

Taymouth Tidings

“Celebrating the Promise”



I want to extend my gratitude to the 150th Anniversary Committee (i.e. Kathy Maurer, Roxanne Bryce, Kim Britton, Dick Leach, and Rob Minard) and to all members of the congregation who made Sunday's "Celebrating the Promise" a success. A great time was had by all. It was wonderful that both our Presbytery Executive, The Rev. Dan Saperstein, and our Synod Executive, The Rev. Raafat Zaki, shared with us the joy and meaning of our church's 150 years of existence.

Let's say if we had 150 lit candles on our anniversary/birthday cake, what would your birthday wish be for the church? I couldn't help but think what all our birthday wishes might be. Imagine your birthday wish for the church. Again, I was grateful for our guest speakers challenging us what it means to be 150 years old. First there was the challenge of our church's relevancy in today's society. Second, there was the challenge of how effective we are in delivering our church's ministry to both the church and non-church living our community.

I liked the scenario and reflection of what The Rev. Zaki said about how Our foreparents petitioned the Presbytery of Saginaw in 1868 to establish a Presbyterian congregation and to build a church here in Taymouth. He said they had a vision and mission in doing so, and he asked how would we characterize and define our vision and mission in doing the same today? In essence, that is what we must do today in 2018 to be relevant and effective in our local community.

A couple of weeks prior to our celebration the adult Bible study class was asked the same thing, yet in a somewhat different way in how we view whether or not our church is relevant or effective in its ministry. By looking at the Seven Letters written to the Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation (Rev. 1-3), we discovered that the book's author, John, listed both commendations and condemnations for each church. As a class, we asked ourselves what sort of letter would we, the First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth, receive from John? What would be our listing of commendations and condemnations? Again, it is another interesting way inquiring about our church's relevancy and effectiveness by way of its behavior and attitude.

It's amazing how the Holy Spirit can move a Bible study and a 150th anniversary worship service to get us thinking about what our congregation's vision, mission, and plan of action might be in terms of relevancy and effectiveness today. So, I leave you with these challenges: First, what would your birthday wish be for this church if you had a chance to blow out 150 birthday candles? Second, what sort of letter would you write to the First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth like John did in the Book of Revelation to the Seven Churches (Rev. 1-3) pertaining to our commendations and condemnations of either being a faithful or unfaithful servant and witness of our Lord Jesus Christ? Third, how do you envision our church's ministry taking form in both the local and worldwide communities?

Please let myself and the Session know!

Shalom,
Pastor Scott

November

2018

SUNDAY

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**** Note: Pastor Scott will be on Vacation from November 23rd - 29th.**

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Sacrament of Holy Communion.
10:30a.m. Coffee Hour.
10:45a.m. Sunday School.
Yarn & Thread Group.
11:00a.m. Worship Committee.
Annual Congregational Meeting.

6:00 p.m. Finance
Committee
Meeting.

Noon-1:00p.m.
Bible Study

6:30-9:00 p.m.
Men's Club, Card &
Game Night.

7:00 p.m. Building
& Grounds.

7:00 p.m. Choir

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9:30a.m. Worship.
10:30a.m. Coffee Hour.
10:45a.m. Sunday School.
Yarn & Thread Group.
11:00a.m. Mission Committee.

Noon-1:00p.m.
Bible Study.

7:00 p.m. Choir.

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9:30a.m. Worship.
10:30a.m. Coffee Hour
10:45a.m. Sunday School.
Yarn & Thread Group.

1:00 p.m. P/W
Meeting.
Newsletter Due.
7:00 p.m.
Community
Thanksgiving @
Ss. Francis &
Clare Catholic
Church.

Noon-1:00p.m.
Bible Study.

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thanksgiving
Day.

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9:30a.m. Worship.
10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Yarn & Thread Group.

1:00 p.m.
P.W. Meeting.

No Bible Study.

7:00p.m. Choir.

October Session Round Up:

- Session Education on our Church Mission Statement led by Moderator, Pastor Scott Kroener.
- Approved minutes of September 11 stated session meeting. Treasurers report accepted as printed, showing ending deficit of <(\$7,081.51)>. for September 2018.
- Finance: Presenting a balanced budget at annual meeting. No coins were found in safety deposit box just papers.
- Buildings and Grounds: Boiler needs inspection. Checking with Elizabeth on sanctuary railing. Light and railing installed women's bathroom. Lights to be purchased for steeple and front entrance.
- Missions: The following places being sent donations from Missions: Mustard Seed, Brown Bag, READ (Raising Readers), Kiva, Crop Walk, Special Kids in Action.
- Worship: September 2017 – 70, September 2018 – 78. 2018 served communion 86 in 2018. Discussion on having a dinner theater evening with the Halsey Old Timers possibly fund raiser.
- Christian Education: Crop Walk at YMCA to have participants from church. Youth confirmation class to take place in spring for 6 weeks.
- 150th Celebration: Luncheon to be served following church service on October 28, 150th celebration.

