



Morning Worship

January 25, 2026

Seeking to glorify God in all things through His son Jesus Christ.

Worship Service 10:30am

Metropolitan Baptist Church warmly welcomes our visitors today. If you are visiting with us, please fill out the card located in the pew/rack and place it in the offering plate so we can get to know you better.

Call to Gather	“Each One, Reach One”	#442
Welcome / Announcements	Pastor Steve	
Church in Confession	Bill Savage	
Call to Worship	Psalm 147:1	
Congregational Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 104	
Church in Prayer	Pastor Jack	
Offering /Offertory	Children Dismissed for Children’s Church	
Preparation Hymn	“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”	#295
Scripture	Romans 1:8-17	
Message	Paul’s Deep Desire	Pastor Jack
Closing Song	Praise Team	
Benediction	Romans 15:5-7	
Annual Meeting immediately following Worship Service		

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week’s Volunteers - Nancy H., Myndi F., Abbie B. Next Week’s Volunteers - February 1 - Myndi F., Josh & Marissa S. Children’s Church Volunteer Today - Andersons
Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the Worship Service.
Quiet Bags are hanging in the library next to the video rack.

The Church in Prayer


NCA Pastors and Ministries of the Week
United Community Church, Anamoose, ND
Tim (Tracey) Houck, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Shan Reed - NAB Missionary to Japan / Mobilization Director -
Shan began serving as a long-term missionary in Japan in 2001, working in church planting, evangelism, and women’s and youth ministries with the Japan Baptist Conference. She ended her time as an NAB missionary at the end of 2025, but she began a new role in September as the Mobilization Director, working with regional ministers, churches, and individuals to cultivate a culture of sacrificial sending and meaningful partnership in global missions.
Pray for Shan as she continues to visit supporting churches and shares about her new role, which still requires the financial support of partners.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/shan-reed

Cru (Todd & Kamaya Singer) - Cru offers spiritual guidance, resources and programs tailored for people from all cultures in every walk of life through many diverse out-reaches. Todd and Kamaya joined CRU full time in 2011. They believe college students are at a place that is very vulnerable with so many things fighting for their hearts and minds...also believe that college is the perfect time to give them an opportunity to know Jesus. Currently they work with college students on campuses in and around Grand Forks.


NAB Missionary of the Week



Marijana Cizmanski
NAB Global Missionary Partner in Serbia
Marijana is a Global Missionary Partner working with ZZ, the Serbian branch of Community Health Evangelism, which integrates evangelism, discipleship, and church planting with community health and development. Marijana has a background in hospice care and social services, both of which have helped shape her love for those in great need.
Pray Marijana’s final exam in psychotherapy, which should be taking place next month. Pray as well for the potential expansion of the ZZ/CHE work in Serbia and for the health of her team.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/marijana-cizmanski

Youth News

MBC Family & Friends:
Please consider hosting a
Youth Group Supper
Sunday evenings, 5:00 - 7:30pm.
A schedule is posted on the
Youth Bulletin Board
for the opportunity to sign up.
Thank You!!



Upcoming Youth Events

Today - Youth Group - 5 - 7:30pm

January 31st - Youth Conference at Bethel
9am -2:30pm

Watch your emails for details of more upcoming events

“Change to Make a Change” The Youth Group Missions Donation Box is located in the back of the sanctuary. Drop your spare change or donations in the box to help us make a change in the world through missions; for future Youth Mission trips.
Every penny helps!!

Thank You!! MBC Youth Group

Prayer & Praise Items

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.”
I Timothy 2:1 ESV*

- Pray for **Cameroon** due to the civil unrest that continues. Pray for God to bring peace to the country.
- Pray for the **Russia-Ukraine** conflict. Pray for peace.
- Pray for **Israel**. God’s will be done. Pray for peace and rebuilding.
- Pray for the **leadership** of our country, state, and city. May they see their need for a Savior and seek Him!
- Continue to pray for salvation** for all those we know who need the Lord; family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.
- Continue in prayer for those in our church family, and others, facing health issues: **Morris Peterson, Arlene Franchuk, Sherry Buchholz, Gail Biby, Larry Crooks, Arlene Palm, Karen Parrott, Ron Parrott, Kevin Preston, Jacque Ulstad, Darlene Wahl, Elmer Ackerman, Linda Moser, Bob Weier, Glenn Burrell, Steven Kieffer, and Joan Frey.** Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of their circumstances.

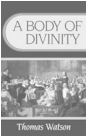
MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise! **Karen Parrott** is doing well following hip replacement surgery on January 2nd. She is home, with home healthcare nurse, PT and OT each visiting to encourage recovery. She feels blessed to have such services during this time of year. Continue to pray for a quick recovery and complete healing.
- Praise! **Austen Tryfter, Tom & LoRae Rakoczy’s son-in-law,** is doing well and went back to work after experiencing irregular heartbeats recently.

Announcements

2025 Yearly Contribution Reports are complete and are in your mailboxes. Look them over & let **LoRae Rakoczy** know if any adjustments/corrections need to be made.

