



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

SEPTEMBER 2023

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, Ken Maurer- Custodian,

Lynn Hauk- Treasurer Floyd Roebuck- Youth Director

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Connect on Facebook: Taymouth Presbyterian Church

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.**

We are here for you! (Holidays hours do vary).

Prayer Circle



To activate the church's
prayer circle please call

Cindy Rabe

(989) 624-9274.



Sunday,
September 10,
2023

**FALL
KICK-OFF**

Noisy Offering

Sunday School

Bible Presentation

Chime Choir

Vintage

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF TAYMOUTH PRESENTS
3RD ANNUAL

**CAR, TRUCK, TRACTOR
& MORE SHOW**



**OPEN TO ALL
VEHICLES OF
ALL AGES!**

**2023
SEPTEMBER 23
10 AM-2PM**

REGISTRATION FROM 9AM-12PM
ENTRY FEE: FREE WILL DONATION

50/50 RAFFLE PRIZE

AWARDS GIVEN BASED ON SPECTATOR VOTING

Food Trucks and Refreshments

VENDOR MARKETPLACE

Rent your space for \$10. Space available on first come first serve basis.

Contact the Church office to reserve your spot!

EVENT LOCATION: 12517 MORSEVILLE RD. BIRCH RUN, MI 48415

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (989) 624-9473 OR
TAYMOUTHCHURCH@MSN.COM FOR MORE DETAILS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER					1	2
3 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 14th Sunday after Pentecost	4	5 10:00—2:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds	6	7	8 7:00 p.m. Game Night	9
10 9:30 am. Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:30 a.m. Rice Krispie Challenge 15th Sunday after Pentecost	11	12 10:00—2:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop 6:00 p.m. Dinner Com. Meet 7:00 p.m. Session	13	14	15	16
17 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Special Congregational Meeting 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 16th Sunday after Pentecost	18 10:00—2:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop	19 Newsletter Items Due Presbytery @ Trinity Pres.	20	21	22	23 Car Show 
24 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 17th Sunday after Pentecost	25	26 10:00—2:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop 4:00 P.M. ROCK CANDY MAKING	27	28	29	30 Presbytery Hunger Event

WORKSHOPS FOR HOLIDAY BAZAAR: 10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. SEP. 5, 12, 18, & 26

MISSIONS

Thanks to all who have supported the 2 Coins-a-Meal effort from Memorial Day to Labor Day. It is a simple way to help reduce hunger in the world by starting right here. As Taymouth Church chose to become a Matthew 25 this is our challenge. Matthew 25:35 states, “for I was hungry, and you gave me food”. The lack of food can come from no food available in the area or no way to get to the food available. This is the focus of the Presbytery Mission Committee (MCC). Are there ways we can connect those in need with the food available? Give someone a ride, prepare a meal and share with a family or a single person, buy someone a bag of groceries, etc.

On Saturday, September 30th the MCC & Presbytery will be hosting an event to discuss hunger and how we can help. Dr. Phil Knight of the Eastern Michigan Food Bank will be the keynote speaker, with two other panelists joining him to answer three questions the open for questions and answers. A Simple Meal for lunch, a Mission Fair displaying what other churches are doing and then small groups discussions. If you would like to go let the office know or Janette (989) 751-2371.

Thanks to all who supported Youth Haven with the loose offering during August.

We were overwhelmed by the number of medicine bottles received, now we are anxious to fill them with Band-Aids, alcohol wipes and other items to be given to the homeless by the Under The Rainbow Thrift Store—An item normally recycled is being put to good use.

Did you find that SPECIAL recipe that will win the Rice Krispy War on September 10. While you are looking, find the winning chocolate recipe for October 15th. And we are looking forward to your donations and/or table rent for the Mission Bazaar on November 4th continued the 5th with special donated items for the live auction as well as the silent auction items. Remember the Mission Committee must earn their spending dollars as it is not something included in the budget. It is by your support and generosity which allows us to support chosen programs each year. Thank You!!

Blessings to All, Janette Gonzales, Missions Chair

“Stellar Fools for Christ ”

I read a devotion several weeks prior to summer’s Vacation Bible School (VBS). It became my personal VBS devotion. The devotion, written by Edward Hays (Pray All Ways, pp. 61-71, 1981), is the chapter titled, “Play as Prayer.” He reflects upon people’s need to “loosen up” and enjoy life. He invites his readers to be “Fools for Christ.” The term, Fools for Christ, is a way of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through play.

