



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

**MARCH 2025**

Taymouth Tidings



**WELCOME!**

Sunday Worship Service—9:30am, Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor  
Christine Callender- Social Media Director and Clerk of Session,  
Dawn Patrick - Administrative Assistant and Christian Education Director,  
Heidi Smith— Musician, Lynn Hauk- Treasurer ,  
Floyd Roebuck- Youth Director  
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Please call the church with any concerns or prayers.  
**The office hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday,**  
**from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** (Holidays hours do vary).



**Per Capita 2025- \$30.69**

MURIEL LAKEY  
SCHOLARSHIP

The Church is now accepting applications to the Muriel Lakey Scholarship. Anyone who is pursuing post-high school education is welcome to apply as long as the following three criteria are met: Member of the Church, Financial need, and involvement in the life of the church. All factors being equal, higher consideration will be given to those who have not previously received a scholarship. Completed applications may be mailed, emailed, or dropped off to the church office. If you have any questions, please ask. Pastor Scott or Dawn.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31**

**WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAM TO FACEBOOK, 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS.**

Bulletins are available at [taymouthchurch.com](http://taymouthchurch.com).



**HOME PLATE 2025**

**AT COMERICA PARK**

**Saturday, May 10**

**COST: \$35.00 Per Person**  
Pavillion Seats, Lower Deck  
Church Youth Members are Free

**ON-THE-FIELD BASEBALL CLINIC**

Program time: 2:30 p.m.

Game Time: 6:10 p.m.

**Tiger's Opponent: Texas Rangers**

Teaching Time by Tiger Players and Coaches on  
Outfield Grass Between Program & Game

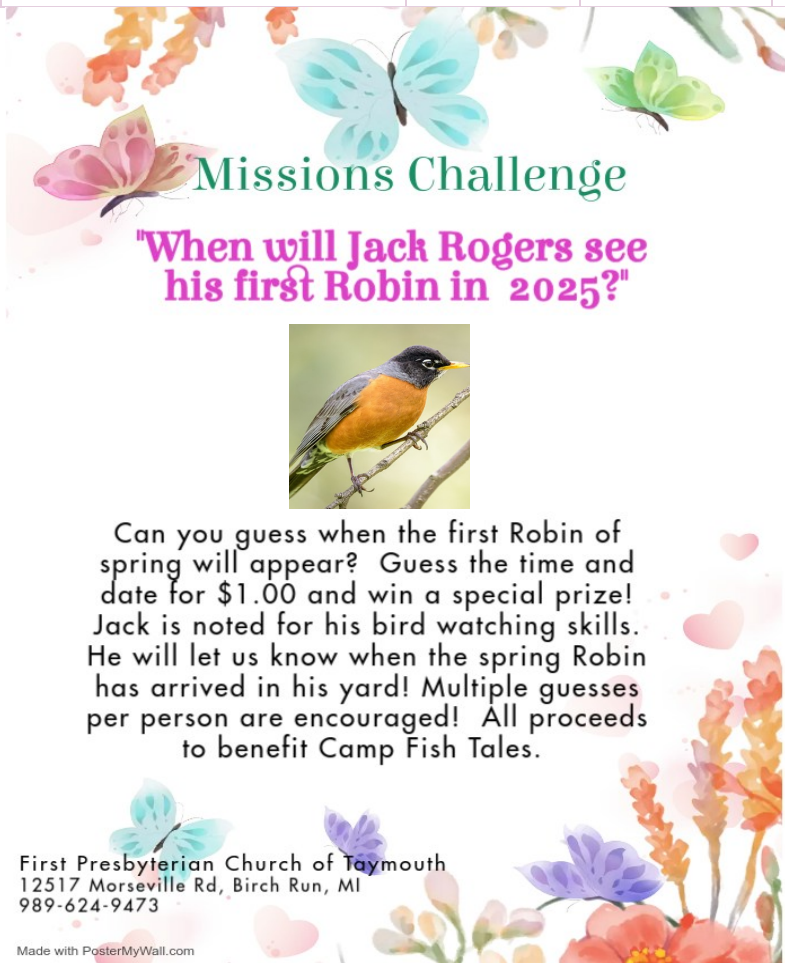
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		<h1>MARCH</h1>					1
		2 9:30 am. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour Sunday School & Youth Class  Transfiguration of the Lord	3 7:00 P.M. <b>GRIEF            SUPPORT</b>	4 6:00 p.m. <b>B &amp; G</b>	5 6:00 p.m. <b>Lenten Potluck            w/Holy Comm.            At Taymouth</b>  Ash Wednesday	6	7
9 9:30 a.m. Worship Service— Girl Scout Sunday 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School, Youth Class  1st Sunday in Lent	10	11 9:45 am Finance 7:00 p.m. Session	12 6:00 p.m. <b>Lenten Pot. At            Christ Lutheran            Birch Run</b>	13	14 7:00 p.m. <b>Family            Game            Night</b>	15	
16 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship hour and Sunday School, Youth Class  2nd Sunday in Lent	17 	18 Newsletter Items Due	19 6:00 p.m. <b>Lenten Pot. At            Ss. Francis &amp;            Clare Catholic</b>	20	21	22	
23 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School, Youth Class  3rd Sunday in Lent	24	25	26 6:00 p.m. <b>Lenten Pot. At            Burt Fellowship            Church</b>	27	28	29	
30 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School, Youth Class  4th Sunday in Lent							

