



OUR STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Carol McCleary
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Organist: Jeremy Reis
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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
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Nominating: Appointed as needed

MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
203 S. Michigan Ave - Saginaw, Michigan 48602
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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

Today I would like to share with you the story behind one of the most well-known Thanksgiving hymns *Now Thank We All Our God*. The hymn begins -

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices.*

These uplifting words were written by Lutheran Pastor Martin Rinkart in the 1600's, and congregations today still sing them in the days leading up to Thanksgiving. Often when I've sung this hymn, I've been seated in a warm sanctuary, dressed in my Sunday best, listening to beautiful organ music, and anticipating a delicious thanksgiving feast to come. Under those circumstances, it's relatively easy to thank God.

But the circumstances under which Rinkart wrote this hymn were very different. Rinkart pastored in Eilenberg, Germany during the Thirty Years' War. This long running conflict devastated communities. Millions died. Food was scarce, and people were starving. Rinkart gave away nearly everything he had. In 1637, a plague claimed the lives of 8,000 people in Eilenberg - including Rinkart's wife. The other pastors in town either fled or perished from the plague. Rinkart stayed, and offered as much comfort as he could. It is said that at one point he was burying 40 - 50 people a day!

It was during these troubling times that Rinkart penned:

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices.
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

What an amazing testimony! I especially like the words to the second stanza:

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

May Rinkart's words and the story behind them encourage your heart today, and may God keep you in his grace, now and always.

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.

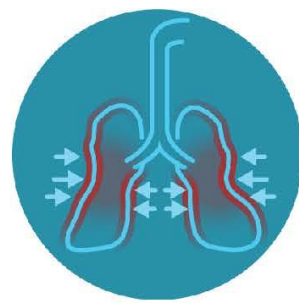
DO NOT ENTER if you have:



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



Nursery Reopening

The nursery will follow these procedures for the safety of all children and staff in attendance.

- *Masks are to be worn by all children over the age of 2. If you don't have one, we will provide one.
- * No more than 4 children will be allowed in the nursery each week: on a first come, first serve basis.
- * If toddlers or babies are in attendance an additional adult will care for that age group. They will be cared for distanced from the other children as best as possible.
- * Each child will have a labeled bin for their supplies. This will be kept in the nursery for each week they attend.
- * All toys and supplies that were used will be placed in a bin to be cleaned after each use. Tables, chairs, and other equipment will be wiped down regularly.

Our goal is to keep everyone safe. We can meet this goal by wearing masks, washing hands, wiping surfaces down and distancing as best we can. We ask that parents refrain from bringing their children if they are not feeling well. Runny noses, coughs, fever, sore throats, etc are some of the symptoms that should keep children at home and away from our church family.

These guidelines may change or be updated as the need presents itself.

MABC Christian Education Team
October 2020

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.



Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to

Michigan Avenue Baptist Church
203 S. Michigan Avenue
Saginaw, Mi 48602

Thank you for your continued support.



MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH Event Cancellation Policy

In the event that the cancellation of the worship service or any other *public* church activity may be warranted, the following procedure will be followed:

The Church Moderator shall consult with the Pastor(s), the Worship Team Leader, and any other persons who might provide pertinent information for making the decision, such as the Facilities Team Leader, church maintenance staff, Christian Education Team Leader, Music Director, etc.

Should the Moderator determine that cancellation is warranted, he/she shall notify WNEM-TV (Channel 5), for public announcement.

Reasons for the cancellation of worship or other church activities include (but are not limited to) power outage, boiler malfunction, inclement weather or other natural disaster, declared emergency by local officials, and medical emergencies.

Note: This policy does not apply to internal meetings, such as Church Council, team and committee meetings, music rehearsals, and youth group meetings. Revised April 2018



Don't Forget!!

Turn your clock back 1 hour October 31.
Day light savings time starts November 1.



**VETERANS
DAY**



Happy Thanksgiving
from the MABC staff

Pastor Carol, Holly McCarthy,
John Rickert, Jeremy Reis, Al Ferrell
& Sarah Egerer

CHURCH  COUNCIL
MEETING

November 19, 7:00 p.m.



Communion Table Flower Sign-Up

November 8 -Nikki Anjakos-Seno

November 15-Connie Ellsworth

November 22- John & Debbie Rickert

November 29- Sally Egerer



POINSETTIA ORDERS

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for the Christmas season, please fill out this form and return it along with \$8.00 per plant to the church office or place it in the offering plate no later than Sunday, November 18, 2018. Please place your order so we can have an accurate count as to how many plants to order. Order must be paid in full by December 9. *(Please note, our poinsettia supplier has asked for this early date. Thank you for your cooperation).*

Please make your check payable to
MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
Thank You.



UNDERGROUND RAILROAD, INC.

The MABC Mission Team would like to invite you to give to The Underground Railroad.

