



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 open by
appointment.

CHURCH TEAM LEADERS

Christian Ed & Youth Ministry:
Cheryl Ellsworth
Facilities/Maintenance:
Opportunity to serve
Historian: J. David Garn
Assistant: Cheryl Ellsworth
Finance: Cyndi James
Missions, Outreach/Evangelism:
Nikki Anjakos-Seno
Hospitality: Connie Ellsworth
Music & Worship:
Brenda Ferrell, Arlene Leary
Pastoral Relations: Sally Egerer
Visitation: Gloria Hernandez
Nominating: Appointed as needed

MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
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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

The holidays will soon be upon us. As many of you know, I collect nativity sets from around the world. I purchase my sets through fair trade organizations; however, occasionally I'll check e-bay to see if they have any nice "vintage" global nativity sets for sale. Last year I came across a beautiful ebony set that had been carved in Africa. It featured ornately carved magi, shepherds and their sheep, Mary and Joseph. All the characters were exquisitely done in a unique African style, and the price was reasonable. I was considering purchasing it, when I realized something was off. I reread the description and looked again. The set featured Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and their sheep, four ornately carved magi, but right there in the fine print it said, "missing Jesus." There was no babe lying in a manger. Somehow Jesus had gotten separated from the set. Well, I couldn't buy a nativity set that was missing the main character. I'll have to keep looking for an ebony set from Africa. But the e-bay posting got me thinking. Let's not miss Jesus this Christmas. In the midst of all our holiday traditions - the cookie baking, the decorating, the gift giving, the trips to the mall, the holiday concerts, let's take care that we not forget the real reason for the season. Jesus is the one we worship and honor. Let's keep him the focus, not just for the holiday season, but all through the year.

This year we will have over 30 handcrafted nativities on display in the sanctuary representing over two dozen countries. The nativities each depict the good news of Christmas in a unique way appropriate to the culture they represent. The nativities range in size from less than 2 inches high to a foot tall. They are made from a variety of materials: wood, clay, cloth, papier mache, stone, and more unique materials like cornhusks and banana leaves. The nativities will be on display during the four Sundays of Advent (November 28 - December 19). My hope is that seeing the variety of nativities will help us contemplate the birth of Christ in new ways and be astounded again at the wonder of God becoming human and coming to live among us.

Faithfully,
Pastor Carol

Missions

OLD TOWN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

**600 Gratiot Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48602
989-249-8696**

The Old Town Christian Outreach Center is an outpost in Saginaw to reach the city with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a celebration center of praise to the heavenly Father.

Old Town provides small groups for more personalized ministry, discipleship, and evangelism. The church is multi-ethnic, multi-racial, and diverse economically, with strong ministries for children and youth. The Center believes in and promotes unity in the Body of Christ, reaching far beyond our community through giving, praying, and going. It has become a world missions outreach center, supporting missionaries in many nations of the world as well as various home missions.

Baby Pantry

Old Town's baby pantry is one area that needs constant support to provide the basic necessities for raising babies and toddlers. The pantry distributes items such as furniture, strollers, toys, diapers, and many other items that families in our area desperately need. New mothers receive a full layette, including a fully stocked diaper bag. Contributions of items and cash are greatly needed to keep this ministry going and to help those who need the support at a very crucial time in their lives.

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



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 5, 2021.

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 conditioner
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



Church Choir

***ATTENTION ALL SINGERS AND BELL RINGERS!**
Music rehearsals for our upcoming Christmas Eve worship service
(Service of Lessons and Carols)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

BELL CHOIR (WED 6:30 to 7:30 PM)

November 3rd and 10th

December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

CHOIR (WED 7:30 to 8:30 PM)

November 10th

December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd





Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to

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

Thank you for your continued support.



Flower Schedule

14 - Connie Ellsworth
21 - John & Debbie Rickert
28- Sally Egerer

CHURCH  COUNCIL
MEETING

November 18, at 7:00 p.m.



Don't forget!
Turn your clock back on November 6



If you would like an in-home visit
and communion please contact
Pastor Carol or the Church office.



Happy Thanksgiving
from the MABC staff
Pastor Carol, Holly McCarthy,
John Rickert, Jeremy Reis, Al Ferrell
& Sarah Egerer

The covid situation in Michigan continues to evolve. The CDC now recommends that both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons wear a mask indoors in communities where the risk of transmission is high (that includes Saginaw). We encourage you to use your best judgment when attending church. Please remain home if you are ill. Services can be accessed on YouTube.

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

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.