## MISSIONS

We earned \$867.50 from our Cookie Walk in December. This enabled Mission Committee to help four organizations/ministries. Each organization received \$200. The remaining \$67.50 went back into our funds for other projects. The recipients for the \$200 are:


- Panther Pack Café – This is a non-profit coffee shop located at the Birch Run High School providing work for students and gives back to the community.
- The Well – An Emergency shelter and home for adult men over 18 who are experiencing homelessness and are ready to build a new life.
- Intervarsity Christian Fellowship with Matt Rogers -A Christian organization and outreach for college students.
- Amber Reinick House, Kim Weston – A home for women overcoming substance abuse.

Calling all crafters and those that can create items for sale. MISSION MARKET PLACE is coming up on November 15th and 16th. This will give you some time to think about what you want to contribute. Your help will provide funds to bless others. Beverly Robertson, Chair



## Missions Challenge

**"When will Jack Rogers see his first Robin in 2025?"**



Can you guess when the first Robin of spring will appear? Guess the time and date for \$1.00 and win a special prize! Jack is noted for his bird watching skills. He will let us know when the spring Robin has arrived in his yard! Multiple guesses per person are encouraged! All proceeds to benefit Camp Fish Tales.

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# “An Inside-Out Lenten Season”

Spring is here! “Lent” in Old English simply means “Spring is here.” Ash Wednesday (March 5th), the beginning of Lent, means “the lengthening of days.” I can tell you the days are getting longer.

With each lengthening Lenten day we all can learn wisdom. Wisdom comes about in many forms. One form is observing the negative behavior of others. As Kahlil Gibran said, “I have learned silence from the talkative, tolerance from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind.” (Hays, A Pilgrim’s Almanac, 1989)

Let us take the opportunity which Lent provides us to carefully observe the behavior of others and ourselves. Observe what negative behavior is and do the opposite. A good spiritual practice is saying, “No,” to what limits life for us and saying, “Yes” to what promotes a fuller life.

Saying “Yes” to a fuller life in Jesus Christ as “...The Way, The Truth, and The Life...” (John 14:6), helps us to counteract the “Noes” and “Nots” of negative behavior.

May we sojourn together to experience wisdom of positive and negative behaviors within ourselves by observing others. This year’s community Lenten potlucks/studies and Good Friday service will focus on “The Way, The Truth, and The Life” inspired by the devotional writings of Henri J. M. Nouwen:

March 12th “The Way of Love”

March 19th “The Truth of the Word”

March 26th “The Life of Grace”

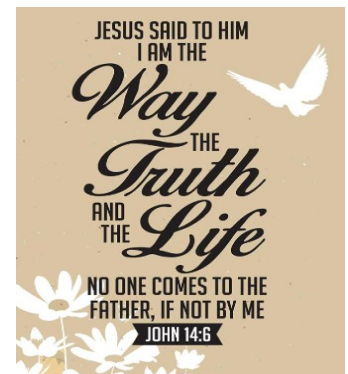
April 2nd “The Way of Service”

April 9th “The Truth of God”

April 18th Good Friday Service “The Life of Sacrifice”

I look forward to our observations during the Holy Season of Lent in an inside-out way.

