



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: Cheryl Zinz
Vice-Moderator: Brenda Ferrell
Clerk: Denice Papesh
Treasurer: J. David Garn
Missions Treasurer
Sherrell McCafferty
Financial Secretary: Laure Smith



In Person worship
Sunday

10:45 a.m.

You can view
previous church
services at
MABCSaginaw.org
or by searching for
Michigan Avenue
Baptist Church on
YouTube

The Church office
is currently Closed

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! That line from the doxology kept running through my head as I reviewed the 2020 Annual Report, compiled for our Annual Meeting on February 25. During a year of great challenges, God has been so good to us.

I am grateful to God for the ways he has enabled us to keep in touch, even as we were staying safe at home. We were united by God's Spirit as we gathered virtually for worship for much of the year. Our women's Bible Study continued to meet, sometimes at church, sometimes in members' homes, and sometimes online. Children received monthly mailings with Bible stories and activities to do at home. We continued to generously support local and world missions with our time and gifts.

I am especially grateful for the congregation's generous financial support. By God's grace we were able to end the year only \$103.83 in the hole. Had the city sent their payment for use of the parking lot in a timely manner, we would have ended the year in the black. Our investments also ended the year strong. An UPDATED Annual Report reflecting these figures will soon be e-mailed to all active members; hard copies are available on request. Thank you for your continued giving to God's work through Michigan Avenue Baptist Church.

As I reflected on the reports that were submitted, I remembered Jesus' words in Luke 12:48: "*To whom much has been given, much will be required.*" God has blessed us abundantly, and we are called to be good stewards of those blessings. The Covid-19 pandemic has provided us with challenges and opportunities. It has shown us how flexible and adaptable we can be and presented us with new possibilities for ministry.

As eager as we all are to return to some semblance of "normal," I strongly believe our congregation is at a crossroads: Will we try to go back to what we've always done (as much as possible) or will we prayerfully and courageously forge ahead and embrace new avenues of ministry to reach even more people with the good news of Jesus Christ?

We don't know what 2021 will bring. We do know that God will be faithful through it all. May God grant us wisdom and courage as we go forward in faith.

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.

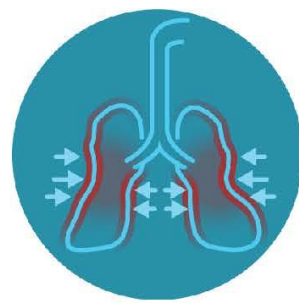
DO NOT ENTER if you have:



FEVER
(Over 100.4)



COUGH



SHORTNESS OF BREATH



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



Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to

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Thank you for your continued support.



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.

Announcements

** Contribution envelopes are available in the sanctuary. If you will not be attending in person worship, please contact the office to make arrangements to get your envelopes. Even without an envelope you may still mail in your contribution as the computer program is able to reference your giving number with your name.

** Holly is in the office each week and checks the answering machine periodically. She is also working from home. If you need to contact her, please call the church and leave a message or you may reach her at 269-967-4254 Monday- Friday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.



Remember to set your clock ahead on
March 13th!

Daylight Savings time starts
March 14, 2021



Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

<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.

Meeting ID: 868 5099 1141

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.**

For those who are unable to join us in person, we are experimenting with offering a Zoom option during our Sunday morning worship service at 10:45.

Log in to the link above to join us in the sanctuary. Thank you for your patience as we continue to fine tune this aspect of the service.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2021

For the Purpose of Equipping Saints

EPHESIANS 4:11-13 (NIV)

Thanks to America for Christ (AFC) Offering contributions, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) supported communities distressed by the devastation of COVID-19 last year, as the pandemic swept our country and Puerto Rico. We also helped families who lost homes to floods, wildfires and storms, along with children living on the edge because of poverty, and seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News. These are just a few of the ways we minister to those in need; there are many more.

Please help us continue to bring healing and hope to communities, families, children and Jesus' disciples in 2021 by supporting this year's America for Christ Offering.

The MABC Mission team invites you to give as you are able.

Prayer Chain



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

Women's Bible Study

“Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament”

By Nancy Guthrie

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, 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 the Church, 989-793-855 to order a book. We meet at 6:15 p.m. Monday evenings via Zoom through the winter months.

Please contact a Church Member for Zoom information.

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

Happy Birthday



- 02 *Roy Hatt*
- 06 *Jimmy Larkin*
- 07 *Mary Aimsbury White*
- 16 *Kurt Ballien*
- 20 *Jenna Metivier*
- 31 *John Seno*

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.