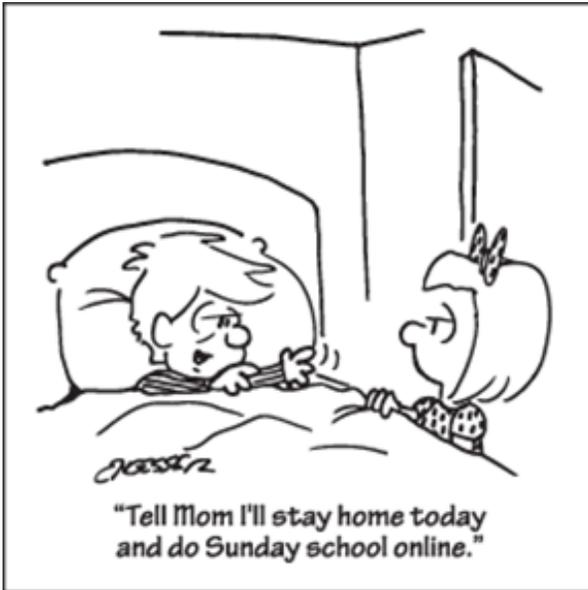
### MEN'S BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, January 12, 2019

All men of MABC are invited to a time of Christian Fellowship and delicious food. Hope to see you at the breakfast!



Church Cleaning Day  
Saturday January 26, 2019  
10:00 am. - 12:00



## Reading resolutions

Every January, many Christians resolve to read the entire Bible in one year. That's a worthy goal, but God doesn't require us to read a certain number of verses or chapters per day. Instead, he tells us to simply be in his Word – and thus be with him – so he can grow our faith, light our path and assure us of his love and forgiveness. God's Word is a precious gift, but we need to "unwrap" it!

F.B. Meyer offers this helpful advice for a new year of discovering (and rediscovering!) Scripture: "Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter. If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it. If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it. If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire. If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you. If the truth is revealed ... entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate ... your life."



## Communion Table Flower Sign-Up

January, 2019

06	Communion Sunday
13	Theresa King
20	Mary leary
27	Cheryl Zinz

## 2019 SAVE THE DATES

- January 6, Annual Reports Due  
Missions Meeting following the service.  
"Taking Down the Greens"
- January 12, Men's Breakfast
- January 13: Sunday of Service & Potluck
- January 24, Annual Business Meeting
- January 26, Church Cleaning Day

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Happy New Year	2  No Rehearsals	3  2-4 p.m. Prayer Team	4	5
6 COMMUNION SUNDAY Missions Team Meeting (Library) Annual Reports Due "Taking Down the Greens"	7  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	8  2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	9  6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	10  2-4 p.m. Prayer Team	11	12 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
13 Sunday of Service Potluck Sunday	14  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	15  2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	16  6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	17  2-4 p.m. Prayer Team	18	19
20	21  6:15 p.m. Bible Study Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22  2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	23  6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	24  2-4 p.m. Prayer Team 7:00 p.m. <b>ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING</b> 	25	26 10a.m. - Noon Church Cleaning
27	28  6:15 p.m. Bible Study	29  2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	30 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	31  2-4 p.m. Prayer Team		

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

**Wednesday Rehearsals at MABC**  
 6:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir

# Happy Birthday



## January Birthdays

03 Jennifer Morris  
07 James Smith  
07 Bayleigh Larkin  
08 Devin Ballien  
10 Shirley Yancer  
15 Shannon Ferrell  
18 Daytona King  
21 Cody Tuck  
21 Connor Tuck  
21 Linda Wieferrich  
22 Hunter Parks  
27 Sharon Mason  
20 Sarah Ferrell  
30 Jim Lewis  
30 Vivian Settle  
30 David Hamilton  
31 Chloe Tuck

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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.