



OUR STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Carol McCleary
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Organist: Jeremy Reis
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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
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Nominating: Appointed As needed

MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
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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.



PASTOR'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Dear members and friends,
Another year is coming to a close. It's had its share of ups and downs; joys and challenges. Through it all, God has been faithful. For my message this month, I would like to share a hymn from Hong Kong. It was written by Newton Y. T. Tsang and translated from Chinese by Frank Price. It's entitled *The Grace of God Unbounded Is*.

*The grace of God unbounded is.
All space he made, all time is his.
The years roll by, his love remains.
So thank we God with glad refrains.*

*The birds they sing their maker's praise.
The stars of heaven obey his ways.
Then why should we forget his care?
And why should we not trust in prayer?*

*God's holy light sets hearts aglow.
It makes more clear the way to go.
Rejoice, my soul, and do not fear.
Follow his light through this new year.*

*God's saints of old were brave and bold.
God's saints today firm faith must hold.
O Christ Divine, give us your power.
That we fail not in this great hour.*

*The old year goes, the new arrives.
But you are still Lord of our lives.
Send us true joy, drive gloom away.
Live in and through us every day. AMEN*

You can hear an instrumental recording of this song by clicking this link.
[The Grace of God Unbounded Is](#)

Happy New Year Everyone!

Pastor Carol



As American Baptists, we serve as the hands and feet of Christ. We're doing what we can to heal a hurting world. This means feeding the hungry; empowering pastors, lay leaders & youth to spread Christ's love; protecting the environment; promoting Christian unity and more.

United Mission is the vehicle that makes this happen. United Mission is the simple, efficient way American Baptists pool financial resources to maximize the amount of good we can do. These funds are used to connect resources with needs, resulting in meaningful change - and it's all for God's greater glory!

It is through United Mission, our one family offering, that each giver is able to participate in the total ministry of our American Baptist family.

United Mission Basics are undesignated contributions from local churches to the vital mission and ministry of American Baptists. Basics provide support for the extensive foundation of American Baptist missions.

A large portion of your gift goes to fund regional ministries while a smaller percent underwrites national and global ministries.

Thank you for your generous support of our United Mission.

**United in Christ
Together in Mission**





Due to scheduling conflicts, Council has found it necessary to set aside the by-laws which would call for our Annual Meeting to be held on the 4th Thursday of January 2022, and instead, hold this year's Annual Meeting on February 3rd, 2022.

The meeting will take place in person, in the large social hall of the church at 7:00 p.m. on February 3rd.

We hope also to have the meeting available on Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. At this time we cannot confirm whether the addition of Zoom will be technologically feasible. We will keep you posted as to that possibility.



Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to

Michigan Avenue Baptist Church
203 S. Michigan Avenue
Saginaw, Mi 48602
Thank you for your continued support

A graphic featuring a circular illustration of a white church with a steeple. The words "CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING" are written in a serif font, with "CHURCH" and "COUNCIL" on the top line and "MEETING" on the bottom line. The circular illustration is positioned between "CHURCH" and "COUNCIL".

CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING

**January 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom**

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.



A big thank you to the scrapbooking group, Sally and Sarah Egerer, Kathy Little, Cheryl Ellsworth, Pastor Carol, and Brennan Hall for the beautiful and inspiring photo album I received as a Christmas gift. It clearly took a lot of time, effort, and love to complete, and I have been enjoying the photos and messages since I received it. God bless all of you!

-Nancy Lewis

A thank you to all for the many greetings expressed in the recent Christmas cards and a special thank you for the lovely inspirational book made by the scrapbook group. It is much appreciated. You are all very special to me. Thank you,

Teddy Pelkey

Dear Members of MABC,

Thank you so much for the Love Gift you so generously gave me. I am so happy and thankful to be part of the staff and feel at home worshipping with you each week. Many blessings on you and our church in the coming New Year.

Yours Truly, Jeremy M. Reis

Dear MABC family,

Thank you so much for my love gift this year. I really appreciate having a wonderful and kind church family. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and happy New Year

-Sarah Egerer

To my MABC Family,

I was very surprised when I opened my Christmas card and found such a generous love gift. Thank you so much for thinking of me, I really do appreciate it. Debbie and I also want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, phone calls and support we received before, during and after her recent knee surgery. She is getting better every day and we are very blessed to have such a caring church family. Happy New Year and may God bless you all in 2022!

John Rickert, Director of Music

To the MABC Family,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas love gift and allowing me to be part of the MABC family.

Holly McCarthy, Office Manager

Dear MABC Family

Thank you so much for your generous love gift. I am overwhelmed by your kindness. It is a privilege to serve God along with you. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Pastor Carol

Happy Birthday



- 08 *Devín Ballien*
- 10 *Shirley Yancer*
- 15 *Shannon Ferrell Gwinnup*
- 18 *Daytona King*
- 21 *Connor Tuck*
- 22 *Mary Aimesbury*
- 27 *Sharon Mason*
- 29 *Sarah Kocsis*
- 30 *Vivian Settle*
- 30 *David Hamilton*
- 31 *Chloe Tuck*

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.