



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
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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

It's no secret that the pandemic has had a huge impact on churches. A few months ago, I came across an article by church consultant Karl Vaters. Vaters poses six questions for churches to be asking themselves in this historic moment. These questions really made me think. I believe these are exactly the kinds of questions we need to be asking ourselves as we move forward. His first two questions have to do with how well a congregation represents Jesus, both during lockdown and as we come out of lockdown and resume more in-person activities. Vaters writes:

The goal should never be to get more people in the building, or even to move ahead without causing conflict. It must always be "are we representing Jesus well as we move forward?"

A third question we must ask ourselves is "*What have we learned and what are we still learning?*" Vaters notes that there is much to be learned from this season of upheaval. We don't want to miss the lessons God is teaching us.

A fourth question to ponder is "*How can we better serve the people at home?*" Here's another quote that really struck me.

Don't criticize people who aren't ready to come back to church yet. Reach out to them. Lovingly, kindly and compassionately. Blessing people where *they* are is more important than getting them to show up where *we* are.

A fifth question to consider is "*How well are we serving our online church members and visitors?*" More and more people are connecting with the churches via technology, and that number is likely to grow in the future. I am grateful for the volunteers at MABC who are stepping up to help improve our online presence and we'll be looking for even more volunteers to serve in this area.

The final question Vaters poses is "*How are people hurting and what can we do to help them?*" Vaters notes that "People's problems will not be over when the pandemic ends." He foresees years of increased joblessness, homelessness, mental health challenges, etc. How will our church respond? Vaters offers this thought-provoking observation:

Whether people come back through our church doors is not the big issue. How we honor Jesus by reaching the hurting people outside our doors is what matters.

I challenge you to ponder and pray about our answers to these questions, as we faithfully discern how to best be the church in these tumultuous times.

Faithfully,
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

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.

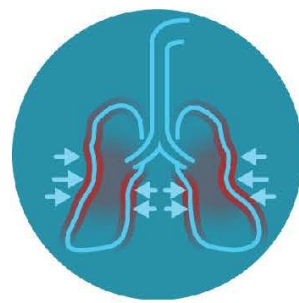
DO NOT ENTER if you have:



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

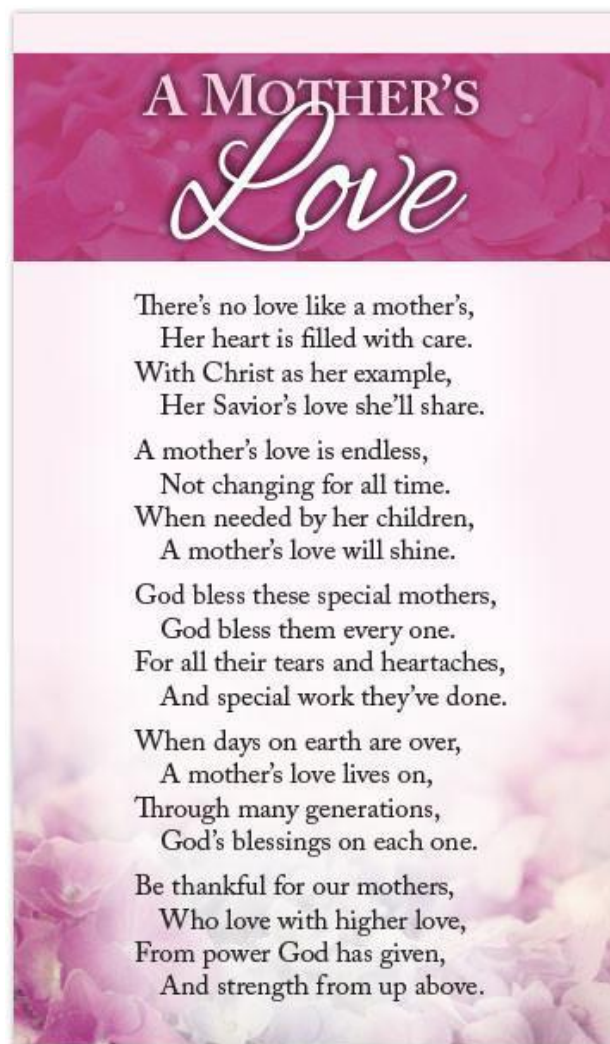
Older Women Take Note!

In Titus 2, Paul tells Titus about older women's roles- roles of encouragement! So, instead of just receiving happily on Mother's Day, can we give of ourselves to prayer for a couple of weeks- daily- at 12 Noon for our younger generation of women? The busy, often working mothers and all woman whose occupations require so much from them.

Can we take 5, 10, hopefully more minutes each day to meet quietly with Jesus and lift these woman up to receive all the help He has for their needs, and especially for the closer walk with Him? We can trust Him!

This will make for a blessed Mother's Day for all.

-submitted by a Church Member.





Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to

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Saginaw, Mi 48602

Thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to Evelyn Hall

2021 High School Graduation!

Evelyn is graduating from Heritage High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She has played travel and school soccer for many years. She is thinking of being a doctor, so she is starting with a degree in human biology. She was accepted to MSU, but also offered a position on the soccer team at Delta College, so she will attend Delta for two years and then transfer to MSU.



Announcements

** The Church council meeting will be held on May 20, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

** 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.

Congratulations to Destiny Helpap Graduation from Saginaw Valley State University

Degree: Masters of social work

Future Plans: To continue my career servicing our community in the mental health field



Missions



Now more than ever, Habitat for Humanity's work is critical.

For many families, those who were already struggling with a need for decent and affordable housing, their daily lives have only become more challenging. For others, those who find themselves affected by the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the future is newly uncertain.

These are the families who now more than ever need the hand up that we can provide. Even in these times – especially in these times – we continue to work tirelessly toward our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

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

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

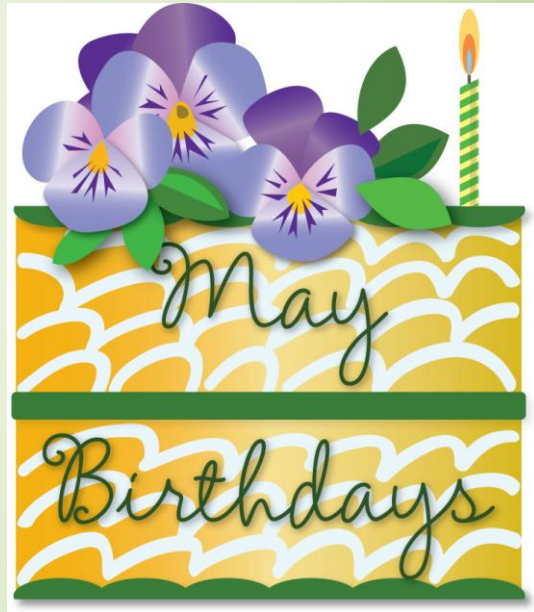
October

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



- 03 Tom Little*
- 06 Jim Garn*
- 11 Dakota Casey*
- 14 Sandy Ellsworth*
- 20 Sharlene Hamilton*
- 26 Jackie Anjakos*
- 30 Jan Wheeler*

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.