Now, everyone has a different take on the word “play.” Some folks only see the word as children playing with their toys, or with other children. Others may view the word play as the deep joy one receives while participating in a hobby, or in an adventure. Collecting antique cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, pocket knives, glass, pottery, and textiles can bring joy. Crafting and making things out of wood, metal, and leather allows fun and enjoyment. Even accomplishing daily living skills like sewing, cooking, baking, and gardening brings deep satisfaction and worth. Going on an adventure or trip involving camping, fishing, hunting, bird watching, or observing railroad trains are very exciting forms of play. Play becomes a behavior in which we express our thoughts and feelings about recreating ourselves in the image of God. Recreation (re-creation) is play.

Edward Hays’ idea of play becoming prayer, and prayer becoming play, has resonated with me since my earliest days in ministry. To “do” the ministry of the Gospel is to play and pray simultaneously. Being Stellar Fools for Christ, the Church has the responsibility of telling the Divine Truth about God to all humankind through the gift of play in its many forms so both children and adults can experience the love, grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

“Thank you” First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth for allowing me and others to loosen up ourselves in being Stellar Fools for Christ—living out the notion of play as prayer—and — prayer as play, during summer VBS. It was a stellar time!

**Shalom,
Pastor Scott**



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

- Session reviewed pages 1-3 of the Funeral/Memorial policy. Session will finish review of this policy in September.
- “Thank You” card received from Regan Kribs.
- October is when Presbytery will be reviewing Church's minutes.
- Game nights approved for Sept. 8, Oct. 20, and Nov. 17, all at 7 pm.
- Harvest Dinner is postponed until next year.
- Special Congregational Meeting set for September 17, 2023, following worship service to approve recommendation from Committee and session to reduce session size.
- Car Show Committee needs helpers for setup, 50/50, main table, and clean up. Food trucks are ready, vendor tables still available. Trophies and other food is being secured.
- Usher for September is Janette Gonzales.
- Pulpit supply for Pastor’s vacations. August 13th: Kathy Maurer, September 3rd: Open, (possible Hymn Sing), October 15th: Open, November 5th: Rob Minard, & November 12th: Sharon Peters.
- Next meeting is September 12, 2023.

**For a complete list of all items discussed at the Session meeting, please contact the church office or the Clerk.



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, September 17, a special meeting will be held following the Worship service, to take action on the recommendation of the Special Session Size Committee to reduce the number of members on Session from 12 to 9 individuals. This calls for a change in the church By-Laws.

MEMBER CARE

"BINGO" rang out at Birch Run Fields Assisted Living on June 25. 8 out of 14 residents played Bingo. The nursing assistant and kitchen staff also played. Their "bingo" wins went for the residents. What a fun day! Janette called bingo while 6 of us helped the residents play. Prizes were furnished by the Member Care. The first prizes picked by the residents were the chocolate goodies or something sweet! We ended the day with Root Beer Floats for all. We are looking forward to playing Bingo again in September.

Thank you to Cheri Miller and her helper Kathy Irish for creating a new poster display for our church front door. Be sure to check out the pictures of "all the little children"!

We are always looking for new members for Member Care. All are welcome! We have fun while reaching out into our community.

Holly



CANCER BENEFIT

TO SUPPORT
Courtney Blessing

Please join us to support the family of Courtney Blessing as she battles breast cancer.

SEPTEMBER 24TH
2PM TO 5PM

MONTROSE PUB
10174 VIENNA RD.

Taco and Nacho Bar
\$15 Donation (Kids 10 and Under \$8)
Served 2:00-4:00

Silent Auction and Raffles
Winners Announced between 4:00 and 5:00

Family Friendly Event
Please feel free to bring the kids we will have kids activities available.

Please contact Kelly at 989-302-2268 with any questions on how to donate to the family directly.

The poster features a large photo of Courtney Blessing at the top right. Below it are two circular photos: one of Courtney with her family (husband and two children) on a beach, and another of the family in a field of tall grass. The background is pink with yellow and white circles and a striped pattern at the bottom.



Interested in Chime Choir?

Contact Heidi Smith
at 989.397.7623

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Thanks to all our phenomenal workers in our church who keep everything so beautiful and in working condition!
 - Thanks to Ken Maurer for fixing the toilet handle in the ladies bathroom.
 - Thanks to Rick Hauk for trimming the large maple tree and charging the lawnmower battery.
 - Thanks to the Roebucks for placing mulch around the flower beds.
 - Thanks to Dick Leach for spraying weeds.
 - We will need some volunteers to do handy-man jobs at the manse before winter. Anyone who would like to help, please see me.
- We are always looking for more help with this committee. If you would like to join, just see me.
Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair

WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAM TO FACEBOOK AT 9:30 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY

For those watching from home, bulletins are available at taymouthchurch.com.

