



# The Beacon Newsletter

## 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](http://MABCSaginaw.org)  
or by searching for  
Michigan Avenue  
Baptist Church on  
YouTube

The Church office  
is open by  
appointment.

## 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

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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*

Perhaps you are familiar with the story of Fisher Body Company. The Fisher family started out in the 1800's hand-crafting horse drawn carriages in their shop in Sandusky, OH. The family had a reputation as an excellent carriage maker. If you needed a high quality carriage, the Fisher's shop was the place to go. But around the turn of the century, as automobiles became more popular, the Fisher brothers came to an important realization. They realized that they were not in the carriage making industry. They were in the *transportation* industry, and that industry now included automobiles. They had the foresight to recognize that if they were going to continue to be successful they would need to adapt and change.

In 1902, two brothers, Fred and Charles Fisher moved to Detroit and began building carriages for the C.R. Wilson Company, a carriage builder which had just begun to manufacture automobile bodies for the emerging auto industry in the Detroit area. During their time working for Wilson, Fred Fisher oversaw the building of the body for the Cadillac Osceola, the first fully enclosed car built by Cadillac. In 1908, Fred and Charles struck out on the own and founded the Fisher Body Company. They learned how to build strong car bodies that could withstand the stress and the strain of engine vibrations. The Fisher Body Company had a reputation for quality, and it soon became the largest manufacturer of automobile bodies in the world.

I share this story, because I believe there are important parallels between the situation carriage builders were facing in the early 1900's and what churches are facing today. The world around us is changing. Fewer and fewer people are identifying with organized religion. Church attendance, even among professing Christians, is declining. For many people, Sundays are just another day, with multiple activities competing for their attention. Technology is changing how we work and play, and the Covid pandemic has caused enormous disruptions across all segments of society. A church that fails to acknowledge and adapt to these changes will quickly become irrelevant. In order for us to do meaningful ministry in the days ahead, we need to focus on our core mission: proclaiming the good news of Jesus by our words and actions. We are in the *proclamation* business. The methods we use to tell the story must change with the times, but the message of Jesus' love remains the same.

As we contemplate our next steps as a congregation, I invite us to focus on the following questions:

How can we tell the good news of Jesus to more people?  
How can we help more people in the name of Jesus?

Thank you for your faithfulness as we continue to share the good news of Jesus.  
In Christ,  
Pastor Carol



*MABC Virtual Retreat*  
*June 11 - 12, 2021*

**Session One:** Create a Beloved Charter Friday, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
This activity is designed to help us rest in the reality that we are God's beloved children. The more secure we are in our identity in Christ, the deeper our trust in him and the more courageously we can follow his leading.

**Session Two:** Reflections on Psalm 23 Saturday, 10 a.m. - Noon  
As I think about the future, all kinds of fears and uncertainties well up within me. This session will focus on the powerful words of comfort and assurance in Psalm 23.

**Session Three:** Saying Yes and Saying No Saturday, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Life is full of choices. Saying yes to one activity almost always means saying no to something else. The opposite is also true. Learning when to say no frees us to say yes to other, more important things. Furthermore, our roles and responsibilities change over time. This session is focused on discerning what God would have you do in this season of life.

**Closing Worship:** Communion Saturday, 3:30 - 4:00

Each session will follow a similar format. We will gather on Zoom and begin with time spent relaxing and unwinding in God's presence. Pastor will then spend 15 - 20 minutes introducing an activity to deepen our spiritual walk. We will take about an hour to find a quiet place alone to read and reflect on the Scripture and prayerfully complete the activity. We will then regather on Zoom for 30 - 45 minutes of group sharing around what God has been teaching us.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in as many sessions as he or she is able.

Please let Pastor Carol or the church office know if you are planning to participate, so that we can provide you with the necessary supplies for each session. You may access the retreat using the Zoom link below or by dialing 1 929 205 6099 and entering the Meeting ID: 868 5099 1141 and Passcode: 185761.

# MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST ON-SITE WORSHIP WHAT TO EXPECT

## WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- ❖ Doors will open at 10:15. If you are fully vaccinated, wearing a mask is optional.
- ❖ Please enter only through the Adams Street entrance (by the chairlift).
- ❖ Please use only touchless greetings.
  
- ❖ We will be social distancing so try to stay 6' apart and keep hallways clear.
- ❖ The unisex bathrooms on the sanctuary level are available.

## DURING THE SERVICE

- ❖ The service will be held in the sanctuary. Please sit in seats marked with a yellow cross.
  
- ❖ 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.

## 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.

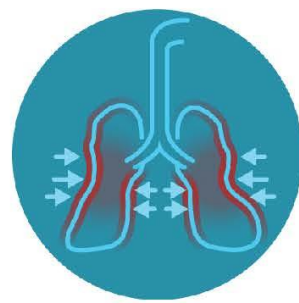
DO NOT ENTER if you have:



**FEVER**  
(Over 100.4)



**COUGH**



**SHORTNESS OF BREATH**



[cdc.gov/CORONAVIRUS](https://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.

## To My Dad

Dad, you're very special  
you mean so much to me  
There aren't many Dads like you  
who give so selflessly

When life has turned my world  
completely inside out  
You're always there to lean on  
I know without a doubt

Whenever things go wrong  
and I don't understand  
I know that you will be there  
to lend a helping hand.

The years have brought a touch of gray . . .  
some lines upon your face  
But to me there's not another Dad  
who could ever take your place

Love, Any Name Here

## Announcements

\*\* Graduation Sunday is June 13.

\*\* The Church council meeting will be held on June 17, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom.

\*\* 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.





## **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.

## **Amaya Reed**

### **2021 High School Graduation!**

Amaya is graduation from Swan Valley High School. She is going to Delta College for two years and will then transfer to Michigan State University with a double major of Zoology and Acting.

## **Destiny Helpap**

### **2021 Saginaw Valley State University Graduation!**

**Degree:** Masters of social work

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

## Missions



**One Great  
HOUR  
OF SHARING**

# Let love flow.

**OGHS supports disaster relief, development projects, and refugee ministries of the American Baptist Churches and its partners.**

Each spring, ABC-MI invites member congregations to consider supporting the Regional Offering. Our vision is to be a constant for affiliated churches navigating the sea of change in their local communities. We come along side to help churches like your seek answers to difficult questions and adapt to new ways for more fruitful ministry. We train leaders and share resources so your church can more effectively love others and grow disciples. We help churches team up for maximum impact, share best practices and pursue ministry inspired by an American Baptist perspective. And in very practical ways, we consult with churches to help with vision casting, pastoral calls and transition plans, crisis management, capital fundraising, church planting and more.

MABC will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and the Regional Offering during the month of June. Your 2021 Mission Team has set a goal of \$200.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing and \$300.00 for Regional Ministries to be received by the end of June.

Cordially

MABC 2021 Mission Team



## 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



- 01 *Kathy Little*
- 08 *Ted Papesh*
- 09 *Sarah Egerer*
- 16 *Mary Leary*
- 19 *Cheryl Ellsworth*
- 20 *Frank Anjakos*
- 21 *Evelyn Hall*
- 25 *Carol McCleary*
- 25 *Denice Papesh*

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.