



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:
Vice-Moderator: Cheryl Zinz
Clerk: Denice Papesh
Treasurer: J. David Garn
Missions Treasurer
Sherrell McCafferty
Financial Secretary: Laure Smith



Church Office is
currently Closed

In Person
Worship Services
are suspended
until further
notice.

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

MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
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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.





Dear MABC Family,

“There is nothing permanent except change.”

Those words from the Greek philosopher Heraclitus resonate with me. 2020 has brought incredible changes to the way we live, work and worship. A global pandemic has forced us to adjust how we do just about everything - from going grocery shopping, to eating out, to visiting the doctor, to getting a haircut. Wearing masks and social distancing are quickly becoming part of a “new normal.”

As you probably expect, when we re-gather in our building for worship, things will be different. We'll be asking everyone to wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart. We'll be doing temperature checks at the door and lots of extra cleaning. We'll also be modifying some of our worship practices in order to make them safer. Instead of passing the offering plates during the service, you'll be able to place your offering in a plate as you enter the sanctuary. Rather than walking around hugging and shaking hands during the passing of the peace, we will stay in our pews and sign peace to those around us. And because it's so difficult to sing while wearing a mask, we're going to forgo congregational singing for a while and concentrate on instrumental and solo pieces.

These are some of the ways we will be adapting our worship gatherings to make them safer during this pandemic. A chart on the next page details what you can expect your first time back to church. The safety measures we put in place will reduce, but not eliminate, your chance of getting Covid-19 at church. Therefore, I would encourage those who are at greater risk to continue worshipping with us online once in-person services resume.

Amid all these changes, here are some things that have not changed:

- Jesus has not changed, and His Spirit will be with us as we gather.
- Prayer has not changed. God still hears and answers prayer, and we will continue to bring our burdens and joys to the Lord.
- God's Word has not changed, and we will be encouraged and challenged by the Scripture each week.
- God's mission for the church has not changed. We are still called to share the good news of Jesus by what we say and do - whether we are worshipping online or meeting in person.

During this time when so many things around me are changing, I cling to the truth expressed in the hymn *Be Still My Soul*: “Leave to thy God to order and provide, in every change He faithful will remain.”

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Carol

MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST ON-SITE WORSHIP WHAT TO EXPECT

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- ❖ Doors will open at 10:15. A greeter will open the door for you.
- ❖ Please put on your mask before entering the building. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided.
- ❖ Please enter only through the Adams Street entrance (by the chairlift).
- ❖ Please use only touchless greetings.
- ❖ Your temperature will be checked with a touchless thermometer.
- ❖ We will be social distancing so try to stay 6' apart and keep hallways clear.
- ❖ The unisex bathrooms on the sanctuary level are available. They will be cleaned after each use.

DURING THE SERVICE

- ❖ The service will be held in the sanctuary. Please sit in seats marked with a yellow cross.
- ❖ During the summer, families will worship together.
- ❖ Services will be shorter and planned with all ages in mind.
- ❖ Because it's difficult to sing while wearing masks, we're going to avoid congregational singing and focus on instrumental and solo pieces.
- ❖ We will share the peace of Christ from our seats using a touchless greeting.
- ❖ The viewing gallery will be open for one family per week on a first-

GIVING

- ❖ An offering plate will be available to place your offering in as you enter the sanctuary.
- ❖ You may mail your offering to 203 S. Michigan Ave. Saginaw, MI 48602

DURING COMMUNION

- ❖ On the first Sunday of the month, communion is available in pre-packaged cups. You will be given one as you arrive.
- ❖ Drop your used communion cup in the waste basket by the door as you exit.

AFTER SERVICE

- ❖ You will be dismissed by rows.
- ❖ Feel free to linger in the parking lot and visit while observing social distancing.



"The organ is getting ready for church!"

1 Covidians 12:4-11

To each is given a manifestation of a mask for the common good. To one a mask is given through our mask makers, and to another a purchased one online, or in a store according to the same spirit of protection. Some fashion one after watching a video on YouTube, to another... they already had some. The knowledge of needing to wear one according to the same spirit, to another faith that the same spirit will improve health and save lives.

Another receives the gifts of healing by this generous spirit, to another this seems no less than the working of a miracle, another prophecies that we'll get through all of this sooner by observing these loving precautions, to another the discernment of figuring out how all can get one, to another the knowledge that a mask hides all kinds of mouths and tongues, to another the understanding that those mouths and tongues are still there, behind those masks.

All these are activated by one and the same spirit, and we hope to allot to each one individually just as they choose.

In other words, wear a mask!...

