



The Beacon Newsletter

OUR STAFF

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Organist: Jeremy Reis
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Caretaker: Al Ferrell
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OUR CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator: Nancy Lewis
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Assistant: Cheryl Ellsworth
Finance: Jim Garn
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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.





Cracked Pots for God's Glory

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." II Corinthians 4:7

I read a parable recently about a house servant who had two large pots. One hung on each end of a pole that he carried around his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. The other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

For two years the servant delivered each day only one and a half pots full of water to his master's house. The perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, but the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable over accomplishing only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, the cracked pot spoke to the servant one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you." What are you ashamed of? Asked the water bearer. "For these past two years I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you don't get full value from your work.

The servant said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to look carefully along the side of the path. As they went up the hill, the cracked pot noticed for the first time, the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path. When they reached the house, the servant said to the pot, "Did you notice the flowers grew only on your side of the path, not on the other pot's side. That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day as we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years, I have been able to pick beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table." Each of us has flaws, but God specializes in using weak, flawed, broken things for his glory. So be encouraged, my friends. And allow God's light, love, and living water to flow through you this week.

Pastor Carol



The MABC Mission Team would like to invite you to give to The Underground Railroad.

The Underground Railroad serves victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human slavery in Saginaw County. Since 1977, Underground Railroad, Inc. has been the only provider of emergency shelter and services to end domestic and sexual violence in the community.

Annually they provide over 14,000 safe bed nights for over 500 women and children, and over 4,000 families in Saginaw County access their or more of our services.

Underground Railroad, Inc. is a partner agency of the United Way of Saginaw County.

The Underground Railroad will:

- 1) provide services for survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and human slavery
- 2) assume the leadership role for eliminating violence against women within our community
- 3) maintain adequate facilities, staffing, equipment and resources to support our programs
- 4) diversify and expand funding sources to enable the corporation to adapt to the changing political and economic environments
- 5) enhance and expand community understanding and support for our mission

The Underground Railroad, Inc. recognizes that abuse is damaging to individuals and to society as a whole. The philosophy of the corporation is that abuse is rooted in a social structure that produces significant inequities in roles, relationships, resources, and power between women, men, and children. Abuse is criminal conduct, which cannot be tolerated. Prevention through education, advocacy and appropriate intervention is the ultimate goal. All victims should be provided safety and must be treated with dignity and respect.

Interventions that blame the victim and do not hold the abuser accountable for the violence are ineffective and inappropriate. The Underground Railroad shall encourage and advance the empowerment of victims and seek social change, which addresses the existing imbalance of power within violent relationships.

The Underground Railroad believes that to make informed choices for themselves and their children, victims should have access to safety, information about abuse, available options, and community resources. To carry out their decisions, victims of abuse may require support and advocacy that respects their right to self-determination.

To this end the Underground Railroad provides leadership in our community on issues affecting survivors.



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 8, 2019.

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 17, 2019. 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 8. *(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.*

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. Revised April 2018



*Turn your clocks BACK one hour
before going to bed
Saturday, November 2.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 9, 2019

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.

Dear Members of the Church,
The Stevens family thanks you for allowing us
to use your beautiful church, and setting it up
for the luncheon.

The family of Irene Stevens

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.*



On Sunday, November 17, 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.



November 22, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Saginaw Concert Band

We are excited to be hosting the Saginaw
Concert Band for the celebration of Heart
of The City. Please feel free to invite
family and friends! The concert is Free
and we expect to have many visitors as
this is a huge event for the Saginaw
Community. We are looking for
volunteers to be greeters.

Come, let us adore Him!

Advent Begins
Sunday, December 1, 2019



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 21, 2019

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWER SIGN-UP

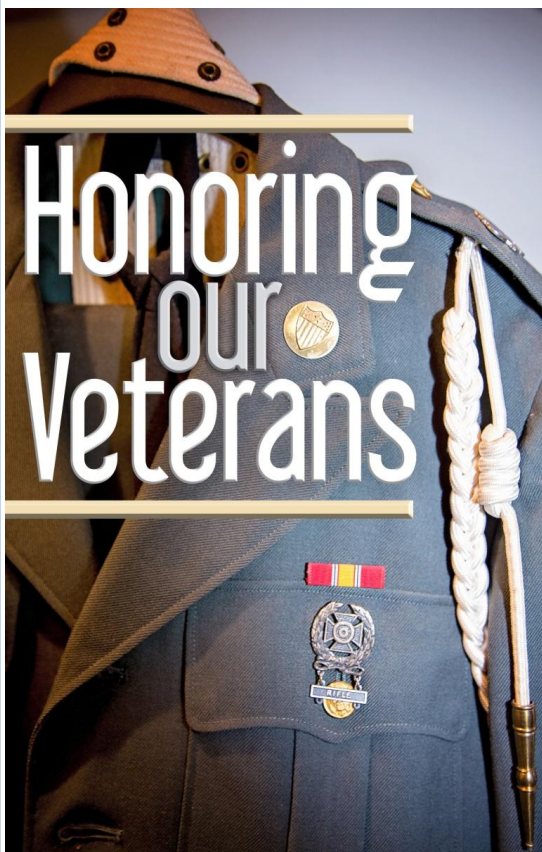
November 3	Communion Sunday
November 10	Nikki Anjakos-Seno
November 17	Sharon Mason
November 24	John & Debbie Rickert

LOOKING AHEAD

December	1 st Sunday of Advent
	Communion Sunday
December	Men's Breakfast
December 8	2 nd Sunday of Advent

December 15	3 rd Sunday of Advent
	Potluck Sunday
	Children's Christmas Program
	Christmas Cantata

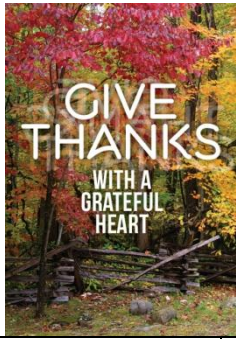
December 19	Church Council
December 22	4 th Sunday of Advent
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day



Thank you to all those
who have served our
Country!

November 11, 2019





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 (turn clocks back one hour before going to bed)
3 (Daylight Savings time ends) Communion Sunday	4 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	5 2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	6 Rehearsals	7 2:00 p.m. Prayer Time	8	9 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Private Event in the Fellowship Hall
10 Potluck	11 Veteran's Day 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	12 2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	13 Rehearsals	14 2:00 p.m. Prayer Time	15	16
17 Hanging of the Greens Poinsettia Orders Due	18 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	19 2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	20	21 2:00 p.m. Prayer Time 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	22 6:00 p.m. Saginaw Concert Band Heart of the City	23 Social Halls in use today
24	25 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	26 2:00 p.m. Harmonica Hipsters Rehearsal	27 Rehearsals	28 	29	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
- 03 Shannon Grunaf
- 04 Teddy Pelkey
- 05 Heather Ballien
- 06 Michael Quinnan
- 07 Raymond Ingles
- 09 Craig Egerer
- 12 Eric Smith
- 12 Kay Barber
- 13 Taylor Thompson
- 15 Aaron Doughty
- 17 Joyce Murphy
- 19 Daniel Leaman
- 20 Matt Wilcox
- 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.