

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**For Reflection.** The trying experiences that came to God's people in the days of Esther were not peculiar to that age alone. . . . Satan will arouse indignation against the minority who refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. Wealth, genius, education, will combine to cover them with contempt. Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members will conspire against them. With voice and pen, by boasts, threats, and ridicule, they will seek to overthrow their faith. By false representations and angry appeals, men will stir up the passions of the people. Not having a "Thus saith the Scriptures" to bring against the advocates of the Bible Sabbath, they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for Sunday laws. But those who fear God, cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the Decalogue. On this battlefield will be fought the last great conflict in the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Today, as in the days of Esther and Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people.  
Ellen G White, *Prophets and Kings*, p 605.

**Our Tri-City School Constituency Meeting** will be held on January 13 at 5:30 PM after a brief vespers program.

**Memorial Service.** There will be a joint memorial service for Wanda Hanson and Beverly Greavu on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the Grand Haven SDA Church.

- Upcoming Events.** See our website (midlandsda.org) for information on the following list of other events. Included are:
- Teen Snow Outing at Camp Au Sable — January 12-14
  - Father/Son Man Camp at Camp Au Sable — January 26-28
  - Michigan Blind Camp at Camp AuSable — January 28 to February 24. See Carol Lanfear if you know a blind camper or would like to help in some capacity at Camp Au Sable.
  - The Rest and Renewal Retreat has been rescheduled for February 29 to March 3 at Camp Au Sable

- Areas of Financial Need.**
- Church Expense — to pay operating costs
  - Support for academy student — for winter term expenses
  - Support for Tri-City School students — for fall expenses

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**“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”**  
**Col 4:2 NIV**

- Nori and Yoko Hasegawa — cancer
- Mapes Family — grieving the death of Don Sr.
- Ted — health concerns
- Jennifer and family — grieving the death of her husband
- Robert Marsh — recovering from a car accident
- Madonna Swider — significant medical challenges
- Cheryl Bissonnette — ongoing cancer treatment
- Todd Bissonnette — healing for legs
- Prayers for members and families with ongoing health concerns
- Prayers for those in areas of conflict around the world

**Did You Know?** Our church has a Pathfinder club (like Scouting but coed) called the Tittabawassee Turtles for boys and girls ages 10 to 15. Community children as well as church children are welcome to join. Generations (literally) of kids have enjoyed this wonderful organization. For more information contact Glen Zimmerman at glenzimmerman@gmail.com

**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 and requesting a transfer. If you would like to join by profession of faith or baptism, send an email to pastor@midlandsda.org

- Strong Tower Radio.** Tune in on-air on STR stations (locally at 90.7 FM), via Apple & Android apps, & STR.fm
- **Jack Frost Winter Closet Pantry.** Learn how a church provides new winter clothes for needy children this Sunday at 3:30 AM, Monday 4:00 PM, Wednesday at 9:00 PM, and Thursday at 1:00 PM.
  - **Point, Click, and Give.** Give to Strong Tower Radio via the STR.fm giving page, with your smartphone, or mailing a check to P.O. Box 567, Cadillac, MI 49601



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

**DECEMBER 30, 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 End of God’s Mission”

WE SING

10:35 AM

WE WORSHIP

10:45 AM

**Welcome** Stacey Mapes

**Preparation** “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” • Julie A Lind

**Hymn of Praise** “Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary” • 476

**Family Prayer** Stacey Mapes

**Giving of Gifts** Stacey Mapes  
Offering Camp Sagola  
Lamb’s Offering Tri-City SDA School  
Offertory “Joseph’s Song” • Michael Card

**Children’s Story** Pastor Mabio Coelho

**Scripture** Hebrews 9:11-15 • Don Mapes

**Sermon** “A Time of Reflection and Deliverance” •  
Pastor Mabio Coelho

**Communion** Pastor Mabio Coelho

**Hymn of Response** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” • 407

**Benediction** Stacey Mapes

**Postlude** “The Promise” • Michael Card

ELDER: Stacey Mapes • DEACON: Don Mapes  
PIANIST: Brenda Khalil  
CHORISTERS: Praise Team

THE COMING WEEK

**Today** Sermon: Mabio Coelho, Pastor  
Communion  
Offering: Camp Sagola  
No Fellowship Meal  
Sunset: 5:08 PM

**Monday** NO Community Services: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Tuesday** Mid Week Service: 6:00 PM

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

**Next Sabbath** Sermon: Mabio Coelho, Pastor  
Offering: Combined Budget  
Fellowship Meal  
Choir Rehearsal  
Sunset: 5:15 PM

FUTURE EVENTS

**January 11** Church Board Meeting: 6:15 PM

**January 12** Choir Rehearsal: 6:30 PM

**January 13** Sermon: Aaron Cloutier, Local Elder  
No Fellowship Meal  
Tri-City School Constituency Meeting: 5:30 PM

**January 20** Sermon: Mabio Coelho, Pastor  
Fellowship Meal  
Choir Rehearsal  
Pathfinder Sunshine Band at Swanhaven

**January 22** Elders Meeting: 6:30 PM

**January 26** Choir Rehearsal: 6:30 PM

**January 27** Sermon: Herbert Nelson, Local Elder, Mt Pleasant SDA Church  
No Fellowship Meal

**February 3** Sermon: Mabio Coelho, Pastor  
Fellowship Meal  
Choir Rehearsal