



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

FEBRUARY 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).



MURIEL LAKEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Church will begin accepting applications to the Muriel Lakey Scholarship beginning February 1st. 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.

Per Capita 2025
\$30.69
per member



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TAYMOUTH



THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 20
4pm-7pm

Spaghetti & Lasagna Dinner

"Homemade Recipes"

Spaghetti w/Meatballs or Lasagna, or Both!
Includes breadsticks and side salad.



Dine In, All you can eat-\$16.00

Take Out- \$15.00, 10 years old and under-\$5.00



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WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAM TO
FACEBOOK, 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS.
Bulletins are available
at taymouthchurch.com.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:30 am. Worship Service w/ Installation of Session Members Boy Scout Sunday 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour Sunday School & Youth Class 1:00 p.m. Bingo at Birch Run Fields 4th Sunday after Epiphany	3 7:00 P.M. GRIEF SUPPORT	4 6:00 p.m. B & G	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School, Youth Classes 11:00 am. Spag. & Las. Dinner Comm. meeting. 5th Sunday after Epiphany	10	11 9:45 am Finance 6:00 p.m. Car Show 7:00 p.m. Session	12	13	14 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	15
16 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship hour and Sunday School, Youth Classes 6th Sunday after Epiphany	17	18 Newsletter Items Due	19	20 4:00p-7:00p Spaghetti & Lasagna Dinner	21	22 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
23 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School, Youth class. 7th Sunday after Epiphany	24	25	26	27	28	



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!

Emergency Notifications

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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.

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.

MEMBER CARE

Reach Up, Reach Out, to Reach all!

Save the date— June 7, 2025! Taymouth Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Quilt Show. The Quilt show is open to the public. We will be showcasing their incredible talents! Pass this along to family and friends. All quilts are welcome! Upcoming newsletters will have more information. Holly, Chair of Member Care

“A Divine Looking Glass”

Congratulations to Olivia Jones, Sherrie Brown, and Heidi Smith in formally joining the church! We are blessed to have them as members of our church family. Each has participated and attended bringing their spiritual gifts and talents to embolden the congregation's ministry. This is a special time for all of us to pause and deeply reflect on our own spiritual pilgrimage and image as disciples of Jesus Christ.

I have discovered looking into a mirror at any point in time we are being shaped by God. Aging is simply God's sacred chisel carving our bodies, minds, hearts, and souls to reveal God's ultimate divine image of love in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. God has a way of chiseling our outer and inner lives to create a deeper understanding of who God is—who we are—and to whom we belong. Our human image becomes the reflection of Jesus Christ.

I would like to share a simple spiritual awareness exercise which deepens our concept of what God's “ultimate” love is in our call to be disciples of Jesus Christ, and what it means to be a member of a church. In the Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, he devotes a whole chapter (I Cor. 13:1-13) to the concept of what God's unconditional “love” means. Love means Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is love. I invite you to pick up your individual Bibles and substitute the word “Christ” for every mention made of “love” in this chapter, and you will begin to see through a mirror darkly and dimly for which you were made. “What is here called love,” writes Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his book, *Ethics*, “is not this general principle but the utterly unique event of the laying down of the life of Jesus Christ for us...” It is Jesus' death and resurrection by taking up the cross. (Green, Long, Powery, Rigby, Connections, Year C, Volume 1, p. 218, Westminster and John Know Press, 2018)

Once again, congratulations to Olivia, Sherrie and Heidi on becoming members of our church family, and for allowing us to reflect on our own meaning of being a church member here at the First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth. Shalom, Pastor Scott



