

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Second Readings Postponed.

Carol Lanfear for church directory clerk  
Gerri Kohtz for Assistant Adventist Community Services Leader  
Cheryl Bissonnette for church bulletin copyist

**ChurchToo.** ChurchToo is a three-part docu-series (reminiscent of MeToo) that aims to shed light on the reality of abuse in faith communities and what we can do to end it. ChurchToo is produced by EnditNowNorthAmerica in collaboration with Adventist Learning Community and SonScreen Films. Watch the first in the series on December 11 at 7:00 PM at <https://www.facebook.com/enditnowNAD>.

**Mid-Week Service.** It has been decided that for the safety of all, our mid-week service will be canceled until further notice.

**Adventist Community Services Center.** Michigan Conference Adventist Community Services director Chelli Ringstaff has messaged that because of COVID 19 Adventist Community Services centers "will open only with extreme safety measures." Because our small Midland center is unable to meet this standard we will be closed until further notice. Please pray that this COVID plague will soon be over and that we can return to be a blessing to our community.

**Prison Ministry Outreach.** From time to time we have sent money to help a Newberry Correctional prisoner with his personal needs. He and his wife attended our church at one time. Since his incarceration he has been actively sharing Bible truths; and he appreciates what we have done to help him. If you would like to contribute to this fund, indicate Prison Ministries, when you give.

**New Phone and Email.** Daniel and Maresa Goodin each have new contact information: Daniel (989) 207-0273 and [danieledwardgoodin@gmail.com](mailto:danieledwardgoodin@gmail.com). Maresa (989) 207-0378.

**Student Aid.** Our church has committed to help two students from our church family attend Great Lakes Adventist Academy through Project Assist. At the end of November, we have donated \$1164 out of a total of \$2,625 needed this academic year. To help give to "Student Aid - Academy"

**Watch "Revelation Now"** Archived Videos with Doug Batchelor at: <https://www.revelationnow.com>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matthew 21:22**

- Pastor Dronen
- Jakee Osborn - COVID Recovery
- Denny Franklin - respiratory problems
- Wisdom for us and our leaders in dealing with COVID-19
- Cheryl Bissonnette's stepfather—multiple health problems
- Ruthella McDonald - now on hospice
- Larry Truax - melanoma surgery on December 24

**Subscribe.** If you would like to subscribe to Strong Tower Radio's weekly email newsletter and get announcements about upcoming events and programming, then email Tom Mejeur at [tom@strongtowerradio.org](mailto:tom@strongtowerradio.org)

**Adventurer's Club.** Will begin soon. If you are interested in more information and registration, please fill out the child registration form. Stay tuned for more information on when we will begin meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Hilary Hall.

**ReCharge Your Church.** It Is Written will host a virtual evangelism and church growth retreat December 13 and 14. The theme is "Preaching the Changes Lives." The featured presenter is Dr. Henry Wright. For information and registration go to [itiswritten.com/recharge](http://itiswritten.com/recharge)

**Video System Upgrade.** Thank you! With the \$10,300 we received from MAP, we now have sufficient funds for our video system upgrade project. The equipment has been ordered. We hope it will be operational in the next one to two months. Thank you for your generous support!

**Save Your Memories.** If you can't play your family videos on VHS, they can be changed into DVDs or digital files on a flash drive. Contact Carol at [Carol.Lanfear@zoho.com](mailto:Carol.Lanfear@zoho.com)

**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 12, 2020**

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
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## 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 to God's care. 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

9:00 AM South-West Side Room  
(When church and Sabbath school meet in-person)

## WE STUDY

9:30 AM  
(When church and Sabbath school meet in-person)

**Bible Study** "The Christian and Work"

## WE WORSHIP

11:00 AM

**Introit** Brenda Khalil

**Welcome** Nathan Hall

**Giving of Gifts** Nathan Hall  
Offering World Budget  
Lamb's Offering Tri-City School Subsidy

**Preparation** Brenda Khalil

**Family Prayer** Nathan Hall

**Scripture Reading** 1 Thes 5:16-18 • Nathan Hall

**Sermon** "Choosing Gratitude" • Stacey Mapes

**Benediction** Nathan Hall

ELDER: Nathan Hall • DEACON: Don Mapes  
PIANIST: Brenda Khalil

## THE COMING WEEK

**Today** Sermon: Stacey Mapes  
Offering: World Budget  
No Fellowship Meal  
Sunset: 5:00 PM

**Monday** Community Services: Closed until further notice

**Tuesday** Mid-Week Service: Canceled until further notice

**Wednesday** Email bulletin materials by 8:00 PM to [bulletin@midlandsda.org](mailto:bulletin@midlandsda.org)

**Next Sabbath** Sermon Gary Minnick  
Offering: Combined Budget  
No Fellowship Meal  
Sunset: 5:02 PM

## FUTURE EVENTS

**December 26** Sermon: Aaron Cloutier

**January 2** Sermon: To Be Assigned

**January 9** Sermon: Pastor Justin Ringstaff