



#### OUR STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Carol McCleary  
 Director of Music: John Rickert  
 Organist: Jeremy Reis  
 Office Manager: Holly McCarthy  
 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

In person worship  
 resumes on  
 August 30

You may 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  
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#### 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.



## *A Message From Pastor Carol*



Dear MABC Family,

What's your name? A few years ago I was standing in line at the DMV. The woman a few spaces in front of me was applying for a photo ID. The clerk asked her name, and the woman leaned in and whispered something. The clerk again asked, "Yes, but what is your name?" The woman again leaned in and whispered. I heard the clerk say, "Right. But what is your name?" This went on for several more minutes. Finally, in exasperation, the clerk practically shouted: "Ma'am, if I'm going to issue you a legal ID, I NEED TO KNOW YOUR NAME!" It seems that over the years, this person had gone through multiple name changes, and at some point had lost track of her official name.

Many of us answer to multiple names. There's our given name - in my case Carol Lynn McCleary. I'm also known as Pastor Carol to folks here at the church. My title, Reverend, shows up in professional documents, though that's often shortened to Rev. When I was substitute teaching, I introduced myself as Miss McCleary or Miss M at the lower grade levels, though I often found myself responding to repeated cries of "teacher, teacher, teacher!"

Perhaps you can relate. In addition to your birth name, you may have adopted your spouse's name when you married. You may have gained a title like Doctor or Captain. Perhaps you answer to affectionate nicknames. You may also be known as Mom or Dad or Grandpa or Gigi. Our names are special. They reveal important things about us.

So it is with God. Did you know that the Bible uses over 200 names, titles, and descriptive metaphors for God? That's not counting scores of additional names used for Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Here is just a sampling: I AM, Everlasting God, Creator, King, Righteous Judge, Rock, Fortress, Mighty God, Holy One, Savior. God is our Helper, Provider, Healer, Defender, Father, Redeemer and so much more. Each of these names and titles gives us a glimpse into God's character. Knowing God's names deepens our trust in God.

Knowing that God is Provider allows us to trust God to supply our needs.

Knowing that God is our Refuge and Fortress prompts us to turn to God in distress.

Knowing that God is our King leads us to surrender our will to God's sovereignty.

Knowing that God is our Savior causes us to cry out to him for deliverance.

Sunday, August 30, we begin a new fall worship series on the names, titles and descriptions of God found in the Bible. Our theme verse for the series is Proverbs 18:10. *The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run to it and are saved.*

We hope you will join us for this series, either online or in person. In person worship will begin at 10:45 (doors open at 10:15). Please see the next few pages for more information about resuming in-person worship and the safety precautions that are being taken. For those who are following along online, the service will be recorded and uploaded as quickly as possible.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Carol



## A Message From the Vice Moderator

Dear Church Family,

We hope you are all doing well and staying healthy in these unusual times.

Without a doubt the last few months have been quite trying on us all. Just a year ago, if someone had said we would be facing the challenges we now see because of Covid19, we would not have believed them!

There are economic phases, risk levels, masks, social-distancing and self-quarantining. We face questions regarding in-person or virtual meetings, schools starting or not starting, playing sports or no sports, church or no church? The list goes on and on.

Throughout it all, we at Michigan Avenue Baptist Church have been blessed with the work and dedication of Pastor Carol, John Rickert, Jeremy Reis, Cheri Ellsworth, Evelyn Hall, and countless others in creating video and zoom services to keep us in touch with one another, and in touch with our Lord.

We have been blessed by all the folks who serve on our church's behalf; Council, Boards, and sub-teams who continue to meet, discuss concerns, and pray about our path moving forward.

One item that has been shared time and again, is how much we miss meeting in person. We miss the sound of group praise reverberating throughout the Sanctuary. We miss hearing the voices of our children, family, and friends as we fellowship and worship together. There is just something powerful and amazing about meeting together as the body of Christ.

The leaders of the church have turned to the Lord for our encouragement and guidance. The Lord heard our concerns. He has placed a level of peace and assurance in our hearts. *"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."* - John 16:33

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that we now say to you: ***"Welcome back to church!"***

In-person services will resume as of Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Praise the Lord! We will of course, continue to put first, the safety and well-being of our church members and visitors. Our MABC Covid19 Response Team will be on hand to greet you at the Adams Street entrance as you arrive. They will share the precautions and procedures put in place for everyone's safety. (Please find attached a brochure highlighting the new protocols.)

