



OUR STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Carol McCleary
Director of Music: John Rickert
Organist: Jeremy Reis
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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
will resume ASAP

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.



Happy New Year ♡ *Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year*

A Message From Pastor Carol

As we begin 2021, I would like to share with you a New Year's Prayer I stumbled across. It was written by an anonymous author.

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.
Pastor Carol

Missions



As American Baptists, we serve as the hands and feet of Christ. We're doing what we can to heal a hurting world. This means feeding the hungry; empowering pastors, lay leaders & youth to spread Christ's love; protecting the environment; promoting Christian unity and more.

United Mission is the vehicle that makes this happen. United Mission is the simple, efficient way American Baptists pool financial resources to maximize the amount of good we can do. These funds are used to connect resources with needs, resulting in meaningful change - and it's all for God's greater glory!

It is through United Mission, our one family offering, that each giver is able to participate in the total ministry of our American Baptist family.

United Mission Basics are undesignated contributions from local churches to the vital mission and ministry of American Baptists. Basics provide support for the extensive foundation of American Baptist missions.

A large portion of your gift goes to fund regional ministries while a smaller percent underwrites national and global ministries.

Thank you for your generous support of our United Mission.

CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

As you probably know, the church maintains a prayer chain, as well as a Sunday bulletin list of prayer requests to keep our membership and extended family informed regarding the joys and concerns of our loved ones. Currently, 18 faithful members participate in the prayer chain, but there is always room for more! If you would like to be part of this prayer network, or if you would like someone placed on the prayer chain or the weekly prayer list for the bulletin (or both), please contact me at 989-790-3151 (home) or 989-751-1586 (cell), or email me at nmlewis2@gmail.com.

If you do not wish to be an active part of the prayer chain, but would like notifications of requests that are going out on the chain, you may contact me and request an email or text notification. I will make every effort to inform you of these requests as soon as I receive them, but please understand that during these extraordinary times, I often get calls late at night or early in the morning. Prayer is a powerful way to stay connected with everyone who is experiencing joy or needs comfort. Please consider being part of this important network.

Nancy Lewis



Tithes and Offerings may be dropped through the church mail slot or mailed to

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** Annual Giving Statements were mailed on January 6, 2021.

** Contribution envelopes are available at the church office. Arrangements can be made if you would like to your pick them up. If you are not able to pick them up you may still mail in your contributions as the computer program is able to reference your giving number with your name. ** Team Leader contribution envelopes will be put in your church mailbox.

Women's Bible Study "Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament"

Gain a fresh perspective on Israel's history---and a deeper understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Guiding you through a 10-session, Christ-centered study of Joshua through Esther, Nancy Guthrie compares Jesus to Joshua, who led his people into the Promised Land, Boaz, who redeemed Ruth; and David, who ruled Israel with righteousness. This will be the third excellent study by Nancy Guthrie for our women's Bible study that includes both seekers and long time believers. She beautifully connects and contrasts the heroes of the Old Testament with Jesus - she always points to Jesus. We have together gained new insight and understanding into the Old Testament and hope women from our church congregation and their friends will want to join us.

Contact Becky Geidans, 989-326-2966 to order a book. We meet at 6:15 p.m. Monday evenings via Zoom through the winter months.

The meeting ID is 865 1562 2792 and the and the Pass code is 872490. The phone number to call in is +1 929 205 6099.



We have some baby items (food, diapers) and disposable adult briefs (Depends, and other brands) in various sizes available in the food pantry. If you know someone who could use them, please contact the church office.

Flower Schedule

* Denotes that this person has more than one Sunday assigned. If you would like to provide flowers for that Sunday, please contact that person directly and let the office know so that we may acknowledge your gift in the bulletin.

January

3 - No Flowers
*10 - Connie Ellsworth
17 - Mary Leary
24 - Sandy Aaron
31 - Todd Hall

February

7 - No Flowers
*14
21 - Gloria Hernandez
28 - Ted/Denice Papesh

March

7 - No Flowers
14 - Terry Ellsworth
21 - Pam Leaman
28 - Sherry McCafferty

April

4 - Easter Flowers
11 - Sharon Murphy
18 - Nancy Lewis
25 - Chris Lopez

May

2 - No Flowers
9 - Sandy Ellsworth (Mothers Day)
*16 - Arlene Leary
23 - Greg/ Sharon Schultz
*30 - Becky Geidans

June

6 - No Flowers
12 - Carol Moore
20 - BobbiJo Gotham
27 - Jan Wheeler

July

4 - No Flowers
*11 - Sharon Mason
18 - Mary Larkin
25 - Shirley Yancer

August

1 - No Flowers
*8 - Arlene Leary
*15 - Becky Geidans
22 - Jeremy Reis
*29 - Sharon Mason

September

5 - No Flowers
*12 - Jan Wheeler
19 - Rick/Laure Smith
26 - Brenda/ Al Ferrell

October

3 - No Flowers
10 - Jody/Cyndi James
17 - Diana Lemmer
24 - Nikki Seno
31 - Teddy Pelkey

November

7 - No Flowers
*14 - Connie Ellsworth
21 - John/Debbie Rickert
28 - Sally Egerer



I would like to thank the congregation for your generous love gift this Christmas. Your kindness blesses my heart. It is a privilege to serve as your Pastor, and I look forward to another year of serving the Lord together.

- Pastor Carol

To my MABC Family,

Thank you for the extremely generous Christmas love gift, I was very surprised.

I am so thankful to be here and appreciate your gift so much. May God bless all of you now and throughout the year!

John Rickert

Director of Music

Thank you for the Christmas love gift, your kindness and love is appreciated beyond measure.

Holly McCarthy

Office Manager

Dear MABC family,

Thank you so much for my Christmas love gift. It was greatly appreciated. I am

blessed to have a wonderful church family. I hope you all had a great Christmas and will have a happy new year.

Sarah Egerer

Nursery Attendant

Dear Members of MABC,

I would like to thank you all for the Christmas gift . I hope all are well and healthy. Prayers for all in need. I hope to see you all soon

Blessings,

Al Ferrell



We invite you to join us on Sunday January 10 via zoom. Log in information is available below.
Topic: Sunday Morning Worship
Time: Sunday, January 10

Here's the link to join the Zoom meeting on Sunday morning. The service will begin at 10:45.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86850991141?pwd=VEtPaGVINGtjRkRHZmJ2V1owR2srdz09>

Meeting ID: 868 5099 1141

Passcode: 185761

Or you can dial 1 929-205-6099 and enter the meeting ID and Passcode when prompted.

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Passcode: 185761

**** Please note that this will be our permanent zoom meeting code and password in the event that we are not able to worship in person**

Happy Birthday



- 08 *Devín Ballien*
- 10 *Shirley Yancer*
- 15 *Shannon Ferrell*
- 18 *Daytona King*
- 21 *Connor Tuck*
- 22 *Mary Aimesbury-White*
- 27 *Sharon Mason*
- 29 *Sarah Kocsis*
- 30 *Vivian Settle*
- 30 *David Hamilton*
- 31 *Chloe Tuck*

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.