



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



Please join us for
in person worship
service on Sundays
at 10:45 am

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
203 S. Michigan Ave - Saginaw, Michigan 48602
Church office: (989) 793-8555
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.





A Message From Pastor Carol

This fall, we've been looking at some of the names and titles for God that we read in the Bible. The name for God that is used most frequently is Yahweh, often translated in English Bibles as LORD. This name is closely associated with the words God spoke to Moses from the burning bush.

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." This is what you are to say to the Israelites I AM has sent me to you.

Now as names go, I AM WHO I AM is pretty enigmatic. Scholars have puzzled over its meaning for millennia. The Hebrew phrase can be translated about a dozen different ways in English. I AM WHO I AM is the most common translation, though it can also be translated I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE or I WILL BE WHO I AM. That clears things right up, doesn't it?

This divine name is used 6,828 in Holy Scripture, and yet its exact meaning remains something of a mystery. According to one preacher, "It is as if God is saying, Don't box me in." (David Lose) I AM bigger and greater and more powerful than you can ever imagine. Old Testament scholar Terrance Freitheim expressed what many of us have experienced: "The more one understands of God, the more mysterious God becomes."

One Jewish source I consulted offered these ways of understanding the divine name: "I am and remain present; I exist and fulfill my promises; I will be what tomorrow demands." I AM reminds us that God is with us and for us - past, present, and future. I AM is all we need and so much more! If you are struggling today, be encouraged by the fact that God is the great I AM. No matter what we may face now or in the future, I AM will see us through.

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-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.

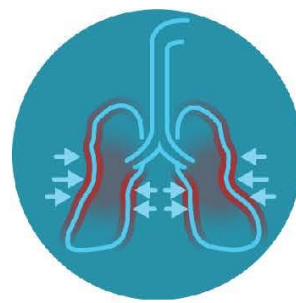
DO NOT ENTER if you have:



FEVER
(Over 100.4)



COUGH



SHORTNESS OF BREATH



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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 Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be held October 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the large social hall at the church. Please enter through the Adams Street door.

The same safety protocols will be in place that we use on Sunday mornings (masks, temperature checks, socially distanced seating, etc.).



Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to

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Thank you for your continued support.

Announcements

**** Plan now to participate in the ABC-MI annual Gathering which is taking place virtually this year. Events will be held throughout the week of October 5th. The annual business meeting will take place on October 10th at 9 a.m. via Zoom. This year our delegates to the annual meeting will be Cheryl Zinz, Nancy Lewis, and Connie Ellsworth. If you are interested in participating in the virtual Annual Gathering, please register at abc-mi/annual-gathering or by calling 517-332-3594.**



****The READ Association of Saginaw is looking for one-time volunteers to help select, package, and/or deliver books to children in the community in a safe, socially distanced way. Interested volunteers would meet in small groups at the READ office to choose books for children and then deliver them to front porches all over Saginaw County. Since starting this project in the spring, they have delivered books to 1,524 children! Pastor Carol is putting together a group of volunteers from Michigan Avenue Baptist to help with this endeavor. If you would like take part, please contact Pastor today!**



Missions



Every September and October, individuals and congregations come together for a time of awareness, advocacy, and action for global mission. Thousands across the country celebrate and support the ministries that God is using to transform the world. This is the World Mission Offering and gifts can be received every month.

For the 2020 World Mission Offering, we are highlighting the Ministry Priorities of Discipleship, Theological Education, Peace and Justice, Education, Health and Wellness, and Economic Development. While these represent only a fraction of our ministries, they provide a window into what God is doing worldwide through our 125 global servants, 900+ volunteers, home staff, and 250+ international partners. The Mission team would like to invite you to give as you are able to help us reach our goal of \$500.00.

Sincerely,

2020 Missions Team

Happy Birthday



- 07 Mindy Tuck
- 08 Pamela Graham
- 11 Pamela Leaman
- 22 Al Ferrell
- 23 Peggy Landeryou
- 23 Jeff LaPan
- 30 John Sauvie
- 31 Cheryl Zinz

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.