



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



The Church Office
 is currently Closed

Please join us for
 online worship at
 our website

MABCSaginaw.org
 or on YouTube

Michigan Avenue
 Baptist Church

CHURCH TEAM LEADERS

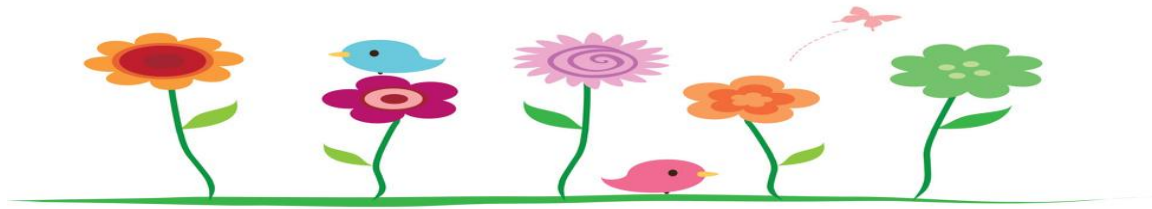
Christian Ed & Youth Ministry
 Cheryl Ellsworth
 Facilities/Maintenance:
 Jody James
 Historian: J. David Garn
 Assistant: Cheryl Ellsworth
 Finance: Cyndi James
 Missions, Outreach/Evangelism:
 Co-Leader: Nikki Anjakos-Seno
 Co-Leader: Opportunity to serve
 Hospitality: Connie Ellsworth
 Music & Worship: Jan Wheeler
 Pastoral Relations: Cheryl Zinz
 Visitation: Gloria Hernandez
 Nominating: Appointed as needed

MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
 203 S. Michigan Ave - Saginaw, Michigan 48602
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 Email: MichiganAveBaptist@sbcglobal.net
 Website: MABCSaginaw.org

Core Convictions:

- ❖ The gospel of Jesus is good news for everyone!
- ❖ Church is a safe place.
- ❖ There is a place for YOU at the table.





Dear MABC Family,

“Buckle your seatbelt, we’re in for a wild ride.”

That’s the thought that’s been running through my head this week.

I was so delighted when 33 of us were able to gather for in-person worship on Sunday, July 12. It was wonderful to see each other again and worship God together. God blessed us with a beautiful, sunny, and very warm day. We listened to familiar hymns, prayed, and heard God’s Word. My faith was encouraged and strengthened by our time together. (As an added blessing, we welcomed four new members into the life of the church!) I left church on July 12 feeling uplifted and eager to worship together again the next Sunday.

Unfortunately, throughout the week, Coronavirus cases in the Saginaw region continued to rise. When Church Council voted to resume in-person services, they did so with the provision that if our region moved to risk level three, we would once again close our building and revert to online services “until the risk abates.” On Friday, July 17, our region moved to level 3 on the Michigan Safe Start Map at Michigan.gov. Therefore, we are once again suspending in-person worship services until further notice. Council will continue to monitor the numbers in hopes of being able to reopen again soon. Please be watching your e-mail for updates on this rapidly changing situation. For those who do not have internet access, you may call the church office at (989) 793-8555 for a voicemail update.

Suspending services again so soon after reopening hurts my heart. While I believe this action is appropriate to protect the physical health of our congregation, I am concerned about the toll this pandemic is taking on our spiritual and emotional well-being. We were created for community and our faith is in danger of faltering without that support. Please join me in praying that the number of coronavirus cases will decrease and that we will soon be able to worship together again. Also, please pray that we as a congregation will continue find creative (and safe) ways to stay in touch and support one another over the coming weeks.

Perhaps you would consider hosting a small group of church members in your home to watch the worship service together, or holding a get together in your back yard to pray and share encouraging Scriptures. Perhaps God will bring other ideas to your mind. As always, if you would like a pastoral conversation or visit, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

A Scripture verse that has been especially meaningful to me lately is Psalm 54:4: *Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is the sustainer of my soul.* As we ride this roller-coaster that is life, my we sense God helping and sustaining us at every point along the way.

Faithfully,
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.



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.

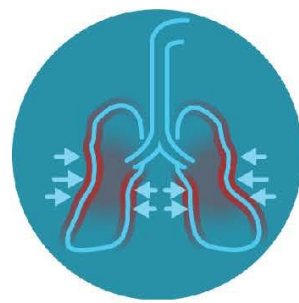
DO NOT ENTER if you have:



FEVER
(Over 100.4)



COUGH



**SHORTNESS OF
BREATH**



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cdc.gov/CORONAVIRUS

Additional symptoms may include fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, congestion or runny nose



**** We will continue with online worship until further notice.**

**** If you would like to receive a giving statement please contact the church office.**

****All of the Quarterly finance reports will be emailed in lieu of the meeting.
If you do not receive them please contact Holly Sanchez.**



Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to

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Thank you for your continued support.

Date	General	Loose Offering	Diaconate	Missions	Total
July 5	\$1280.00		\$15.00	\$30.00	\$1325.00
July 12	\$1340.00		\$14.00	\$30.00	\$1384.00
July 12	\$891.00	\$5.00	\$10.00		\$906.00
July 19	\$525.00				\$525.00

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

Anthony Amy

Bobbiejo Gotham

Evelyn Hall

Liana Hall

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



Sharon Schultz	3
Holly Sanchez	7
Gabe Smith	7
Brennan Hall	9
Tina Newman	9
Karen Hatch	13
Alfredo Lopez	15
Thomas Graham	16
Theresa King	19
Christina Lopez	21
Deborah Ellsworth	21
Stephanie Ellsworth	23

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.