Because loving our neighbor as ourselves is the crux of it. When we wear a mask we are saying that we love and care for ourselves, and that we love and care for our neighbors. If our neighbor is sick (and perhaps doesn't even know it yet) our masks help protect US. If WE are sick (and perhaps don't even know it yet) our masks help protect OUR NEIGHBOR...

... it is a tangible and visible manifestation and practice of our LOVE."

Special thanks to Reverend Greg Brown of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Charlotte, NC for this adaption of 1 Corinthians 12.

Volunteers Needed

As we move toward resuming in person worship, the following volunteers are needed:

We need people who are at lower risk for Covid-19 who can distribute service materials, take temperatures and assist with extra cleaning on Sunday mornings. If you would like to help in this way, please contact Sally Egerer.

We want to continue offering an online worship option once in-person services resume. We need volunteers who can videotape the worship service and edit and upload services to YouTube. If you have these tech skills or are willing to learn and would like to help with this ministry, please contact Cheryl Ellsworth.



Feeling Sick?

Stay home when you are sick!

We want to keep everyone in our church family healthy. If you feel unwell or have the following symptoms, please stay home and contact your healthcare provider.

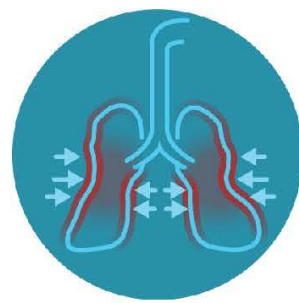
DO NOT ENTER if you have:



FEVER
(Over 100.4)



COUGH



**SHORTNESS OF
BREATH**



cdc.gov/CORONAVIRUS

Mission

HIDDEN HARVEST



Putting good food to good use

Where We Come From

It is a simple concept. Don't waste food and if you have extra, get it to people that can use it. It's what our parents us. For years HIDDEN HARVEST has done just that. More than 38 million pounds of healthy and nutritious food items have been distributed to hunger relief agencies since 1994.

HIDDEN HARVEST was a "birthday present" from the Saginaw Community Foundation to Saginaw Country. In 1994 The Saginaw Community Foundation was celebrating its tenth anniversary and HIDDEN HARVEST, a surplus food rescue program was organized and initiated. HIDDEN HARVEST was (and still is) the areas only prepared and perishable surplus food rescue program.

Lucy Allen, Past President and CEO of The Saginaw Community Foundation, along with Culli Damuth, and Diane Fong did much of the early brain storming, organizing and fund raising for HIDDEN HARVEST. The Good Neighbors Mission was first home for HIDDEN HARVEST and Carolyn Butler, Executive Director of The Mission, provided the day-to-day supervision of the program.

Start up grants from The Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation, Wickson-Link Foundation, Saginaw Community Foundation and Citizens Bank Trusts helped finance the first three years of HIDDEN HARVEST. The grants allowed the program to purchase a truck with a refrigeration unit and hire a program coordinator.

In 1994, HIDDEN HARVEST began picking up surplus food items from food donors in the Saginaw area. Damores Wholesale Produce, The Frankenmuth Poultry Company, Germain Town and Country Club, Grants-Sysco Foodservice, Leaman's Green Applebarn, McBrite Manor, Montague Inn, Ponderosa Steak House, Ruby Tuesday, Ryan's Family Steak House, Saginaw Club, Saginaw Country Club, Saginaw General Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, St Marys Medical Center, Super Foods and Treasure Island were some of our original food donors. That first year HIDDEN HARVEST was able to rescue and redistribute 59,852 pounds of surplus food items.

Some of the first recipient agencies were Boysville, East Side Soup Kitchen, Emmaus House, Good Neighbors Mission, Hospital Hospitality House, Innerlink, Mid-Michigan Teen Challenge, Refuge Center Ministries, Restoration Community Outreach, Saginaw City Rescue Mission, The Salvation Army and Underground Railroad.

Your generous Mission giving in the month of July will support the work of Hidden Harvest.



**** The Church Council has voted to suspend in-person services until further notice.**

**** The next Zoom council meeting will be on July 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

****Nancy Lewis has resigned as Church Moderator, and Vice Moderator Cheryl Zinz will be filling that role for the remainder of the year.**



Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to

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Thank you for your continued support.

Date	General	Diaconate	Missions	Total
June 7	\$425.00	\$45.00	\$10.00	\$480.00
June 14	\$895.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$925.00
June 21	\$700.00		\$150.00	\$850.00
June 28	\$250.00		\$50.00	\$300.00

Summer Sermon Series

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Against such things there is no law.

The Fruit of the Spirit



Happy Birthday



Adam Ballien	8
Becky Geidans	8
Mary Ann Larkin	10
Terry Ellsworth	14
Blake Casey	21

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.