Dinner Committee

The Harvest Dinner is postponed for this year. If you have a dinner idea, please join the Dinner Committee at our next meeting on Tues. Sep. 12, at 6:00 p.m.! We are currently planning future events. We would like to have your input and suggestions. Let's make this a strong committee!!

Terri Rudzitis, Dinner Committee Chair

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FAMILY GAME NIGHT

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

**Sep. 8, Friday
FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School was a wonderful time celebrating the Light of Jesus! We had 36 children visit us over the four nights along with Pastors, Parents, Volunteers, Youth, Firebal and Sparky! Thank you to everyone that helped make this a success!

Kick-Off Sunday is on September 10th. A Noisy offering will be collected and the Bible Presentation will take place during the Worship service. Sunday School will officially begin with the theme "Fruit of the Spirit". Please join us for a great start to a new year of learning!

God Bless, Dawn Patrick, CE Director



"Not-Your-Momma's" Rice Krispie Treats Challenge!

Mission Challenge on Kick-off Sunday, September 10, 2023

The first one to sell out of their donation of 24 individually wrapped specially created Rice Krispie treats, Wins!!



STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

The Finance committee meets quarterly to review and discuss the business and finances of the church. At our last meeting, the committee recommended providing the information to you of the plan and ideas for our current finances. We pray first for the Lord's guidance and direction in all we do as stewards of His church. Thank you all for your help and support as we navigate through all he has blessed us with.

God bless! Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary

MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received		Needed	Difference
May	\$9,323	\$10,760	(-)1,437
June	\$15,068 (Contributions= \$9,426 plus On-Line giving*= \$5,645)	\$10,760	(+)4,308
July	\$15,614 (Contributions=\$15,210 plus On-Line giving*=\$404)	\$13,450	(+) 2,164

*On-Line giving is the total funds received electronically after the fees have been collected.

Financial Priority List, May 2023

Short Term/Immediate:

- Retain a minimum of \$12,000.00 in check book for a minimum of three months.
- Create a separate savings account to hold a month minimum for emergencies.
- Pay Staff Salaries first!
- Pay bills second.

Needs to be taken care of after checkbook balance is fixed:

- Memorials from December 2022, \$500-Carts, \$1400-Security Cameras
- Sound System- finish purchasing upgrade products.
- Prepare for needed repairs- Boiler Inspection, Furnace and Register Repairs, Computer clean-up and back-up checks, Elevator inspections (Three required this year).

Building and Grounds:

Up-coming Concerns-

- Light Covers- three
- Light Fixtures for upstairs bathroom and hallway- five
- Tall Floor fan for sanctuary (Black)
- Outside painting
- Inside painting
- Carpet and flooring
- Plexiglass on stained glass windows
- Wood doors replace on outside of church
- Glass Front doors replaced
- Kitchen intake fan
- Parking lot re-sealed
- New Birch Run Road Sign



2023

HUGE COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth
12517 Morseville Rd., Birch Run
5 Miles West of Birch Run and Half Mile South of the Taymouth Fire Hall

Wednesday Oct. 4th	Thursday Oct. 5th	Friday Oct. 6
9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 1pm

KITCHEN ITEMS DECORATIVE ITEMS CLOTHING OF ELECTRONICS
SHOES PURSES LINENS ALL KINDS BOOKS

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT FIND!

Donations accepted from October 1st thru October 4th
*No items before the 1st please.

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You are Invited!

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth 155th Birthday Celebration Sunday, October 29, 2023

Please join us following the Church Service for:
**Potluck Luncheon, Birthday Cake, Time Capsule,
Door prize's, and Birthday Gifts.**

Please bring a dish to pass and your own place settings for the Potluck Luncheon. A Sign-up sheet for dish ideas is available in the Fellowship hall. Also, we would appreciate your help re-stocking our everyday use supplies for the church as birthday gifts. Please bring unwrapped gifts the morning of the celebration.

The following is an idea list for your consideration:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Stamps ♦ Toilet Paper ♦ Paper towels ♦ Kleenex, unscented, lotion free ♦ Staples, regular size ♦ White Out EZ Correct ♦ Yellow Highlighters ♦ Post-it notes, square ♦ Scotch Tape, Invisible, Refill ♦ Rubber Bands, all sizes ♦ Paper Clips, Jumbo ♦ Envelopes, self-sealing, 4 1/8" X 9 1/2" ♦ Three Ring Binders, 1/2 " or 1 1/2" ♦ Copy Paper, Letter Size, White, Multiuse ♦ Building and Grounds Needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Clorox Wipes ♦ Lysol Spray ♦ Napkins ♦ Plastic Silverware ♦ Ziploc bags, Large and Medium ♦ Styrofoam Coffee Cups ♦ Plastic Juice Cups ♦ Kitchen Trash Bags, 13 gallon, Unscented ♦ Palmolive Dish Soap ♦ Coffee, Maxwell House, Regular and Decaf ♦ Swiffer Duster Refill, Unscented ♦ Swiffer Wet Jet Refill Pads ♦ Swiffer Wet Jet Multipurpose floor cleaner ♦ Mr. Clean Liquid
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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD ITEM ASSISTANCE

