



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

MAY 2021

Taymouth Tidings

WELCOME!

Sunday Worship—9:30am

Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor

Sarah Schriber— Secretary, Heidi Smith— Music Director

Christine Callender-Clerk of Session, Carolyn Weston-Treasurer

Dawn Patrick—Financial Secretary and Christian Education Director

Floyd Roebuck-Youth Director, Paul Fortier-Custodian

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OUR VISION

Coming together and growing as a community of believers, glorifying and always being refined by God, reaching out in grace and love to the world.

OUR MISSION

FPCT is a community of grace and love in which each person's gifts, talents, and skills are welcomed and valued. We are a household of faith, a people gathered together to worship God, proclaim God's salvation, and to experience an eternal relationship with God.

INDOOR SERVICE FORMAT

Upon Arrival—Only the South and East Entrances will be used to enter the church. Depending on preference and total attendance, you will be ushered either to the Sanctuary or to the Fellowship hall. Social distancing is in place in both areas. Please keep your coat with you. After the service, we ask that you wait to be dismissed. Hand Sanitizer and masks are available. Thank you!

MASKS  **ARE REQUIRED**

BULLETINS

For those watching from home, weekly bulletins are available on our website at taymouthchurch.com.

Call the church office for assistance or more information.

Church Office Hours

We are here for you!

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.

Sunday School

In-person Sunday School will be held in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Youth Sunday 2021
May 23

Please join us on May 23rd, as our Church's Youth lead worship for the Day!

~Youth Group



To activate the church's prayer circle please call Cindy Rabe (989) 624-9274.

Prayer requests are conveyed by telephone.

"COLORING JESUS"

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful Easter cards Jane and I received these past several weeks. I was amazed by their vibrant colors. Many of the cards depict Jesus' resurrection with the simple use of spring pastel colors of light baby blue, green, pink—to egg yolk yellows and haunting reds—to deep dark colors of royal purple, forest green, and gold. In one form or another they tell the good news of Jesus' empty tomb. God's colorful rainbow prisms is the Church's artist palette.

I recall in my primary years what a joy it was to reach in the communal palette of collective crayons and pick a wrapped or unwrapped, a broken or unbroken crayon and let it glide across my Sunday school's coloring book. What a thrill it was to color in Jesus' cross, his empty tomb, and the words, "Alleluia! He is Risen!" A palette of crayons in Sunday school meant coloring and no reading. My preference in learning Scripture was coloring it and not reading it. Who would want to read when you can color Jesus?

Quite frankly, after all these years, I still prefer this method of learning and telling the story of Jesus by way of coloring. I know some of you agree with me in this joyful art of drawing and coloring Jesus for people to see and know Him. I imagine some of you have upgraded your coloring methods from the palette of crayons to paint brushes, colored markers, and ink pens. A palette of colors in the form of short slender colored wax sticks, or long slender colored pencils, or narrow colored markers, or narrow stubby ink pens, or the laying of paints such as oil, acrylic, or water pigments invite all of us to engage in telling Jesus' Easter story through color.

Coloring Easter calls us to be creative and to have joy. When you look at God's heavenly rainbow of colors—the sky is the limit in making a joyful noise to the Lord with coloring, especially, with those sparkling fireworks seen and heard on July 4th. It is a joy to share Jesus' story—life overcoming death. With such good news Easter brightens our lives. Worshipping every 52 Sundays is like celebrating Easter 52 times a year. Theologically, in our Presbyterian tradition, every Sunday is an Easter Sunday.

Let us color Jesus' Easter story and share God's love in Jesus Christ.

Happy Easter 52 Sundays a Year!

Shalom,
Pastor Scott

Muriel Lakey Scholarship

Congratulations to 2021 Muriel Lakey Scholarship Awardees:
Sarah Schriber, Hunter Patrick,
and Adam Smith.

*The Scholarship will
be Awarded on Youth
Sunday, May 23rd.*



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

SESSION MEETING: APRIL 13, 2021

The following items were discussed and approved at April's Session meeting.

Dinner committee meeting postponed till May.

Congratulations Hunter Patrick, Sarah Schriber, & Adam Smith as these 3 young people have approved to receive the Lakey Scholarship this year.

Approved the contract and annual safety inspection for the elevator for this next year.