- Harvest Supper being prepared by Jeff Reid, Chairman and other church members for October 18th.
- Personnel: Met with all employees for annual reviews. Due to financial position no raises other than Pastor. Which must be done to meet Presbytery wage requirement.
- Church Officer Committee of Jim Peters, Ken Maurer, Floyd Roebuck and Holly Wendzik to meet.
- Discussion on Christmas Eve time of service.
- Closed w/prayer at 9:05 p.m.
- Sharon Leach, Clerk of Session

Men's Ministry

Please reserve the date of Friday, November 9, 2018 for our Card and Game Night sponsored by the Men's Club. Bring your favorite games to play, bring your family and friends, bring a snack to pass. Play will be from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Any questions, speak with Rob Minard at 989.777.6789.

VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY:

Sunday, November 11th, VFW Post 7542 will conduct a brief ceremony at the beginning of our worship hour recognizing the service of our nation's veterans. Our church veterans have been asked, if they wish, to walk down aisle with the VFW Post 7542 during the singing of the opening hymn. Please welcome VFW Post 7542 as our church celebrates Veteran's Day.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS:



Shoeboxes for Saginaw:

The Shoe Box Saginaw – Women to Women project began several years ago with a simple email message to friends and has since become an annual tradition. Shoeboxes will be collected and distributed to agencies in our community who provide services and programs to women. Boxes will be given to women in the Saginaw community who may not be as fortunate as we are, are unemployed or may be experiencing difficulty in their life and find they are lonely or hurting from life's challenges. This is a simple request to fill a shoebox with new personal items and small gifts for women.

Suggested items for the

shoeboxes: personal items such as full size bottle of shampoo, brush, comb, toothbrush & paste, deodorant, nail file, perfume, lotion, watch, small notebook & pen, book, hat, gloves, socks, non-perishable candy, small sewing kit, calendar, kleenex, coin purse, gift card, scarf, bracelet, and the list goes on. What you pack into your shoebox can be as unique as you are but please make sure the **items are new** and have some gift appeal to them.

Shoeboxes will be available in Fellowship Hall in early

November. Each box has a list of items that can be put in the box. **All items must be new.**

After you have filled your box, return it to the table.

Mission Committee will wrap them and take them to the place where they will then be delivered to the various agencies.

The year is going by so quickly. The **HOLIDAY TREATS and COOKIE WALK** will be on Saturday, December 15, 2018. Make your calendar for this date, as it is also open to the public. If you have a special item you would like to share for this sale, please feel free to let any mission member know. We are always looking for items for this sale. Any items you wish to provide for the sale should be delivered to the church on Friday, December 14.



TAYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS:

Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon. We are always looking for new members.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday school youth have been learning that we do not need to be afraid or anxious about anything because Jesus is with us always! What a feeling to know we are loved so much!!

Next, we will be learning how to be disciples. Jesus called to the men fishing saying, "Come follow me, and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right away, the men tossed aside their nets and followed Jesus. If the disciples had chosen not to follow Jesus, their lives would have probably gone on as before: the same thing day after day. Nothing much would have ever changed for them. Thankfully, the disciples DID follow Jesus, and it changed everything—for themselves and later, for the whole world! The fact that we are here and that churches even exist at all are ultimately a result of the disciples deciding to follow Jesus on a new adventure that day.

Following Jesus can be like going on a rafting adventure. Both have moments of excitement, fun, feeling afraid, and feeling thankful we did it. Let's all go on an adventure and follow Jesus!

Isaiah 43:2 – When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

God Bless!

Dawn Patrick

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE:

Birch Run Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Tuesday, November 20th, 7:00 p.m., at Saints Francis and Clare Roman Catholic Church in Birch Run. A joint community choir is being formed under the leadership of Pastor Sue of Christ Lutheran Church to sing a Thanksgiving Anthem. All church choirs are asked to join in.

Those people who will be attending the service are asked to bring a few canned goods of food, or dry food products to help supplement the Ss. Francis and Clare Parish's Food Pantry. Each church of the Birch Run Ministerial Association is being asked to bring canned or dry non-perishable food to be used to supplement a specific daily meal, and our church has been asked to concentrate on the evening meal called supper. There is a great need for canned meat products.

