



**FEBRUARY**  
**The Beacon Newsletter**  
**2024**



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

In Person worship  
Sunday  
10:45 A.M.

#### **OUR CHURCH OFFICERS**

Moderator: Cheryl Zinz  
Vice Moderator: Brenda Ferrell  
Clerk: Denice Papesh  
Treasurer: Cyndi James  
Missions Treasurer: Sherrell McCafferty

#### **CHURCH TEAM LEADERS**

Christian Ed & Youth Ministry: Cheryl Ellsworth	Missions/Outreach: Nikki Anjakos-Seno
Facilities/Maintenance: Jody James, interim	Hospitality: Opportunity to serve
Historian: J. David Garn	Music/Worship: Brenda Ferrell & Arlene Leary
Historian Assistant: Cheryl Ellsworth	Pastoral Relations: Sally Egerer
Finance: Jim Garn	Congregation Care: Gloria Hernandez

#### **OUR STAFF**

Pastor: Reverend Carol McCleary  
Director of Music: John Rickert  
Organist: Jeremy Reis  
Caretaker: Jeremy Reis  
Nursery Attendant: Sarah Egerer  
Sound Technician: Jim Pogoreski  
Administrator: Devon Charette



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## *A Message From Pastor Carol*

Dear Members and Friends,

We're beginning the second month of our quest to read through the Bible in a year. If you have been following along with the suggested readings, by the time you get this newsletter you will have read the books of Genesis, Mark and Galatians. Congratulations. You are off to a great start. If you haven't been reading along with us, it's not too late to begin. You can download a copy of the reading plan by clicking [HERE](#), or call the church office and we will send one to you.

Some people see the Bible as a rule book, with hard and fast rules to follow. Others see it as an instruction manual for life, with lots of helpful advice. Still others look to the Bible as a source for daily inspiration. In truth, the Bible is all these things and more.

The Bible is a library or a collection of books. The sixty-six different books that make up the Bible were written by different people in different times and even in different languages— Hebrew, Greek, and a smattering of Aramaic. The Bible has many types of writing. It includes historical narratives, laws, poetry, prophecy, and letters, and more.

Yet for all its breadth, the Bible also has unity. In some ways, the Bible is God's great love letter to us. Melody Wilson Shobe puts it this way:

“[The Bible] is the story of God's extraordinary love that overflowed into the creation of the world, the earth, and all that is in it, including humanity. It is the story of God's relentless, unwavering, unstoppable love for his people—people who are flawed and funny and ordinary, just like you and me. It is a story of the journey of those all-too-ordinary people who have tried ...to respond to God's love. It is the story of how God keeps trying to call us back to him even when we have wandered and strayed from God's path. It's the story of how, in the fullness of time, God came among us, love incarnate, in the person of Jesus Christ, to show us how to walk through this world with love and compassion. It's the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. It's the story of the founding of the Church, the followers of Jesus in the world, the people of the Way, proclaiming Christ's word and continuing his work. It's the story of you and me, the descendants of these flawed, broken, and beautiful characters, the inheritors of the promises of God.”

Blessings as you continue to read God's Word.

Faithfully,  
Pastor Carol

P.S. I invite you to join us at church on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. for a Bible study about the weekly readings. If you are not able to join in person, you may join via Zoom (audio only, no video) by calling 1 253-215-8782. Meeting ID: 865 1562 2792  
Passcode: 872490





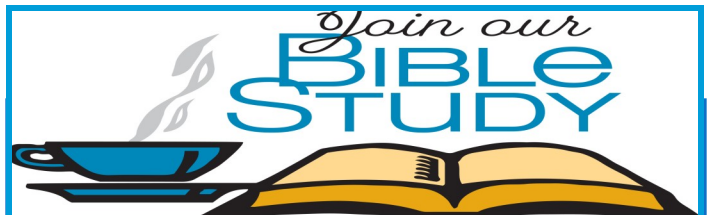
Attention all Singers and Bell Ringers,  
The **Choir** will be singing this Easter and possibly Palm Sunday. All Singers are welcome to join us.

Our **Hand Bell Choir** will be playing for our upcoming Easter service.

Rehearsals will be held on the following Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for **Bell Choir** and 7:30 p.m. for **Choir**: February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20 and March 27.



The MABC Annual Business Meeting will be on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Social Hall.  
*(In person and on our regular Zoom room)*



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## THANK YOU

Dear MABC Members and Friends,

Thank you so much for all the cards, gifts and sweet treats you shared with me at Christmas. Your generosity blows me away. To those who picked our special gifts you knew I would enjoy, Thank you. To those who contributed to the love gift: Thank you. I've already used a portion of it to order a new nativity set from Paris. I can't wait to share it with you. I would also like to thank the anonymous elf who left a package for me behind the pulpit. What thoughtful and practical gift! I feel so blessed to serve such a loving congregation. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the love gift. I appreciate your generosity and it is a blessing to be here at MABC.

John Rickert, Director of Music

MABC Family,

Thank you so much for the love gift this year. I appreciate it so much. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Sarah Egerer, Nursery Attendant

Dear MABC Congregation,

I am so blessed to be able to work with such a loving and giving congregation. I truly appreciate the generous Love Gift and warm Christmas wishes. Thank you.

Devon Charette, Administrator

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the generous gift of money you gave me this Christmas. I truly felt loved and blessed. May our Savior bless you all as we begin another year together.

Yours in Christ,

Jeremy Reis, Organist and Caretaker

## MISSIONS

**Your Mission giving for February will support the Salvation Army**



The Salvation Army is a religious, charitable and social service agency serving millions of men, women and children around the world since 1865. The organization follows the mainstream Christian belief, and its objectives are the relief of poverty and delivery of service to people in need, and the education and advancement of the Christian religion. The Army believes its service to others is the practical expression of its faith. As such, we are a diverse group of Soldiers, adherents, church members, volunteers and staff working in local mission to serve the residents of Saginaw County.

The purpose of The Salvation Army is stated in the mission statement:

***The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church.***

It's **message** is based on the Bible.

It's **ministry** is motivated by the love of God.

It's **mission** is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

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



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	3
4 Church School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m.	5	6	7	8	9 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	10
11 Church School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m.	12	13	14	15	16 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	17
18 Church School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m.	19	20	21	22	23 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	24
25 Church School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m.	26	27	28 Bells 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	29 Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.	1	2



11 Brenda Ferrell

15 Jody James

17 Kyle Casey

23 Lukas Casey

28 Rusty Ellsworth III