



# The Beacon Newsletter

### 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



**Pastors Hours  
Wednesday  
1:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Church Office Hours  
Monday & Wednesday  
9:30-3:00 p.m.**

### 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



In I Corinthians 4:16, the apostle Paul wrote: *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*

What does it mean to lose heart? My Greek dictionary defines losing heart this way: to lose one's motivation or enthusiasm, be discouraged, afraid in the face of great difficulty. In other words to lose heart means to wear out, to get tired, to give up and quit.

Have you ever been tempted to lose heart? It's easy to become discouraged in the face of life's everyday stresses (family problems, annoying co-workers, illness, financial difficulties). In this passage, Paul is writing specifically about the difficulties he has encountered in his ministry.

The Apostle Paul knew something about difficulties. Later, in 2 Corinthians 11, he catalogues some of the difficulties he has endured for the sake of Christ - floggings, imprisonment, often bringing him near the point of death. Yet even in light of these afflictions, Paul was able to write, *even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.* Our outer nature is wasting away...our bodies are susceptible to disease and death, we get worn down by all kinds of stresses and strains. Sometimes it seems that life is spinning out of control. But even when it seems like things are falling apart on the outside, inwardly, we are being renewed day by day.

As we open ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit, as we daily spend time with God in prayer and Bible study, God is at work in us, renewing us, giving us the grace we need for each moment.

As Eugene Peterson puts it in the Message: So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace.....

May you sense God's unfolding grace day by day.

Faithfully,  
Pastor Carol

## NEW BIBLE STUDY

Beginning February 2, Nancy Lewis' Sunday School class will begin a study entitled "Following Jesus with Luke," published by Stonecroft Publishers.

This study will explore Luke's record of Jesus' love, teachings, miracles, and His death and resurrection. The study is designed to help students understand Jesus, come to know Him, connect with Him, and identify with Him better. The study includes questions to provoke students' thinking and generate meaningful conversation.

The class is open to any adult, regardless of Biblical background. New learners as well as experienced Bible students are welcome. Join us for coffee, fellowship, and the study of God's Word through the eyes of Luke.

## Mission Giving Report

### January

American Baptist Unified Mission

Collection \$100.00 Disbursements \$100.00 paid on 3/30/2019

### February

Salvation Army

Collection \$105.00 Disbursements \$105.00 paid on 6/30/2019

General Missions

Collections \$20.00 Disbursements \$20.00 paid on 12/30/2019

### March

America for Christ

Collections \$559.06 Disbursements \$559.06 paid on 6/30/2019

### April

Rescue Mission of Saginaw

Collections \$215.00 Disbursements \$215.00 paid on 6/30/2019

### May

Habitat for Humanity

Collections \$85.50 Disbursements \$85.50 paid on 6/30/2019

### June

Regional Ministers

Collections \$437.50 Disbursements \$437.50 paid on 7/15/2019

One Great Hour of Sharing

Collections \$649.81 Disbursements \$649.81 paid on 7/15/2019

General Missions

Collections \$10.00 Disbursements \$10.00 paid on 12/30/2019

## July

Hidden Harvest

Collections \$52.50      Disbursements \$52.50 paid on 9/30/2019

Ecumenical Food Pantry

Collections \$162.50      Disbursements \$162.50 paid on 9/30/2019

General Missions

Collection \$5.00      Disbursements \$5.00 paid on 12/30/2019

## August

General Missions

Collections \$75.00      Disbursements \$75.00 paid on 12/30/2019

## September

Eastside Soup Kitchen

Collections \$115.00      Disbursements \$115.00 paid on 11/30/2019

One Great Hour of Sharing (Dorian Relief)

Collections \$ 300.00      Disbursements \$300.00 paid on 10/30/2019

## October

World Mission Offering

Collections \$458.74      Disbursements \$458.74 paid on 11/30/2019

## November

Underground Railroad

Collections \$90.00      Disbursements \$90.00 paid on 12/30/2019

World Missions

Collection 208.00      Disbursements \$208.00 paid on 11/30/2019

## December

Ministers and Missionaries Mission

Collections \$578.80      Disbursement \$578.80 paid on 12/30/2019

General Mission

Collections \$45.00      Disbursements \$45.00 paid on 12/30/2019

**Total Collections \$4,272.41**

**Total Disbursed \$4,272.41**

Submitted by: Mission Treasurer

## THANK YOU

To my MABC Family,

Thank you so much for the Christmas love gift, I am very grateful for your generosity and appreciate everyone in my church family!

John Rickert  
Director of Music

Dear Michigan Avenue Baptist Church,

Words will never be enough to express my gratitude for adopting my family for Christmas. I am a single mom who works full time and still struggles to keep up with the monthly bills. I am thankful that the church helped to make our Christmas merry and bright. The gift cards made it possible to buy gifts for my son and groceries for Christmas Dinner. The cookie platter was beautiful and delicious. We thank you for your generosity.

Thank you,  
Missy & Isaac



9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, February 8, 2020  
Tim's Tony's on Center Road

## POTLUCK SUNDAY February 9, 2020

You are invited to bring your favorite dish to pass and come enjoy Christian Fellowship following the worship service. See you there!

## FEBRUARY COMMUNION TABLE FLOWER SIGN-UP

February 2	Communion Sunday
February 9	Todd/Nono Hall
February 16	Gloria Hernandez
February 23	Ted/Denice Papesh

## 2020 February Greeter Schedule

February 2	Denice Papesh, Nikki Anjakos-Seno
February 9	Michael Quinnan Dave Garn
February 16	Sharon Mason Carole Moore
February 23	Cyndi James Sherrell McCafferty



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Communion Sunday	3 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	4	5 6:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir Rehearsal	6 4:00 p.m. Prayer Team	7	8 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9 Potluck Sunday	10 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	11	12 6:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir Rehearsal	13 4:00 p.m. Prayer Team	14	15
16 Fellowship Hall in use 1:00-4:00 p.m.	17 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	18	19 6:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir Rehearsal	20 4:00 p.m. Prayer Team 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	21	22
23	24 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	25	26 6:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir Rehearsal	27 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Team	28	29

**WORSHIP AT MABC**  
 9:30 a.m. Church School  
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship



# Happy Birthday



06 Connie Ellsworth  
11 Brenda Ferrell  
13 Dianne Ellsworth  
15 Jody James  
17 Kyle Casey  
24 Julie Bell  
24 Gregg Schultz  
24 Chuck Bell Jr.  
26 Lois Smith  
28 Rusty Ellsworth III

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.