Shalom, Pastor Scott



## NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

During our February meeting, we organized the new committee chairs for the year.

Session Committee chairs:

Building and Grounds: Terri Rudzitis      Finance: Lynn Hauk      Missions: Beverly Robertson  
Worship: Jason Reed      Christian Education: Floyd Roebuck      Member Care: Holly Wendzik  
Personnel: Ed Savage      Social Media & Communication Outreach: Lynn Hauk      Audit Committee: Dick Leach  
Emergency & Disaster Planning: Megan Schrubbe      Nominating Committee: Floyd Roebuck  
Muriel Lakey Memorial Scholarship Committee: Holly Wendzik      Church Dinner Committee: Removed  
Men's Group: Floyd Roebuck      Funeral Committee: Lynn Hauk      Congregational Study for Church Viability:  
Dick Leach      Presbytery Representative: Ed Savage

Election of Church Corporation Officers and Clerk of Session:

President: Holly Wendzik, Vice President: Terri Rudzitis, Treasurer: Lynn Hauk,

Secretary/Clerk of Session: Christine Callender (M/S/C: elected to a 1-year term as Clerk).

Usher Supervisor:

March 2025 Terri Rudzitis, April 2025 Beverly Robertson, May 2025 Judy Robertson,  
June 2025 Jason Reed July 2025 Dick Leach, August 2025 Megan Schrubbe, September 2025 Ed Savage  
October 2025 Holly Wendzik, November 2025 Jim & Cindy Mahar, December 2025 Floyd Roebuck  
January 2026 Terri Rudzitis, February 2026 Judy Robertson

Approved Christine Callender and Social Media Committee to put together a Church Cookbook to raise funds for some updated media equipment and updated computer software. A statcal report for Presbytery and General Assembly will be sent in by February 15, 2025. Approved Missions to give out the following monies they raised: \$200 to each- Amber Reineck house, Panther Pack Café, The Well (Men’s Shelter), & InterVarsity (Matt Rogers).

\*\*For a complete list , please contact the church office or the Clerk.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE SPAGHETTI & LASAGNA DINNER! THANK YOU TO ALL THE ONES WHO DONATED FROM OUR CHURCH AND TO DON'S FOODLAND AND MEIJERS. WITH THE HELP FROM EVERYONE, WE MADE A PROFIT OF \$1783.47!! WE WERE VERY LUCKY THE DAY BEFORE WHEN WE FOUND A LEAK ON ONE OF THE WATER HEATERS AND IT GOT FIXED RIGHT AWAY.**

- Thank you to everyone for helping clean the church! Your help is appreciated! If you are interested in helping, meet on Tuesday mornings at 9am. It takes about 1 hour.
- Thank you to Andy Rudzitis for fixing the hot water heater leak.
- Thank you to all the people in the church that shovel to make a clear path for everyone. Even our "secret" shovelers.
- We will be inspecting the Manse for any problems or concerns. So that we can keep the manse in good shape.
- Thank you to all the men in Building & Grounds who take care of our church. They do so much to keep our church beautiful and working. We are looking for men or women to join our committee. It takes people to make it work.

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair

*thank you*

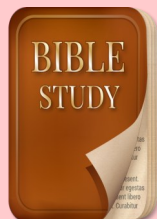
## COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

A BIG thank you to those who have volunteered to be coffee hour hosts! *If you would be interested in hosting, we can show you!*



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will be on "Break" for the winter months. The new class will start in the spring. All are welcome!



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday, March 9th is Girl Scout Sunday! Please join us in thanking all our Scouts, past and present!

Thank you Jim Maher for donating your custom wood projects for sale with the proceeds going to the Youth Group! So far, \$285.00 has been raised!

"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you" Psalm 56:3.

