



OUR STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Carol McCleary
Director of Music: John Rickert
Organist: Jeremy Reis
Office manager: Holly Sanchez
Caretaker: Al Ferrell
Nursery Attendant: Sarah Egerer
Sound Technician: Jim Garn

OUR CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator: Nancy Lewis
Vice-Moderator: Cheryl Zinz
Clerk: Cyndi James
Treasurer: J. David Garn
Missions Treasurer:
Sherrell McCafferty
Financial Secretary: Laure Smith

Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Worship service
8:45 a.m. Easter breakfast, egg hunt
9:30 a.m.
Church School
(Check with your teacher)
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor's Office Hours:
Monday 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
How to reach Pastor:
Rev. Carol McCleary
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Church Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday
9:30-3:00

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: Cheryl Zinz
Visitation: Gloria Hernandez
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

Imagine a beautiful day in the mountains - the air is crisp and clear, the sun is shining. Maybe it's a day in the spring when the dogwoods and rhododendrons are blooming. You're in your car, winding your way up a steep mountainside. As you near the top, you pull into a parking area of a scenic area. As you step out of your car, you see a low railing around the edge of the mountain.

Now, I want you to place yourself in that picture. Specifically, how close will you get to the edge? I imagine some of you would grab your camera and go running to the edge, leaning out over the railing and twisting this way and that to try to get the best view. A few of you may even be daredevils who would try to climb over or around the safety fence.

I suppose many of us in that situation would prefer to stay a few feet back from the edge. Close enough to get a good look, but not so close that we feel unsafe.

I imagine there would also be a few people who would prefer not to go near the edge at all. Perhaps because of a dislike of heights, some of us might prefer to stay in the car - to keep as far away from that edge as possible.

Edges can be both exciting and terrifying. Edges mark the end of one thing and the beginning of something new. Sometimes edges can be dangerous. As a child I was scolded more than once - "Don't get too close to the edge."

That's good advice for a young child; however, there are some things you can't fully experience until you come to the edge. That's true in the physical world, and that's true in the spiritual world as well.

As individuals and as a community of faith, we are called to come to the edge. We are challenged to move out of our comfort zones and into new areas of service that God has in store for us. But coming to the edge is not always easy - especially for those who, like me, like to play it safe.

But do you remember Jesus' promise to his disciples? After he commanded them to go and make disciples of all nations, he assured them, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20). That promise is as true for us today as it was for the apostles so long ago. When God calls us to come to the edge, we can go obediently and courageously knowing that God is with us wherever we go.

Faithfully,
Pastor Carol

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, April 14, 2019

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten "Austerity" Luncheon

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 19, 2019

7:00 p.m. Communion and Tenebrae Service of Worship
Since Medieval times, Christians have held Tenebrae services on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. *Tenebrae* means "shadows" or "darkness," and the service is designed to draw us into the gathering gloom of Jesus' approaching death. As each part of the passion narrative is read, candles are extinguished to symbolize the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and the hopelessness of the world without God. At the conclusion of the service we will leave the sanctuary in silence to ponder the significance of Jesus' death and await the resurrection.

We will not be holding an agape meal this year.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19, 2019

CARRY THE CROSS

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Meet at MABC at 8:30 a.m. to get ready for the 9:00-11:00
"Carry the Cross" as we silently witness for Christ.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

