



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: Denice Papesh
Treasurer: J. David Garn
Missions Treasurer:
Sherrell McCafferty
Financial Secretary: Laure Smith



Church Office Hours
Monday &
Wednesday
9:30-3:00

Pastors Hours
Wednesday
1:00-4:00 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

Dear members and friends,

I was recently reminded of the life and writings of Corrie ten Boom.



“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

- Corrie ten Boom

Corrie was a Holocaust survivor who went on to share her inspiring story with millions. Corrie grew up in the Dutch town of Haarlem. As a young woman, she followed in her father’s footsteps, becoming a watchmaker. She and her family were members of the Dutch Reformed Church. They were horrified by the rise of Hitler and the Nazis in Europe. When the Nazis invaded the Netherlands in 1940, Corrie built a secret room in her bedroom above the watch shop that could be used for hiding Jews and members of the Dutch resistance. The hideout worked well for nearly four years because people were constantly coming and going through the busy watch repair shop. But on February 28, 1944, an informant betrayed the operation to the Gestapo. Thirty people, including several of the ten Boom family, were arrested. However, the Nazis failed to find the six people hiding in the secret room. They were rescued two days later by the Dutch resistance movement.

Corrie’s father died just 10 days after the arrest. Corrie and her sister Betsie were sent to various concentration camps, eventually ending up at Ravensbruck in Germany. Betsie perished at Ravensbruck, but shortly after her death Corrie was miraculously released. By God’s grace, Corrie was able to forgive those who had imprisoned her. Corrie went on to share her testimony of faith in Jesus Christ with audiences around the world. Millions of people have been inspired by her life and witness.

Corrie was a gifted communicator - able to express Biblical truth in simple and memorable ways. Here is one of her quotes that I especially enjoy: “Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

Life is filled with uncertainties. We don’t know what tomorrow will bring. But we do know the God we serve. God is faithful; God is loving; God will never fail or forsake us.

So be encouraged my friends, and trust your future to a faithful God.

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.



*Following the worship service
Sundays, March 1- April 5 2020.*

On behalf of the Hospitality Team of MABC, Connie Ellsworth is extending an invitation to all to attend the MABC Lenten "Austerity" Lunches. These "SOUP & BREAD ONLY" lunches are intended to highlight the simple and reflective season of Lent.

The Lenten "Austerity" Lunches began Sunday, March 1 and will continue through April 5. Please plan on attending these times of fellowship and preparation for the holy season of Easter.

Please note that Sunday Potluck on March 8 will not be held due to the Lenten "Austerity" Lunch. Please join us.

If you would like to make soup for any of the Austerity Lunches, please see Connie Ellsworth.

****We will not be holding the normal potluck in March.**



Remember to set your clock ahead
on March 7.



9:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 14, 2020
Tim's Tony's on Center Road

March COMMUNION TABLE FLOWER SIGN-UP

March 1 Communion Sunday
March 8 Terry & Diane Ellsworth
March 15 Pam Leaman
March 22 Sherrell McCafferty
March 29 Sharon Murphy

March Greeter Schedule

March 1 BobbieJo Gotham
Michael Quinnan
March 8 Jimmy & Mary Larkin
Sharon Mason
March 15 BobbieJo Gotham
Dave Garn
March 22 Sharon Mason
Denice Papesh
March 29 Michael Quinnan
Carole Moore



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion Sunday Austerity Lunch	2 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	3	4 6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir Rehearsal	5 4:00 p.m. Prayer Team	6	7 Remember to set your clock ahead!
8 Austerity Lunch Daylight Savings Time begins.	9 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	10	11 6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir Rehearsal	12 4:00 p.m. Prayer Team	13	14 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
15 Austerity Lunch	16 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	17	18 6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir Rehearsal	19 4:00 p.m. Prayer Team 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	20	21
22 Austerity Lunch	23 6:15 p.m. Bible Study	24	25 6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Latham Burrows Choir Rehearsal	26 2:00-4:00 p.m. Prayer Team	27	28
29 Austerity Lunch	30	31		WORSHIP AT MABC 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 12:00 p.m. Fellowship		

America for CHRIST OFFERING 2020

“You shall
LOVE your
NEIGHBOR
as **YOURSELF.**”

MATTHEW 22:39



Jesus teaches us to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39). The church follows the teaching of Jesus by reaching out to the community and providing for our neighbor’s needs - physical and spiritual alike.

Our church’s efforts are supported by American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), which provides resources for cultivating leaders, equipping disciples, and healing and transforming communities. Through ABHMS, we serve neighbors across the United States and Puerto Rico in long-term recovery after natural disasters. Indeed, ABHMS provides many ways to help our church love our many neighbors, near and far!

Our generous gifts to the America for Christ (AFC) offering support this work. Each dollar given increases the ministry and impact of ABHMS to serve neighbors with ministries incarnating Christ’s love, justice and compassion. Further, a portion of this offering (28%) will be shared for strengthening local church leaders through programming, pastoral search support and other efforts to help our local church thrive. This is especially helpful in these times when North America is its own challenging mission field!

In 2019, our churches gave more than \$300,000 to AFC gifts supporting the following ministries:

- **“Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico”** – rebuilding the island one church and one building at a time;
- **Scholarships and Emerging Leaders** – providing scholarships to students to help ease the debilitating effects of excessive student-loan debt;
- **Immigration and Refugee Resettlement** – partnering with organizations that have resettled more than 100,000 displaced persons from across the world;
- **Rizpah’s Children** – partnering with agencies that provide support to children living in poverty.

Additional supported ministries included Disaster Response, Volunteer Mobilization, Prisoner Re-Entry and Community Outreach Ministries.

AFC 2020 empowers our local and national efforts to “love our neighbor.” I ask you to join me in giving generously to this year’s AFC offering and help us reach our goal, as we partner with ABHMS to love our neighbors and share the gospel!

Happy Birthday



02 Roy Hatt
06 Jimmy Larkin
07 Mary Aimesbury-White
15 Kelsie Morris
16 Kurt Ballien
20 Jenna Metivier
28 Audrey Wilson
31 John Seno

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.