

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2018 Tithe and Offerings.** Sabbath service offerings contributed through Dec. 29 will be credited for 2018 receipts. Contributions made through Dec. 31 may be included in 2018 if prior arrangements are made with the treasurer, David Moll.

**El Salvador Missions PROJECT.** Just a reminder to the church family that we are raising \$10,000 in order to build a church in El Salvador. Please prayerfully consider giving to this cause. Donations will be sent in by year's end. You may also pledge your amount. Please put all donations in your tithe envelope and mark for the "Mission Building Project."

**El Salvador Mission TRIP.** If you desire to go to El Salvador in March as a part of this mission effort please see the Pastor immediately. An application must be filled out and a \$200 non refundable deposit submitted by the end of December. The total cost of the trip is \$1200 including air fare from Chicago to El Salvador and back. The rest of the total must be paid by March 1, 2019. Any questions should be directed to the Pastor.

**Vespers on January 5.** Jakee Osborn will be sharing her experience during her recent mission trip to Kenya, Africa. Vespers will begin at 5:30 PM. Please come and be blessed.

**Local Church Offering Need.** Please consider contributing to our church expense, evangelistic outreach, and church improvement funds as you make your end-of-year contributions. The November 30 church expense balance was -\$2,395.99 (negative), and the other two funds are depleted. We recently had a large insurance bill, resealed our parking lot, held our Health Expo, and replaced our wireless microphones (because of federal law change). To contribute, please use an offering envelope and write in the fund name.

**Constituency Meeting on January 20.** There will be a Tri City School Constituency meeting on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 6 PM at the school.

**Birthday Announcement.** Ann Pank will be 96 on December 30. Please send cards to her at 1857 Bunting Way Drive, Hermitage, TN 37076.

**Community Services will be closed** December 31 for the holidays.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**"When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple." ~ Jonah 2:7.**

- Mark Yates – prayer for macular degeneration
- Clarence Kennedy – Bell's palsy
- Adeline Rabe – Mary Yates's grandmother
- Sandy Greenwald – liver complications/failure
- Harmen Aerts
- Claudette Thompson
- Dick & Lois
- Clifford Ervick – recovery from surgery
- Bible study interests
- Pregnancies – Maria, Stephanie
- New babies – Alex, Hazel, Julian
- Faith Gray – healing of wrist & rehab
- Barb & Denny Franklin – health issues
- Emily – long term, severe, undiagnosed illness
- Bob Shortt – in hospital needing heart surgery
- Michelle's Aunt Lou – cancer
- Tiffany – multiple issues
- Rosemarie Ayers – health issues
- Joyce Ervick – recovery from broken shoulder

**Collection of Offering.** It may surprise you, but taking up the collection during the worship service, according to the church manual, is not a specified function of the deacons. However the church manual does say, they are to assist at services and meetings, p58. In the Deacons and Deaconess's handbook, p82, in talking about enhancing the beauty and blessing of the worship service it says they (deacons and deaconesses) are to organize the collection of tithes and offerings as a part of worship service. And the deacons are preferred as the ones who assist the treasurer in counting the loose offerings. Every week we see the children collect the lambs offering, so clearly deacons are not the only ones who can collect the tithes and offerings. On occasions when there are not enough available deacons at the start of the worship service, deaconesses and/or other church members may be called upon to help collect the offering. The deacons will still organize and manage the process.

**Audio CD Recordings** of today's church service are available at the AV booth at the rear of the sanctuary following the service.

**Having Trouble Hearing?** Portable hearing assistance units are available at the AV booth.



“. . . Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'"  
Luke 15:6

**DECEMBER 29, 2018**

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
**2420 East Ashman Street • Midland, Michigan 48642**

## WELCOME

The image on the cover depicts the marvelous lost sheep parable of Jesus found in Luke 15:3-7. The church leaders were muttering that Jesus spent time with sinners. Jesus responded with the story of a shepherd who has 100 sheep, but loses one of them. With great urgency, the shepherd hunts for the lost sheep. When he finds it, he rejoices with his friends and neighbors that the sheep has been rescued.

Jesus then states that heaven rejoices greatly when one sinner repents and entrusts his life with God. We hope you find Jesus, His love, and His desire to rescue you during our services today. Welcome to the Midland Seventh-day Adventist Church!

## WE BELIEVE

As a church family, we believe God loves us and wants us to spend eternity with Him. We take God's Word, the Bible, seriously. We study it diligently because it is filled with messages of hope and the love of Jesus, along with instructions for living rich fulfilling lives, observing a Sabbath of rest, living healthfully, loving and forgiving others, and much more. To learn more about our beliefs, please visit [www.adventist.org/beliefs](http://www.adventist.org/beliefs).

## CONTACT US

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### Adventist Community Services Center (ACS)

1113 E Carpenter (989) 835-3675  
Hours: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Mondays

### Radio and TV Ministry

Strong Tower Radio 90.7 FM

3ABN TV Over-the-Air Channels 24-1 to 24-7  
Charter Channel 150  
Dish Network Channel 9393

## WE PRAY

10:00 AM South-West Side Room

## WE STUDY

10:30 AM

Bible Study

“Final Restoration of Unity”

## WE SING

11:35 AM

## WE WORSHIP

11:45 AM

Welcome

Nathan Hall

Church Life

Women's Ministries • Maryanne Walker

Preparation

“Be Still, My Soul” &  
“Have Thine Own Way, Lord” • *Sibelius & Stebbins*

Hymn of Praise

“How Great Thou Art” • 86

Family Prayer

Don Mapes

Giving of Gifts

Offering Michigan Conference Evangelism  
Lamb's Offering Tri-City School Subsidy  
Offertory “This Is My Father's World” • *Franklin Sheppard*

Children's Story

Pat Hall

Special Music

Aaron and Nathan Hall

Scripture

Joshua 14:10-12 • Tricia Hall

Sermon

“Give Me This Mountain” • Pastor Richard Hall

Hymn of Response

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” • 229

Benediction

Nathan Hall

Postlude

“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above” •  
*From Foundery Collection*

ELDER: Nathan Hall • DEACON: Mark Yates  
PIANIST: David Moll • CHORISTER: Hope Mwemba

## THE COMING WEEK

Today

Sermon: Pastor Richard Hall  
No Fellowship Meal  
Sunset: 5:11 PM

Monday

Community Services will be closed  
December 31

Tuesday

Mid Week Meeting: Tracing the Footsteps of  
Jesus 7:00 PM

Wednesday

Bulletin material due by 8:00 PM to  
[bulletin@midlandsda.org](mailto:bulletin@midlandsda.org)

Sabbath

Sermon: Pastor Thompson  
Offering: Local Church Budget  
No Fellowship Meal  
Vespers 5:30 PM  
Sunset: 5:14 PM

## FUTURE EVENTS

January 12

Sermon: David Moll  
Fellowship Meal  
Assisted Living Ministry 3:30 PM

January 19

Sermon: Bill Blond  
No Fellowship Meal

January 26

Sermon: Pastor Thompson  
Fellowship Meal

February 2

Sermon: Pastor Thompson  
No Fellowship Meal

February 9

Sermon: Nathan Hall  
Fellowship Meal  
Assisted Living Ministry 3:30 PM

February 16

Sermon: Pastor Thompson  
No Fellowship Meal