Emmaus House of Saginaw: Provides a free thrift store. Items include: clothing, household items, linens, towels, toys, shoes, furniture, and some appliances. All items were donated, and donations accepted. Open Mon. -Sat. 9:30a.m. -3:30p.m. 733 South 14th St. Saginaw MI 48601

BABY SUPPLIES

Baby Pantry: Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run, located at 8101 Poellet St, is host to the local Baby Pantry. Call the church office at (989) 624-9378 for hours of operation.

CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region: Provides diapers to families in need for Saginaw and Bay County Residents. Call (989) 752-7226 for contact free pick up. 1311 North Michigan Ave. Saginaw MI 48602

FOOD PANTRIES

Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church: is host to a Community Food Pantry. Hours are, Mon. 9:00-11:30 am, Wed. 1:00-3:00 pm, or by appointment. (989) 624-9098 12157 Church St., Birch Run.

Birch Run Taymouth CARE Program: is part of the Community Education at (989) 624-6229

Old Town Christian Outreach Center: hosts food distribution every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or when food runs out. 600 Gratiot Ave. Saginaw, MI 48602 (989)249-8696.

Please visit fbem.org for more food pantry locations.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

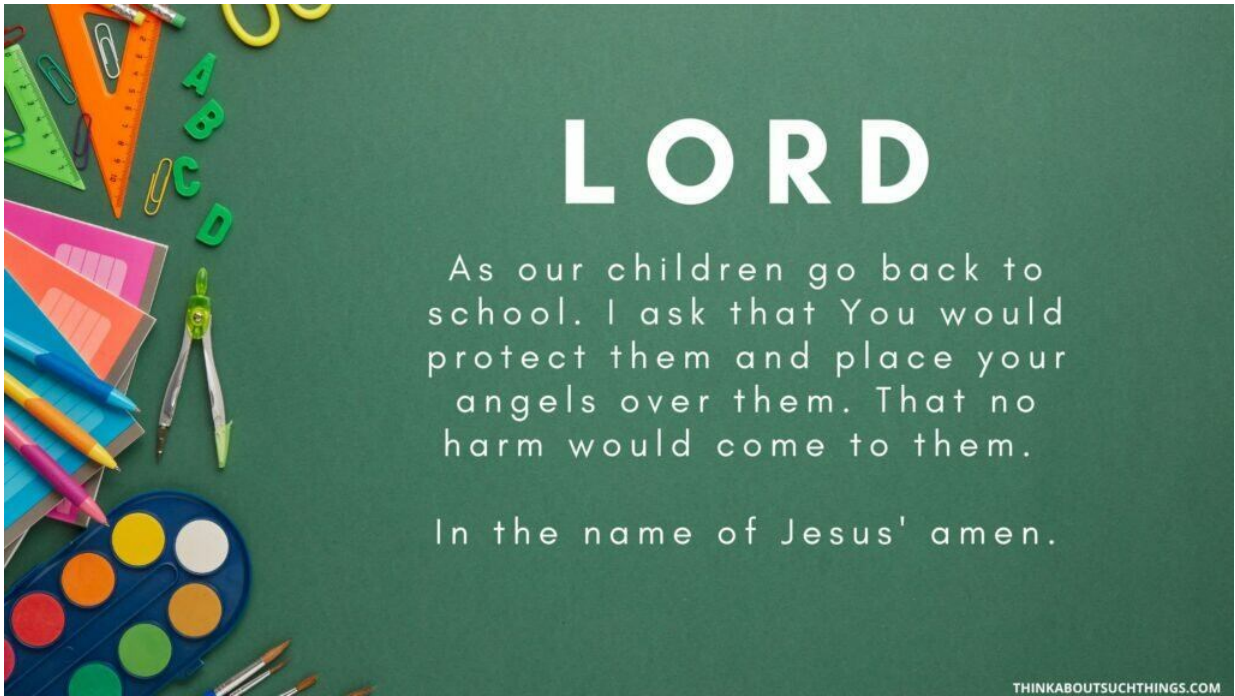
Membership with First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth is for anyone who acknowledges Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. An invitation to join with us is cordially extended to any person who wishes to join us in glorifying God and building friendships with other followers of Christ.

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!





LORD

As our children go back to school. I ask that You would protect them and place your angels over them. That no harm would come to them.

In the name of Jesus' amen.

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