Our region of Michigan is currently in economic "Phase 4." Should our area revert to a "Phase 3", we will again close our building until the risk has abated.

We look forward to seeing you (*in person*) very soon.

God's Blessings,

Cheryl Zinz  
Vice-Moderator

# 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-come, first-served basis. The changing table in the nursery will also be available.

## 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.

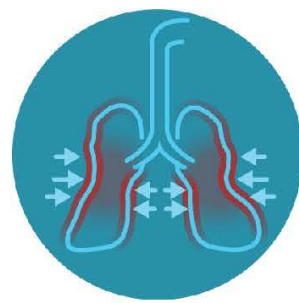
DO NOT ENTER if you have:



**FEVER**  
(Over 100.4)



**COUGH**



**SHORTNESS OF  
BREATH**



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[cdc.gov/CORONAVIRUS](https://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



# Help Us Share Good News



Could you please do us a favor?

If you are blessed by a MABC worship service or sermon you watch online, please be sure to like and share it on Facebook, or like and subscribe to our channel on YouTube. Each time someone likes, shares, or subscribes it changes the algorithm and allows more people to view our services. That means that more people get to hear the good news of Jesus, and more people become familiar with our church.



The council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on  
September 17.

## Communion Table Flower Sign-Up

September 13 - Jan Wheeler  
September 20 - Rick & Laure Smith  
September 27 - Al & Brenda Ferrell



Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to

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Thank you for your continued support.

Date	General	Loose Offering	Diaconate	Missions	Total
Aug 2	\$2050.00		\$15.00	\$30.00	\$2095.00
Aug 9	\$3005.00		\$40.00	\$45.00	\$3050.00
Aug 16	\$705.00				\$705.00
Aug 23	\$667.00				\$667.00

# Missions



Because of your support, several diverse teams, from a group of even more diverse churches, have shared hope with a nation that has suffered greatly and needs to know that God is near.

Our region is committed to a core value that says, “The church was made for mission.” That means we are actively involved in God’s work to redeem the world. We start by simply keeping our hearts and eyes open... looking to the Spirit to lead us to opportunities for ministry where God is already at work. When He opens the door, we join Him in the work. When you give to the Region Offering, you help build the Body of Christ, His church, here in the Central Region. Your gifts become ...

- The arms of Region Staff to serve pastors and churches
- The head of Support Staff that serve through information distribution and finances
- The hands of Interim Ministry to assist churches seeking a pastor
- The heart of Annual Gathering and the Region Board
- The feet of training events in boundaries, evangelism, stewardship, missions, resolving conflict and many more
- The legs of youth ministry through camping, conferences and initiatives like 4TEN
- The lungs of ministry at Bethel Neighborhood Center and other institutions
- The eyes of New Church Starts and Plants

The annual region offering allows us to fund  
Please consider giving as God lays it upon your heart.



## East Side Soup Kitchen History

In 1979 Pastor Sam Griffin and his wife, Audry, realized there was a need for a soup kitchen in their east-side Saginaw neighborhood. It was during one of our automobile industry downturns and consequently, there were many who found themselves unemployed. Serving from the basement of their church, the East Side Soup Kitchen began in January of 1980 by feeding 15 people for lunch. The critical need they sought to meet is one we still work to address today. We average over 250 lunchtime meals per day in the Kitchen, serving Monday through Friday. We serve people from many walks of life: senior citizens on a fixed income; people with mental and physical disabilities who are unable to work; the working poor and underemployed; and men, women and children experiencing homelessness. We welcome all as our *guests*, from the City of Saginaw and beyond. Please consider giving as God lays it upon your heart.

Cordially  
MABC 2020 Mission Team

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# *Happy Birthday*



**04 Olivia Tuzas**  
**08 Nikki Anjakos-Seno**  
**16 Jeffrey Zinz**  
**25 Rhonda Casey**  
**26 Harold Ellsworth**  
**26 John Rickert**  
**30 Noah Tuzas**

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.