



# The Beacon Newsletter

## DECEMBER 2025

### OUR CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator: Cheryl Zinz  
Vice Moderator: Brenda Ferrell  
Clerk: Sharon Murphy  
Treasurer: Jim Garn  
Missions Treasurer: Sherrell McCafferty  
Financial Secretary: Cyndi James

### OUR STAFF

Pulpit Supply:  
Director of Music: John Rickert  
Organist: Jeremy Reis  
Caretaker: Jeremy Reis  
Nursery Attendant: Sarah Egerer  
Administrator: Devon Charette  
Sound Technician: Jim Pogoreski



### CHURCH TEAM LEADERS

Christian Ed & Youth Ministry: Cheryl Ellsworth  
Historian: Opportunity to Serve  
Historian Assistant: Cheryl Ellsworth  
Finance: Jim Garn  
Facilities: Jody James, Interim

Missions/Outreach: Nikki Anjakos-Seno  
Hospitality: Hilary Lemmer  
Music/Worship: Brenda Ferrell & Arlene Leary  
Pastoral Relations: Opportunity to Serve  
Congregational Care: Gloria Hernandez



### **CORE CONVICTIONS:**

- The gospel of Jesus is good for everyone!
- Church is a safe place.
- There is a place for YOU at the table.

**The  
Church Office  
Is open by  
Appointment**

**You can view previous church  
services at [MABCSaginaw.org](https://www.MABCSaginaw.org)  
or by searching for Michigan  
Avenue Baptist Church on  
YouTube.**

**In Person  
Worship  
Sunday  
10:30 a.m.**

**MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**203 S. Michigan Avenue—Saginaw, Michigan 48602**  
**Church office: (989) 793-8555**  
**Email: [MichiganAveBaptist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:MichiganAveBaptist@sbcglobal.net)**  
**Website: [MABCSaginaw.org](https://www.MABCSaginaw.org)**

Join us for Christmas Caroling  
After service on December 21st  
More info to follow.



## Christmas Eve Service



**Choir Rehearsals for  
Winter as follows:**

**Bell Choir: 12/10, 12/17**

**Choir: 12/10, 12/17**



St. John's Episcopal Church will have their next food give away December 9th. You can help! Gather at St. John's to pack boxes at 3:00 pm. Distribute food from 4-6 pm or food is gone. 123 N. Michigan Saginaw MI 989-793-9575

Annual Reports are due by December 31st.  
Please email your report to:  
[MichiganAveBaptist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:MichiganAveBaptist@sbcglobal.net)



**Quarterly Business Meeting**  
**December 18, 2025 7:00 p.m.**  
**Social Hall**

# DECEMBER MISSION

Your Mission giving for December will be to support the  
Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering.



A Legacy of Love: Honoring Those Who've Served Following God's call often comes with sacrifice. Many retired ministers, missionaries, and their widowed spouses have served faithfully, yet often lack the resources to fully prepare for life's later seasons. Health challenges, the loss of a spouse, or isolation. These are the people who have poured into our lives. Pastors who prayed with us, missionaries who served where we could not. Their dedication helped shape the American Baptist Churches USA into the vibrant, faithful community it is today. Your offering is more than a donation, it's a heartfelt expression of love and gratitude. It allows us to provide emergency assistance and a "Thank You" check to those who have devoted 15 or more years of their lives to God's service. Thanks to your generosity, in 2024 we raised \$932,122, resulting in 3,331 checks sent to retired ministers, missionaries, and widowed spouses. These gifts meet real needs and offer comfort in life's most vulnerable moments:

The MABC Mission team invite 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. MABC can help by providing gift suggestions as listed below. HealthSource will wrap your gifts. If you wish, you can include gift bags and tissue paper.

Please bring your gift/s to the church and place them in the Christmas box at the back of the sanctuary. **Deadline to bring gifts to MABC is Sunday December 7th.**

## Gift Suggestions for Men

1. Detroit Lions M-3X
2. After & Pre-Shave /Body Spray
3. Combs and Hair Pics
4. Sweatshirts L-3X (pullover/zip up)
5. Sweatpants L to 3X
6. Slippers (with Rubber Sole & backs )
7. Regular/Candy /Pop
8. Blankets
9. T-Shirts L-3X
10. Denture Cleaner and Adhesive
11. Button Up Sweaters
12. Woodworking Crafts
13. Large Print Puzzle Books
14. Hand Held Games
15. Large Face Watches
16. Long Sleeve Shirts L to 3X
17. Polo Type Shirts
18. Wallet/Change Purse
19. Electric Shavers
20. Model Cars
21. \$2 or \$3 in money envelopes
22. Hair Gel/Hair & Scalp
23. Sugar free snacks/drinks

## Gift Suggestions for Women

1. Magazines
2. Body Spray//Cologne
3. Blankets
4. Body Wash/Lotions
5. Slippers (with Rubber Soles and backs)
6. Sweatpants M to 3X
7. Sweatshirts M to 3X (pullover /zip up)
8. Brushes/Large Tooth combs, Pics
9. Jewelry/Clip on Earrings
10. Regular Candy/Gum/Pop
11. Button up sweaters
12. Undershirts M-2X
13. Books
14. Simple Craft Projects
15. Nail Polish and Polish Remover
16. Diamond Art
17. Large Face Watches
18. Lipstick/Chapstick
19. Coin purses
20. Mirrors
21. Hair and Scalp Conditioner
22. \$2 or \$3 in money envelopes
23. Hair Spray/Hair Gel
24. Sugar free snacks/drinks



# RESTORATION FELLOWSHIP

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CROSS MINISTRIES



NEED A NEW START? A NEW, CARING COMMUNITY?

**COME AS YOU ARE...**

Everyone has a story of brokenness. Everyone needs restoration from drug/alcohol addictions, low self-worth, abuse, loss of a loved one, shame, depression, anxiety, etc.

**WHAT ARE YOU GOING THROUGH?**

A free dinner, followed by awesome music, prayer, and a life recovery message.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 5 pm to 7 pm**

**Michigan Avenue Baptist Church**

**203 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602**

(Park and enter through door on the courthouse side of the building)

A time of learning and meeting new friends that care.  
Completely confidential!

Questions Welcomed - Chaplain Andy Cox, 989-860-7122





# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**15 Aileen Kushon**

**21 Sally Egerer**

**22 J. David Garn**

**27 Tom Carr**

**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 everyone a Happy Birthday during their birthday month.



# December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Church School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am	8	9 St. John's Food Distribution 3:00 p.m.	10 Rehearsals Bells: 6:30 Choir 7:30	11	12	13
14 Church School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am	15	16	17 Rehearsals Bells: 6:30 Choir 7:30	18 Quarterly Business Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Fellowship lunch	20 Restoration Fellowship 5:00 pm
21 Church School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Caroling	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm		26	27
28 Church School 9:30 am Worship Service	29	30		<div>Caroling</div> <div>December 21st</div> 		