*** * The 2026 Church Directories are available at the Resource Center * ***



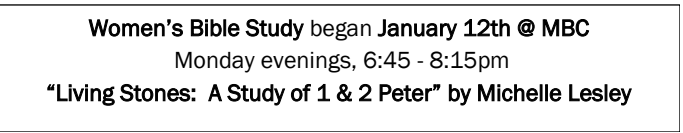
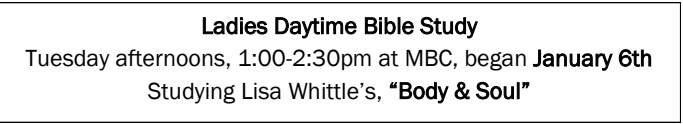
Men’s Reading Group

Monday evenings, beginning **February 9th** - 6:30pm @ MBC
reading through **Thomas Watson’s “A Body of Divinity”**
Sign up is available at the Resource Center
(Note change of start date)

There are still months available for **Caring Person 2026** - sending cards for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Member/Family of the Week, encouragement, etc.
If you have questions, ask Arlette Buegel, Camille Heuer, or Sue Mavis
Sign up is available at the Resource Center


Announcements Continued

Awana® **Leaders and/or Listeners Needed - see Janet Kirsch**



2026 Feed My Starving Children, FargoMobile Pack
February 22nd - 28th at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds
To Volunteer or Donate go to **<https://fargopack.org>**
which began December 11th

Please register yourselves; as a family, group or individual

The logo for Feed My Starving Children, featuring the text "FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN" in a bold, sans-serif font, with a stylized illustration of two children holding hands to the right.

Upcoming Events at Park Christian School:

<p>- Kindergarten Exploration Days - Feb. 19th, and March 10th - hands on events for incoming kindergarten students and their parents. 5-6 pm</p> <p>- Preview Days - February 26, March 26, April 21, and May 7 - current 1st-11th graders can come shadow a student for the morning; 8:30-11:00 am</p> <p>See postings on the entryway bulletin board for more details.</p>

There are Registration Forms/Flyers from **Crystal Springs Baptist Camp** at the Resource Center for the following **2026 Winter Retreats**:

Arctic Blast - 4th & 5th Graders - **February 20th-21st**, reg. due 2/6

Crafting Retreat - **March 6th-8th** reg. due 2/20

Winter SOULstice - 6th - 8th Graders - **March 13th-15th**, reg. due 2/26

Taste the Heat, Feel the Heart - Come celebrate **Giving Hearts Day** as Jail Chaplains, Amistad Worldwide, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and FCA ND host the **10th Annual Battle of the Churches Chili Cook Off** on **Thurs. Feb. 12th**
5:00 - 7:30 PM at Bethel E Free Church
2702 30th Ave. S., Fargo
Live entertainment, kids games, and door prizes. Enjoy a FREE bowl of chili (hotdog meal available) at this open house event and support these four Christian ministries. Please join them for this fun evening.

Thank you, Church Family, for your prayers, your meals, your gift cards and your notes of encouragement. How very blessed I am for your thoughtfulness. I am feeling well and progressing with Ron's help and the help of home healthcare.

Thank You! **Karen Parrott**

This Week

Today

9:15 am	Fellowship
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Morning Worship
12:00 pm	Annual Meeting
	immediately following Worship
5:00 pm	Youth Group

Monday, January 26
6:45pm Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, January 27
1pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, January 28
6-6:25 pm Awana Check-in
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

Saturday, January 31
9am-2:30pm Youth Conference
@ Bethel Church

Metropolitan Staff

Jack Blueel Senior Pastor
Steve Burrell Associate Pastor
Nancy Harsch Worship Coordinator
Neal & Erica Anderson Youth Coordinators
Sue Mavis Administrative Assistant
Sue's Office Hours: Tues.-Fri 8:30am-3:00pm

Attendance & Giving

Avg. Attendance for January	95
Amount Needed Weekly	\$5,777
January 11, 2026	\$11,113
Online week of 1-11-2026	\$20
January 18, 2026	\$0
Online week of 1-18-2026	\$20

**Are you continuing to read the MBC
Evangelism & Outreach Minutes?**
Watch your email,
weekly on Tuesday mornings,
for an inspiring, short thought to
motivate and enhance your witness.
“One Thing You Can’t Do In Heaven . . .”

Upcoming Events

February 2026
 1 - Communion
 3 - O & E Board Meeting
 10 - Board Meetings
 12 - MBC Prays
 12 - Giving Hearts Day
 20-21 - Arctic Blast Retreat @ CSBC
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 Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
 Next Meeting February 22, 2026

## Recognitions

## **Birthdays**

Arlyn Anderson - January 20th  
Myron Friez - January 20th  
Aaron Buchholz - January 22nd  
Brad Smith - January 24th  
Roland McKeon (Mon., Jan. 26th)  
Gideon Wolhart (Fri., Jan. 30th)  
Lydia Mehl (Sat. Jan. 31st)

**Families of the Week**  
18th - Ervin & Waltraut Wolff  
25th - Neal, Erica, Aleksia,  
Arlyn, and Adalie Anderson

**Caring Person for February**  
Ruth Wolhart

## 2:42 Groups

| January        |         |          |
|----------------|---------|----------|
| Thurs. Jan. 29 | 6:00pm  | Wolff    |
| February       |         |          |
| Sun. Feb. 22   | 12:30pm | Svaleson |

Pastor Steve's part time office hours:  
Tuesday - Thursday  
9:00am - 1:30pm



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*Romans 1:8-17*