Approved for Pastor, Session, Congregation to use Google Meet for all online church meetings as Zoom will not be provided through Presbytery.

Approved Pastor's June vacation.

NEXT SESSION MEETING:
MAY 11, 2021, AT 7 P.M.

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

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

MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 <i>LOYALTY DAY</i>
2 Livestream & In-Person Service w/Communion 9:30 a.m. 10:15 Worship Committee	3	4 B&G Meeting 7:00 p.m. <i>LOCAL ELECTION DAY</i>	5 <i>CINCO DE MAYO</i>	6 <i>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</i>	7 <i>MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY</i>	8 <i>VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 1945</i>
9 Livestream & In-Person Service 9:30 a.m. <i>MOTHER'S DAY</i>	10	11 Session Meeting 7:00p.m.	12	13 <i>ASCENSION DAY OF THE LORD</i>	14	15 <i>ARMED FORCES DAY</i>
16 Livestream & In-Person Service 9:30 a.m. 10:15 Dinner Committee 10:15 Member Care Meets	17 <i>TAX DAY</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23 Livestream & In-Person Service w/ Communion 9:30 a.m. 10:15 Missions Committee <i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i> <i>YOUTH SUNDAY</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Livestream & In-Person Service 9:30 a.m. <i>TRINITY SUNDAY</i>	31 <i>MEMORIAL DAY</i>	1	2	3	4	5

COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS

ST.MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Martin's May 14th 11 a.m.– 2 p.m.
Fish Fry 4 p.m.– 7 p.m.

St. Martin's Fish Fry is typically held on the 2nd Tuesday of each Month, with this March also holding a second. It's \$12 and includes 4 pieces of Cod, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, and Bread. (Drive-Thru Only)

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BIRCH RUN

Little Tots Open M-F 6 a.m.– 6 p.m.
Learning Spot

The Day Care Center is open for business! The LTLS provides care for children birth to age 12. They are still accepting applications for the program. If you or someone you know is interested you can call (989)443-3144.

Christ Lutheran's Garage Sale: May 20-22.

The funds raised are going towards repairing their building. They are still accepting donations.

MILITARY BUDDIES

In honor of Military Appreciation month please send our military buddies a note of support and encouragement!

Brooke and Jake Whalen
2103 Roadrunner Drive
Portales, NM 88130

Sonny and Danielle Lewis
358 Shepherd Trail
Aberdeen, NC 28315

Waylon and Maryanne Stanley
121 Peatmoss Dr. Apt 3
Fayetteville, NC 28311

Justin Putnam
PSC 78 Box# 1149
APO, AP 96326-0012

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

CONGRATULATIONS

GOD HAS BLESSED TWO OF OUR FAMILIES WITH NEW BABY GIRLS THIS PAST APRIL!

Proud Parents:

Floyd and Elizabeth Roebuck

Happy Siblings:

Peter and Frances Roebuck

THRILLED GRANDPARENTS:

PETE AND BARB MCINTOSH

JUDY ROEBUCK



April 21st | 7 lbs., 1 oz. | 20.25 inches

Nellie R.

April 16th | 9 lbs., 12 oz. | 20.5 inches

Proud Parents:

Marc and Megan Schrubbe

Happy Big Sister:

Grace Schrubbe

THRILLED GRANDPARENTS:

RICHARD AND MICHELE

WOODWARD

GARY SCHRUBBE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ROEBUCKS AND THE SCHRUBBES!
AND A BIG WELCOME TO NELLIE AND KATHRYN!

YARN AND THREAD

Just a reminder about the cupboard in the Fellowship Hall. There are beautiful prayer shawls and lap robes. Share a joy or extend comfort to a loved one. These are for you to take.

Holly



National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is a confidential support group for loved ones of individuals living with mental illness.

Through the NAMI Family Support Group, you can find hope and support by connecting with others who face similar challenges. You will gain support from peers who understand your experiences as well as insight into the challenges and successes of others.

Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Frankenmuth United Methodist Church for Saginaw County, and on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 7p.m. for Genesee County.

For more information, call (810) 232-6498 or email: namigenesee@gmail.com.

REACH UP
REACH OUT
TO REACH ALL!

Did you notice anything different on the front door? Check out the new bible verse, 1 Corinthians 16:14, "Do everything in love." What a great reminder.