"Shine Jesus' Light"

Dawn Patrick, CE Director

## NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

We have been blessed to welcome three new members and a re-affirmation membership. The following questions were asked to Olivia Jones who joined the church in December 2024.

***Welcome Olivia!***

1. What led you to start attending this church?  
***"I needed to find some faith within myself. I knew there was something greater than myself. Then to find a better purpose"***
2. When were you Baptized?  
***"At this church as a baby."***
3. What church background do you come from?  
***"I was raised here at Taysmouth"***
4. Are there any specific areas of your faith that you feel particularly passionate about?  
***"Getting to know the "community" means a great deal. The kids are a bonus!"***
5. What are some of your hobbies or interests outside of church?  
***"Painting, building, crafty things."***

Olivia has two sons, Carson –11 years old, and Jack – 9 years old.

## MEAL TRAIN

If you are injured, healing from surgery, sick, etc., and would benefit from a few meals brought to you from your church family, or if you would be willing to make a meal for someone in need of this blessing, please call Carolyn Weston at 989-798-0212.



## STEWARDSHIP

Congratulations to us!! Our Bank loan was paid off the end of January! We are debt free! This was greatly achieved through all your faithful prayers and giving. We were able to kick-off the celebration during the Worship Service on Sunday, February 2nd with Pastor Scott and the Corporate Officers– Holly Wendzik, Lynn Hauk, Marge Colosky and Christine Callender. A symbolic “ripping” of the loan took place.

The next Finance meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11th at 9:45 am. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lynn Hauk, Terri Rudzitis, Judy Robertson, or myself.  
Blessings, Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary

## MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received	Needed	Difference
January \$11,455	\$10,000	(+) \$1,455
February \$8,061	\$10,000	(-) \$1,939



## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Membership with First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth is for anyone who acknowledges Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. An invitation to join with us is cordially extended to any person who wishes to join us in glorifying God and building friendships with other followers of Christ.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A new gathering for anyone experiencing loss or grief in any form and for any reason is invited to attend this group on the first Monday of the month starting in December at the Christ Lutheran Church in Birch Run from 7:00- 8:00 pm.

This is open to anyone who would like to talk about what they are experiencing and receive support through listening, information and prayer. For more information, please call the Christ Lutheran Church at 989-624-9378.

## MEMBER CARE

*Reach Up, Reach Out, to Reach all!*

Valentines Day was celebrated February 2nd at Birch Run Fields Assisted Living. As always, it is the “Best day ever!” Four residents and two family members played Bingo. Chocolate and pop are the winning prizes. Thank you to Bonnie for making the great salad and Marge for the Valentines heart cookies. All residents and staff enjoyed the dessert.

The Quilt Show is coming together. Vendors have committed to attend. This show is open to the community to display their talents. All quilts are welcome. There has been some beautiful raffle prizes donated. Remember June 7th from 10:00 am-2:00 p.m. Did I mention there will be lunch available?

Holly, Chair of Member Care

## Favorite Hymn time!

Do you have a favorite hymn that you like to sing during Worship? Please let us know on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall!

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**FAMILY GAME NIGHT'S**

COME OUT AND PLAY THE GAMES YOU KNOW AND LOVE!  
LEARN NEW GAMES AND MEET NEW PEOPLE!

BRING YOUR FAVORITES GAMES AND SNACK FOOD TO SHARE.

**Friday's 7:00 - 9:00 pm**  
**January 10**  
**February 14**  
**March 14**  
**April 11**  
**May 9**

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# ECUMENICAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER WITH DEVOTIONAL 2025

Wednesday's  
during Lent  
"Soup Supper"  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Devotional  
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**March 5, Ash Wed. @ Taymouth with Communion**  
**March 12 @ Christ Lutheran Church Birch Run**  
**March 19 @ Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church**  
**March 26 @ Burt Fellowship Church**  
**April 2 @ Taymouth Presbyterian Church**  
**April 9 @ Birch Run United Methodist Church**  
**April 17, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m., No meal @  
Taymouth Presbyterian with Communion**  
**April 18, Community Good Friday, 7:00 p.m., No  
meal @ Burt Fellowship Church**



# Life at Taymouth!





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