The Underground Railroad serves victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human slavery in Saginaw County. Since 1977, Underground Railroad, Inc. has been the only provider of emergency shelter and services to end domestic and sexual violence in the community.

Annually they provide over 14,000 safe bed nights for over 500 women and children, and over 4,000 families in Saginaw County access their or more of our services.

Underground Railroad, Inc. is a partner agency of the United Way of Saginaw County.

The Underground Railroad will:

- 1) provide services for survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and human slavery
- 2) assume the leadership role for eliminating violence against women within our community
- 3) maintain adequate facilities, staffing, equipment and resources to support our programs
- 4) diversify and expand funding sources to enable the corporation to adapt to the changing political and economic environments
- 5) enhance and expand community understanding and support for our mission

The Underground Railroad, Inc. recognizes that abuse is damaging to individuals and to society as a whole. The philosophy of the corporation is that abuse is rooted in a social structure that produces significant inequities in roles, relationships, resources, and power between women, men, and children. Abuse is criminal conduct, which cannot be tolerated. Prevention through education, advocacy and appropriate intervention is the ultimate goal. All victims should be provided safety and must be treated with dignity and respect.

Interventions that blame the victim and do not hold the abuser accountable for the violence are ineffective and inappropriate. The Underground Railroad shall encourage and advance the empowerment of victims and seek social change, which addresses the existing imbalance of power within violent relationships.

The Underground Railroad believes that to make informed choices for themselves and their children, victims should have access to safety, information about abuse, available options, and community resources. To carry out their decisions, victims of abuse may require support and advocacy that respects their right to self-determination.

The Underground Railroad provides leadership in our community on issues affecting survivors.

Health Source CHRISTMAS GIFT MISSION OPPORTUNITY



It is time to get ready for the holidays and HealthSource is requesting donations and our help in providing the residents and patients of HealthSource Saginaw an incredible Christmas Season. We, MABC, can help by providing gift suggestions as listed below.

As always, Health Source will gladly wrap your gifts. If you wish, you can include gift bags and tissue paper. If you choose to wrap your gift/s, please be sure the gift is tagged with the contents of the package including size, color, male or female, etc

Bring your gift/s to the church and place your gift/s under the Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary. Deadline for gifts to be brought to MABC is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020.

Thank you for your support of patients and residents of HealthSource.



Gift Suggestions for Men

Socks
After & Pre-Shave/Body Spray
Combs and Hair Picks
Sweatshirts L-3X (pullover/zip up)
Sweatpants L-3X
Slippers
(with rubber soles and backs)
Sugar free gum/candy
Stick deodorant
T-shirts L-3X
Denture cleaner and adhesive
Button up sweaters
Radio/CD players

Large face watches
Flannel shirts L-3X
Polo type shirts
Wallet/change purse
Electric shavers
CD's of music

\$2.00 or \$3.00 in money envelopes
Magazines
Hair gel/hair and scalp condition
Playing cards (large print)
Shampoo and body wash



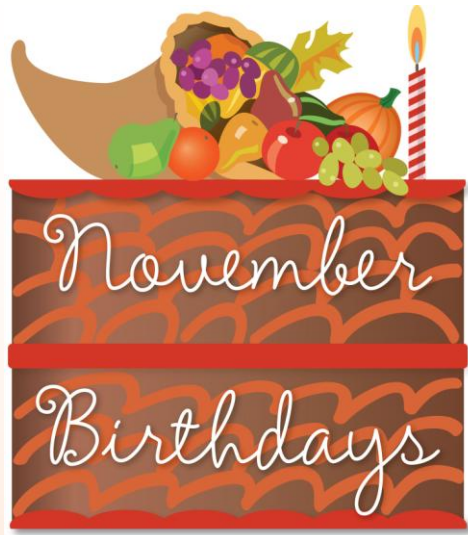
Gift Suggestions for Women

Magazines
Body spray/cologne
Deodorant
Body wash/lotions
Slippers
(with rubber soles and backs)
Sweatpants M-3X
Sweatshirts M-3X (pullover/zip up)
Dusters and nightgowns M-3X
Jewelry/clip-on earrings
Sugar free candy/gum
Button up sweaters
Undershirts M-2X

CD's of music
Simple craft projects
Nail polish and polish remover
Radio/CD players
Large face watches
Lipstick/chap stick
Coin purses

Shampoo
Hair and scalp conditioner
Brushes/large tooth combs/picks
\$2.00 or \$3.00 in money envelopes
Hair spray/hair gel
Mirrors

Happy Birthday



Nancy Lewis 1
Sharon Murphy Casey 2
Teddy Pelkey 4
Heather Ballien 5
Michael Quinnan 6
Craig Egerer 9
Eric Smith 12
Joyce Murphy 17
Daniel Leaman 19
James Cooper 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.