



#### 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:  
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

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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*

Dear Members and Friends,

It's the time of the year when Christmas music is filling the air. Last year for Christmas my parents gifted me with a copy of a new hymnal which to my surprise contained a number of Christmas carols I had never heard before. One song in particular caught my attention. It was written by Baptist preacher William Gadsby.

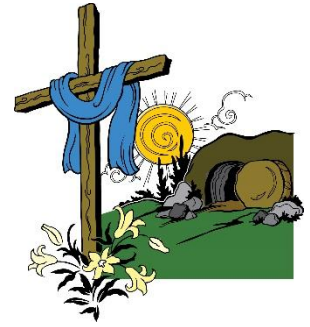
Ye souls redeemed with Jesus' precious blood,  
Proclaim the grace of your incarnate God;  
Sing that amazing, boundless, matchless love,  
Which brought the Lord of glory from above.

The eternal Word, who built the earth and skies,  
Takes on him flesh, and in a manger lies;  
In that dear Babe of Bethlehem I see My God,  
contracted to a span for me.

Shall angels sing the honours of his name,  
And sinners, saved by grace, silent remain?  
Good God, forbid! inflame us with thy love,  
And set our grovelling minds on things above.

It truly was "amazing, boundless, matchless love" that brought the Lord down to this earth. Jesus left the splendor of heaven and came to live among us. The creator of all took on human flesh and blood. "My God contracted to a span for me." Jesus lived and died and rose again so that we can have forgiveness of sins and new life - abundant and eternal - in his name. Such blessings inspire our lips to praise Him, now and for eternity.

Have a Merry Christmas.  
Pastor Carol



## From crib to the tree

A King was Born in a manger, as foretold,  
From the stories and promises of the prophets of old.  
To the world he was born to make us whole,  
To bring us salvation to save our lost souls.  
A bright star did shine In the sky above,  
To announce that God had sent,  
His Son to rest in a manger so plain  
His gift to the world, and humble in Name.  
His son from Heaven to Earth did He Send,  
The Christ Child to become, Man's Greatest friend.  
The shepherds and magi did surely bow,  
To a King who was born, for the here and now.  
As Christ grew, the more teaching He showed,  
Picking disciples and telling the world,  
of His Father's heavenly abode.  
The leaders of the Jews were jealous indeed,  
planning his death, to be nailed to a cross from a tree.  
Not understanding His death, a sacrificial lamb,  
He would be, by hanging on the Tree,  
As it was God's plan to set us all free.  
So, mankind could live with God in heaven,  
And all man's worries, and fears to be forgiven.  
As the nails and spear did pierce His skin,  
Causing His blood to flow to cover our sins.  
To save us from hell and the torments within,  
Thank you again Jesus for the Blood you did spend.

It opened the door to our Heavenly abode,  
Showing us the way, by constructing a perfect road.  
So, as we celebrate Christmas in honor of thee,  
You were born to be sacrificed on a cross from a tree.  
Spending eternity with God and You, above.  
And seeing the people we lost and those we loved.  
Again, we must sing praises and say,  
For it was Jesus who showed us His Holy way,  
From Heavens Throne above,  
it was God who sent his ultimate love,  
Allowed man to be saved by His Son's, shed blood.  
So, with perfect salvation divine,  
Jesus was the promised fulfillment,  
And gift of life, offered to cover the sins of all mankind.  
Happy birthday Jesus, and a big AMEN!  
Written by: Ted A. Papesh R.N.

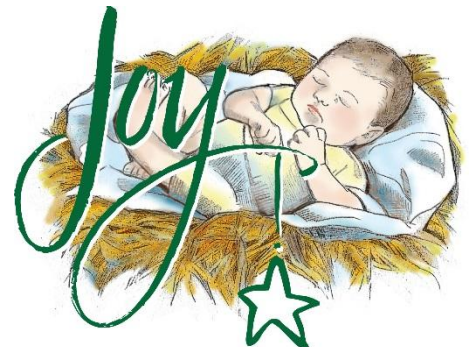


We would like to invite you along with your family and friends to attend our  
**Christmas Eve Candle Light Service.**

Friday, December 24  
7:00 p.m.

*(Please note: there will not be a nursery attendant on duty.  
You are invited to use the viewing gallery if necessary.)*

*Merry Christmas*



**REMEMBER** with **LOVE**  
**GIVE** with **GRATITUDE**

The Retired Ministers ginated in the mid-  
1930s, when American baptist congregations received a Communion Fellowship  
Offering on the first Sunday of each month to support retired ministers,  
missionaries, their widowed spouses and elderly clergy within their churches. In  
1977, American Baptist Churches USA launched RMMO to continue this  
appreciation of God's service.

This year, to honor this tradition and acknowledge the current circumstances, we  
chose Hope for Today, Hope for Tomorrow as our theme.

This theme encompasses the true strength and dedication of ministers,  
missionaries and their widowed spouses who have devoted 15 years or more to  
ABCUSA.

The MABC Missions Teams has set a goal of \$500.00. Please give as God lays it  
upon your heart.



Music rehearsals for our upcoming Christmas Eve worship service  
(Service of Lessons and Carols)

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES:**

**BELL CHOIR 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
December 8th, 15th, 22nd

**CHOIR 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**  
December 8th, 15th, 22<sup>nd</sup>





## 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 condition  
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





Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to

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

Thank you for your continued support.

## Annual Business Meeting



January 27, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING



December 16, 7:00 p.m.



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



## Merry Christmas

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



- 09 *Carol Ellsworth*
- 09 *Janet Leaman*
- 15 *Aileen Kushon*
- 16 *Rose Johnson*
- 21 *Sally Egerer*
- 22 *J. David Garn*
- 27 *Tom Carr*
- 23 *Renee McGregor*
- 30 *Roger Ellsworth*
- 31 *Arlene Leary*

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.