Every two months the verse will change.
So keep your eye on the front door.

Christine thank you for sharing this verse. Words to live by.



MEMBER CARE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

On Sunday, March 28, Confirmation took place for Alexandria Callender and Jack Kribs. Congratulations to both of you for making this commitment to our church and your faith!

Easter Egg Hunt took place on Saturday, April 3, at 10:00am. We had 16 children participate along with their family and friends. Thank you to all for braving the cold! Thank you especially to the young adults that helped set-up, coordinate, provide security, and clean up-Sarah Schriber, Adam Smith, Hunter Patrick, Nathan Callender, Ally Callender, Regan Kribs, and Cody Byron-Ray. Thank you to the Fortier family for loaning the Bunny Costume and a huge "Thank You" to Hannah and Anita Gilbert for handling the costume! I hope you were able to check out the sidewalk chalk drawings on Easter morning! We all had a great time!

May is National Military Appreciation Month! "National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM) is celebrated every May and is a declaration that encourages U.S. citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity. NMAM honors current and former members of the U.S. Armed forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom. May is characterized by six national observances highlighting the contributions of those who have served." (MilitaryBenefits.info). Please help us in supporting our own Military Buddies that are currently serving: Sonny Lewis, Brooke Whalen, Jake Whalen, Waylon Stanley and Justin Putnam. A list of their addresses can be found at the Church by the Military Display. May God bless all our Military, past and present!

Youth Sunday will take place on May 23, 2021, and has been a wonderful tradition for our church. Members of our Youth program will take part in the Worship Service on this day. Please join with us in supporting all our Youth!

God Bless,
Dawn Patrick
CE Director



Stewardship

Dear Church Family and Friends!

The Presbyterian Foundation has selected Ten Scriptures for Stewardship to help all churches and encourage congregations through this time. The scriptures help us to reflect on stewardship, generosity and gratitude. Each newsletter, we will highlight a new scripture.

From Genesis 45:1-5 (Joseph offers forgiveness to his brothers.) *Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out. "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you."*

The Joseph novella in Genesis, chapters 37-50, provides a beautiful case study in modeling generosity. Joseph is mistreated by his brothers and sold into slavery. He rises to become Pharaoh's vizier. His brothers come to Egypt in the midst of a famine and Joseph shares generously with his brothers, giving them not just food but forgiveness. This story reminds us that we have received so much from God: food for our bodies and forgiveness to heal our spirits and our lives. Therefore we are called to respond generously, just as Joseph responds generously to his brothers in their time of need. (Presbytery Foundation)

Session and the Finance Committee have approved to try – "Adopt-a-bill". The idea is pretty simple and just like the title, you can help with church expenses by selecting a particular expense to "adopt". The bill can be adopted for a 1 month, 3 month, 6 month, or longer period of time. There are many different types and amounts to choose from. Also, the person adopting a bill will receive credit on their giving statements. Please call the church office at 989-624-9473 when you are ready to adopt. Thank you to all that have already participated!

Thank you all and God bless,

Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Personal and Household Item Assistance

Sarah's Closet: Our mission provides adult clothing for men and women! Clothing items include: shoes, socks, dresses, pants, shirts, coats, and undergarments. Call the Birch Run United Methodist Church at (989) 624-9340 for hours of operation. 12265 Church St, Birch Run.

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.

Sweet Pea's Pantry: hosts food distribution on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 9-11a.m. 108 W. State St., Montrose. Located in the back of the Strong Inspirations Building. (810)350-2254 sweetpeapantry.org

Old Town Christina 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.



BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Want to help? We would love your help!
Please call Gary Brabant, Chair of Building and Grounds.

SUNDAY SHEPHERD & USHERS

In order to make each Sunday's worship a wonderful experience for all. We are in need of volunteers for ushering and Sunday Shepherd duty.

Ushers pass out bulletins, collect the offering, get to ring the church bell, and light the alter candles.

The Sunday Shepherd oversees and monitors the safety of our congregation, and is responsible to call 911 in case of an emergency.

Thank you to Holly Wendzik for volunteering to be our Sunday Shepherd for May.

If you are interested in volunteering at all, please see Carolyn Weston for May.

Pentecost
Sunday
May 23



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