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

- Annual Statistics are due to Presbytery by February 15, 2025.
- Next Presbytery Meeting is via Zoom in March 2025. Mileage rate is \$.70 in 2025.
- Kitchen cart update: 2nd replacement cart arrived 12/24/2024, and it was in bad shape and was photographed and refused. We accepted a credit of \$442.13 (includes shipping) and are looking for a different stainless cart.
- Floyd is going to look at the water fountain upstairs and see if he can fix it.
- Painting is happening in Fellowship Hall, about half of it has been painted.
- Spaghetti dinner is coming up on February 20, 2025. There were about 11-12 people who said they would help. Prices are as follows: \$15 for takeout, \$16 all you can eat dine in and \$5 for kids 10 and under. Spaghetti will have homemade meatballs.
- Finance lets us know Dawn was able to move \$5,000 into the savings at the end of December, \$4,566 over from contributions and an additional \$93 to make it even, plus loan amount. Kevin Garvey, Pastor's coach via Zoom, asks us to ask the following: How are we relevant as a church? Also, he says don't wait until there is a problem to ask the congregation for help.
- Emergency Planning Committee let us know the new security cameras are in. They were on sale so 2 sets were purchased, total \$603.00. This includes 8 cameras. They will be installed as soon as it is warm enough.
- Member Care will host Bingo on February 2nd at BR Fields. Money from Annual Congregational luncheon will go to Taymouth Township Fire Dept for putting in the fire and CO2 alarms and for their assistance during Rob's Medical emergency. There is a new door sign for February/March- “Don't let the world change your smile. Let your smile change the world.”
- Next meeting February 11, 2025. **For a complete list, please contact the church office or the Clerk.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

WE ARE STARTING TO COLLECT INGREDIENTS FOR THE SPAGHETTI & LASAGNA DINNER. PLEASE JOIN THE COMMITTEE! WE WILL ALSO NEED HELP OF ALL KINDS FOR THE DINNER. PLEASE SIGN-UP AND LETS ALL MAKE THIS A HUGE SUCCESS!

- Thank you to everyone for helping clean the church! Your help is appreciated!
- Thank you Andy Rudzitis and Dennis Neahusan for all your hard work painting the Fellowship Hall!
- Thank you to Christine Callender for a donation of a floor matt.
- An inspection of the manse will take place.

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This Sunday, February 2nd is Boy Scout Sunday! Please join us in thanking all our Scouts, past and present!

The first of two Confirmation classes will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. All youth 8th grade and older are invited to participate. For more information, please see Pastor Scott of myself. The next class is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th.

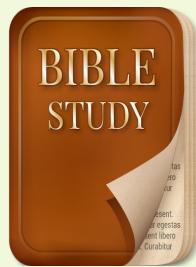
“When I’m afraid, I put my trust in you” Psalm 56:3. “Shine Jesus’ Light”

Blessings, Dawn Patrick, CE Director



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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



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!*



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.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Pastor Ralph G. Fogal who passed to the larger life on Monday, January 6, 2025, at the age of 99. We will always remember his impact on our church! A Celebration of Life was held Thursday, Jan. 9th in Iowa. A memorial service, with burial, will be held at a later date in Pennsylvania.

Those wishing to express their sympathy may make a memorial contribution to Habitat for Humanity or The Christian Century & Heifer International. The family is interested in any history or stories that can be shared of Pastor Fogal and his time with our church. For more information, please contact the church office.

Confirmation Class

All youth 8th grade and older are invited to participate in one of the Confirmation Classes offered- Saturday, February 22nd or Saturday, March 8th, From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Learn about our faith and church with a chance for questions and great conversations! Please see Pastor Scott or Ms. Dawn for more information.

STEWARDSHIP

We are in the midst of the winter months and hoping spring will come soon! In the meantime, our heating bills increase dramatically during the colder months. Are you able to help with this? In the summer months, we pay about \$500 a month for utilities. Then when winter sets in, we creep up sometimes to over \$1000. Your prayerful consideration of this commitment is appreciated! We are very thankful for all your gift giving, all year long!

The next Finance meeting will be held Tuesday, February 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



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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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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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MISSIONS

What an outpouring of **Winter Love** for the kids of North Elementary. Thanks to everyone that donated warm hugs by way of 58 hats, 61 mittens or gloves, and 10 scarves! Megan Setzer from Birch Run Taymouth Care program expressed her appreciation for helping the children face the cold days ahead! Thanks again for your generosity!

Winter can seem to get long and seeing the first Robin means that spring is coming soon, hopefully. One of our members is noted for his bird watching skills and he has agreed to help us with the fundraiser. **"When will Jack Rogers see his first Robin in 2025?"** There will be ballots for you to place your guess in a large jar. Make a guess on the date and time for \$1.00 each. You may guess multiple times. The person who guesses closest to Jack's Robin sighting in his own yard, will win a special prize. All proceeds to go to Camp Fish Tales. They bring lasting joy to people with disabilities and their families by providing a unique and adaptive outdoor camp experience that fosters friendship and encourages independence. For any questions, see Bonnie Pratt or Holly Wendzik.
Beverly Robertson, Chair

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 @ TBD

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

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