

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**For Reflection.** “The hour of prayer should not be neglected for any consideration. Do not give the time to conversation and recreation until you are too weary to enjoy the season of devotion. To do this is to present to God a lame offering. At an early hour of the evening, when you can pray unhurriedly and understandingly, present your supplication, and raise your voices in happy, grateful praise. Let all who visit Christians see that the hour of prayer is the most sacred, the most precious, and the happiest hour of the day. Such an example will not be without effect. These seasons of devotion exert a refining, elevating influence upon all who participate in them. Right thoughts and new and better desires will be awakened in the hearts of the most careless. The hour of prayer brings a peace and rest grateful to the weary spirit; for the very atmosphere of a Christian home is that of peace and restfulness.”  
Signs of the Times, December 17, 1885, par. 7

**Urgent Need.** Dear church family, your help is vitally needed. As Tony reported previously, our church expense account has been seriously impacted by inflation. A combination of dwindling donations to that fund while the expenses continue to steadily increase has resulted in a considerable deficit over the past nine months. Please see the graph enclosed as a bulletin insert which illustrates the steep decline this fund is experiencing. Church expense provides for heat, cooling and electricity for the church building as well as snow removal and janitorial expenses, etc. Please consider increasing your giving to church expense so we can pay our church's operating costs. An updated financial report as of February 2023 has been posted on the bulletin board in the foyer for your review. Mary Bukowiec, Church Treasurer

**New Church Directories.** Hoorah! New church directories have been printed! They are located on the table closest to the AV booth in the foyer. It is “fold your own” as they stack better.

**How to Join.** Of course we consider you a part of our church family after attending a few times. But we would like you to make it official. If you would like to officially join the Midland SDA Church by having your membership transferred, it is as easy as sending an email to [clerk@midlandsda.org](mailto:clerk@midlandsda.org) and requesting a transfer. If you would like to join by profession of faith or baptism, send an email to [pastor@midlandsda.org](mailto:pastor@midlandsda.org)

**Weimar University** has a variety of job openings from handyman to business faculty. See Carol Lanfear for more information.

**Camp Au Sable Marriage Retreat.** May 5-7. Michael and Melanie Goetz are the speakers. Information and registration at <https://www.misdafamily.org/events>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer,” 1 Peter 3:12a NIV**

- Raymond & Dan Cloutier — serious health issues
- Barb Franklin — multiple health issues and recovery from broken ankle after a fall at home
- Prayers for Cheryl Bissonnette and family whose step-father, John Walker, Jr, passed away recently
- Survivors of recent natural disasters worldwide and shootings nation wide
- Prayers for members and families with ongoing health concerns

**Experiencing Grief?** You may find comfort in talking with others who are also experiencing grief. There are two organizations dedicated to this service.

- **Michigan Department of Health Stay Well Counseling Team:** Register at <https://bit.ly/3C4AXDk> or call their hotline at (888) 535-6136 and press 8.
- **GriefShare.org:** Both online and in-person groups are available. Just put in your zip code to find groups near you.

**Adventist Today Sabbath Seminar.** Each Sabbath afternoon at 1:30 PM via Zoom. The Zoom link and password will be posted on the AToday.org website on Sabbath. Join in the discussion after the presentation. Future presenters include Ron Lawson, Daniel Duda, Raj Attiken, Ron Lawson, and Mathilde Frey.

**Church Leadership Workshop.** Greetings elders, deacons and deaconesses. This workshop is designed especially for YOU. Topics range from the Ministry of Hospitality to Conflict Resolution. Please join us!  
Date: April 28-30, 2023  
Location: Camp Au Sable, Grayling MI  
Visit [www.misda.org/clw](http://www.misda.org/clw) to purchase tickets and register.  
The deadline to register is April 17, 2023.

**Dow Garden Passes.** We again have 8 passes for the Dow Gardens. Just mention Seventh-day Adventist Church at the entrance when you go.

**Audio and Video Recordings** of today's and prior services are available online at [midlandsda.org](http://midlandsda.org) and at [facebook.com/midlandadventist](https://facebook.com/midlandadventist) or [midlandsda.org/blog](http://midlandsda.org/blog)  
**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

**APRIL 15, 2023**

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

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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: [adventist.org/beliefs](http://adventist.org/beliefs).

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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 • [StrongTowerRadio.org](http://StrongTowerRadio.org) or STR.fm  
3ABN TV Over-the-Air Channels 24-1 to 24-7  
Charter Channel 150  
Dish Network Channel 9393

WE STUDY

9:30 AM

Bible Study “The Everlasting Gospel”

WE SING

10:35 AM

WE WORSHIP

10:45 AM

Welcome Gary Minnick

Preparation “Children’s Medley” • Mark Hayes

Hymn of Praise “Marching to Zion” • 422

Family Prayer Gary Minnick

Giving of Gifts Gary Minnick  
Offering Combined Budget  
Lamb’s Offering Tri-City SDA School  
Offertory “When We All Get to Heaven” • Emily Wilson

Children’s Story Pastor Mabio Coelho

Scripture Reading Romans 5:1 • Gary Minnick

Sermon Series: “God in Search of Mankind”  
Sermon: “Walking in the Minefield, Part 2: Fighting to Win” • Pastor Mabio Coelho

Hymn of Response “Sweet Hour of Prayer” • 478

Benediction Gary Minnick

Postlude “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” • Arthur Messiter

ELDER: Gary Minnick • DEACON: Robert Marsh  
PIANIST: David Moll • CHORISTER: Michelle Cloutier

THE COMING WEEK

Today Sermon: Mabio Coelho, Pastor  
Offering: Combined Budget  
Fellowship Meal  
Choir Rehearsal  
Sunset: 8:20 PM

Monday Community Services: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Tuesday Midweek Service: 6:00 PM

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

Friday Choir Rehearsal: 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Next Sabbath Sermon: Andrei Coelho, Local Attendee  
Offering: Michigan Advance Partners  
No Fellowship Meal  
Sunset: 8:28 PM

FUTURE EVENTS

April 27 Cooking School: 6:30 PM  
Grace A Dow Library Community Room

April 28 Choir Rehearsal: 6:30 – 7:30 PM

April 29 Sermon: James Earl, Elder at Grand Haven SDA Church  
No Fellowship Meal

May 1 School Board Meeting: 7:00 PM

May 4 Elders’ Meeting: 6:30 PM

May 6 Sermon: Mabio Coelho, Pastor  
Fellowship Meal  
Choir Rehearsal

May 11 Church Board Meeting: 6:15 PM

May 12 Choir Rehearsal: 6:30 – 7:30 PM

May 13 Music/Testimony/Praise Service  
No Fellowship Meal