For your information, Pastor Scott makes referrals to the Ss. Francis and Clare Parish's Food Pantry in order to assist those in great need whether they be transients or community members. The Birch Run Ministerial Association is a partnership ministry reaching out into our community and making a difference.

Thank you for your support.



Prayer Circle Cindy Rabe has organized a "Prayer Circle" for anyone interested. The prayer request information is conveyed by telephone and your prayers at home would include these special intentions. If you have a special prayer request for yourself or a loved one, or if you would like to join the circle, please contact Cindy at 624-9274, or you may call her cell phone if unable to reach her at home, (989) 798-5797.

ADULT "Sack Lunch" BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

Bible study will be held **every Wednesday from Noon-1:00pm**. Bring your sack lunch and study the Bible with Pastor Scott. Invite a friend!

PER CAPITA AMOUNT: This year's Per Capita apportionment is \$26.94 per member per year. Please use the designated envelope marked "Per Capita Apportionment" to pay this amount. The per capita apportionment is used to support the workings and ministry of the Presbytery of Lake Huron, and the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

NEW POLICY FOR CHURCH FUNERAL DINNERS

At its monthly meeting in March, the Session adopted a new funeral lunch/dinner policy. The new policy states that there will be a \$3.00 charge per person for a funeral meal to be served to them. This charge is to take effect immediately. This charge will hopefully cover the cost of food, and paper products (e.g. napkins, plates, cups, and plastic eating utensils) used for the meal.

Also, the Session approved upon the recommendation of the church's Funeral Committee (Sharon Leach, Chair; Cindy Maher, Meal Coordinator; Kay Blessing; Bonnie Pratt; Jeff Reed) that a standardized menu be used in preparing the funeral meals. The menu will basically consist of ham and other major food dishes designated and assigned by the funeral meal coordinator, Cindy Maher, and to be cooked in the church's own kitchen. Desserts will be donated by church members and friends. Cindy Maher will contact individuals to make desserts. Hopefully, by preparing the funeral meals in the church's kitchen with a designated work crew, the church will become more efficient in utilizing its resources in the areas of manpower and kitchen facility.

The purpose of this new policy is to help cover the cost of the meal, and to streamline the food preparation process.

Please know that when a funeral lunch or dinner is being served in the church's fellowship hall there is a janitorial fee of \$50.00 to be paid by the family to the church.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Sharon Leach (989) 295-1116, Chair of the Funeral Committee, and Clerk of Session.

ABOUT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Membership with First Presbyterian church of Taymouth is for anyone who acknowledges Jesus Christ as their Lord and accepts him as their 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. Please contact Pastor Scott about membership classes.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN:

- ☞ You or a member of your family is (or when you know of someone in the congregation who has been) hospitalized, ill, injured, suffering hardship or is in distress;
- ☞ You need to schedule/reschedule a committee or church group meeting;
- ☞ You have important news or information to share with the whole church family (births, marriages, deaths, new addresses or phone numbers, employment, etc.);
- ☞ You need to submit information for a worship bulletin, newsletter, or the website;
- ☞ You have information related to meetings, special mailings, or church activities;
- ☞ You have information related to community events and happenings that might be relevant to the life and ministry of the congregation.

THANK YOU!

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We have several needs each Sunday morning. Throughout the year we are in need of the following:

Ushers: If you haven't ushered before but would like to help, let the office know and we'll pair you up with someone who has done it before.

Coffee Hour Hosts/Hostesses: We need Coffee Hour hosts/hostesses for upcoming Sunday mornings. Being a host/hostess entails arriving to church before worship to start the coffee and then being present after the service to socialize. We have several ladies who are willing to show anyone the ropes. The coffee hour sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

Flower Donations for the Sanctuary: Currently, all dates are open on our flower calendar which is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. If you would like to furnish flowers for our sanctuary on a Sunday morning, please sign the chart. Your flowers, given in celebration, honor, or memory of someone or a special event, will enhance our sanctuary and be greatly appreciated by those in attendance at that worship service.

SEASONAL VOLUNTEERS: Snow removal of church sidewalks & entries. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the kitchen bulletin board OR contact the church office. THANK YOU for your STEWARDSHIP!

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Sunday Worship – 9:30am

Sunday School – 10:45am

Adult “Sack Lunch” Bible Study – Wednesdays Noon-1:00pm

Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor

Sharon Leach, Clerk of Session - Tiffany Fortier, Treasurer

Anita Gilbert, Church Secretary - Heidi Smith, Music/Choir Director

Dawn Patrick, Christian Education Director & Financial Secretary

Floyd Roebuck, Youth Director - Paul Fortier, Custodian

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