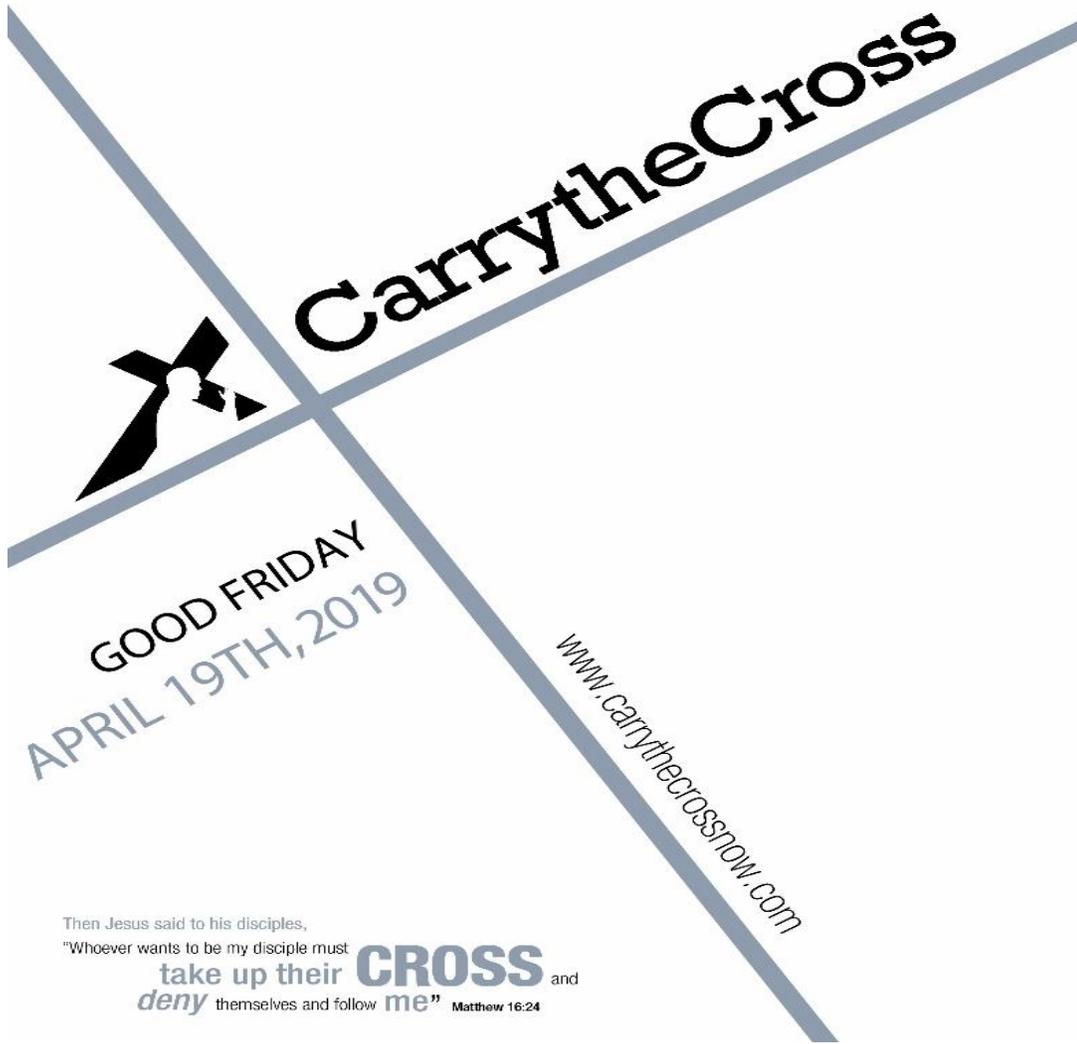
12:00-12:30 p.m. and/or 12:30/1:00 p.m.

Community Ecumenical Good Friday Service at
First United Methodist Church. 4790 Gratiot Rd., Saginaw, MI.
(Rev. Carol McCleary will have a part in the services)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. Son-rise Worship service, Easter breakfast, and egg hunt. We will meet in the sanctuary for Worship service followed by an Easter breakfast and egg hunt. Breakfast tickets are available for \$3.00 each or \$12.00 for an immediate family of four or more. All are welcome. Please see Cheryl Ellsworth or Cyndi James for tickets.
- 9:30 a.m. Church School
(Please check with your teacher)
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service





“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.....Romans 1:16”

We may not be pulpit preachers, teachers or singers, but we all are called to be witnesses of His resurrection. You can join us on **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019** on busy intersections of Saginaw holding your cross. The only pre-requisite is to be a Believer. **Carry the Cross Now** is a Believer’s ministry that was started in Missouri in 2011 with a singular purpose, to mobilize Christians to witness for Jesus Christ on Good Friday.

We will meet in the back parking lot at **8:30 am** (along with other participating local church members) and after group prayer will disperse across the city to stand (or using a chair if necessary) on busy street corners from **9:00 to 11:00am** silently witnessing for Christ as people travel these roads.

WILL YOU TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND JOIN US? Contact Becky Geidans at **(989) 326-2966** to get a cross reserved for you.

Christ has triumphed!



Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer;
Death is strong, but life is stronger.
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right.
Faith and hope triumphant say,
Christ will rise on Easter Day.

—Phillips Brooks



A New Star in Heaven

There's a new star in Heaven
Shining down on us.
No matter where we journey
We are guided by its light.

We feel its warmth around us
In the struggle of life's fight
No matter what comes against us
We revel in its light

In Love He guides us
By steadfast determination
Because He knows what's right
By God's word and affirmation
We are guided to do what's right.

As the light becomes brighter
And starts to fade away
We remember the Love
It warmed us by for each and every
day

Jody James
January 12, 2019



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, 2019.

Bible Quiz



After Jesus raises Lazarus from death, what does his family do to thank Jesus?

- A. They host a dinner for him.
- B. Martha serves the meal.
- C. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with an extravagant amount of expensive perfume.
- D. All of the above.

Answer: (See John 12:1-3.)



APRIL Communion Table Flower Sign-Up

April 7	Communion Sunday
April 14	Nancy Lewis
April 21	Easter Flowers
April 28	Chris Lopez

2019 SAVE THE DATES

May 2	National Day of Prayer
May 11	Church Cleaning Day (10:00-Noon)
May 12	Mother's Day
	Baby Dedication
May 19	Teacher Appreciation
May 27	Memorial Day

“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.”

—St. Augustine

“Easter is more than a day, an event, a remembrance. It is a way of life.”

—Michael Marsh



QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, April 25, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Please note that effective immediately all agenda items for the Quarterly and Annual Meeting must be submitted to the Moderator one week prior to the meeting. This process will facilitate a more informed discussion regarding church matters. Thank you for your cooperation.
Nancy Lewis



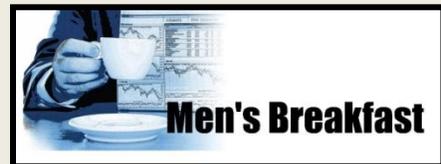
Arlene Leary
6215 Normandy Dr. #26
Saginaw, MI 48638

2019 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.camplakelouise.com or see Cheryl Ellsworth for further information.

Camp Sunday at MABC is Sunday, April 28, 2019.



9:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 13, 2019

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



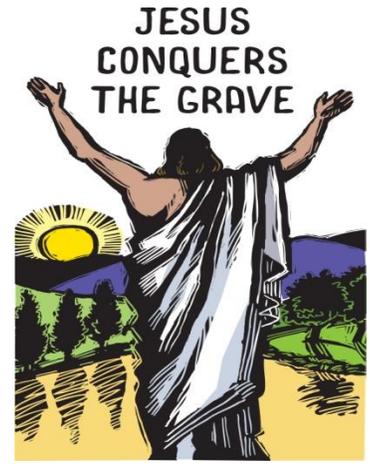
Your April General Mission Giving will go to the City Rescue Mission of Saginaw

Welcome to the Place of Hope and Care!

The need for emergency shelter is what brings most people to the City Rescue Mission. When a guest arrives, they aim to project warmth, structure, and compassion. A case worker meets with the guest to:

- Fully address the needs faced by the homeless person
- Assist them with the immediate need for shelter, clothing, and food
- Present ways to grow their spiritual life
- Introduce tools that will improve their Life Skills and lead them to become a productive member of our community
- Assess their employment status and whether they qualify for the Employment Readiness training

Our Mission goal is \$500.00. Please give as God lays it upon your heart.



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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 Rehearsals	4 4:30 p.m. Prayer Time	5	6
7 5 th Sunday of Lent	8 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	9 2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	10 Rehearsals	11 4:30 p.m. Prayer Time	12	13 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
14 6 th Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday	15 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	16 2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	17 Rehearsals	18 Maundy Thursday 4:30 p.m. Prayer Time	19 Carry the Cross Good Friday	20
21 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship 8:45 a.m. Breakfast 10:45a.m. Worship	22 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	23 2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	24 Rehearsals	25 4:30 p.m. Prayer Time 7:00 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting	26	27
28 Camp Sunday	29 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



*04 Jeffery Larkin
06 Destiny Helpap
11 Cynthia James
14 Justin Lemmer
19 Tricia Lewis
19 Logan Lewis
20 Valdis Geidans
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.