



# First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

## **FEBRUARY 2026**

### Taymouth Tidings

For God so loved the world,  
that He gave  
His only  
begotten  
Son  
That whosoever  
believeth in Him  
should not perish  
but have Everlasting life.

## **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,  
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).**

## Prayer Circle



To activate the church's  
prayer circle please call

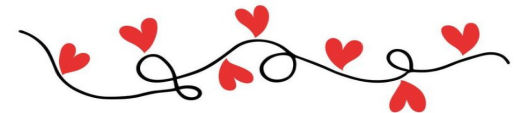
Cindy Rabe  
(989) 624-9274.

Prayer requests are  
conveyed by telephone.

## **ECUMENICAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER WITH DEVOTIONAL 2026**

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

February 18, Ash Wed. @ Taymouth w/ Communion  
February 25 @ Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church  
March 4 @ Burt Fellowship Church  
March 11 @ Christ Lutheran Church  
March 18 @ Birch Run United Methodist  
March 25 @ Taymouth Presbyterian  
April 2, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m., No meal @  
Taymouth Presbyterian w/ Communion  
April 3, Community Good Friday, 7:00 p.m., No  
meal @ Christ Lutheran Church





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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 7-9 p.m.**  
**January 9**  
**February 13**  
**March 13**  
**April 10**  
**May 8**  
**September 11**  
**October 16**  
**November 13**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
<b>1 9:30 a.m. Worship Service W/ Ordination and Installation Svc.</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Sunday School and Youth Group</b>  4th Sunday after Epiphany	2	<b>3 6:00 p.m. B &amp; G</b>	4	5	6	7
<b>8 9:30 a.m. Worship Service</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Sunday School and Youth Group</b> <b>Boy Scout Sunday</b>  5th Sunday of Christmas	9	<b>10 9:45 am Finance</b> <b>7:00 pm Session</b>	11	12	<b>13 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night</b>	14 
<b>15 9:30 a.m. Worship Service</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Sunday School and Youth Group</b>  Transfiguration of the Lord	16	<b>17 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE</b>	<b>18 6:00 p.m. Ash Wed. Soup Supper w/ Holy Communion</b>	19	20	21
<b>22 9:30 a.m. Worship Service</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Sunday School and Youth Group</b>  1st Sunday of Lent	23	24	<b>25 6:00 pm Lenten Potluck</b>	26	27	28
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## MISSIONS

Mission members, your hard work and use of your various talents have paid off. Through the year, we made desserts for the Spaghetti Dinner and had fun with "When will the First Robin Appear?". We finished up the year with Mission Marketplace and the Cookie Walk. The total left for the year to spend is \$1,965.62. We will have a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, so please be thinking of your favorite worthwhile organizations and present them at our meeting. May God bless you for your giving of your time and talent as we seek to help others. Beverly Robertson, Chair

## 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**

## 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 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.



## “A Self-Portrait”

When I was ordained 40 years ago on the northeastern edge of the Nebraskan Sandhills on a very cold wintry night, January 19, 1986, I had somewhat of a good idea of what, when, where, and how my call to ministry would be played out. Also, I had my doubts. However, I knew what the role my congregants were going to play. We were going to work together to make God's ministry successful.

My congregant's warmth of hospitality in welcoming me and their kindness in tolerating me as their pastor made ministry possible beyond all measures of the human mind. I have always known God's people would shape me in becoming their pastor, and likewise, I knew I would always shape a congregation's ministry and mission in being a church.

The beautiful copper cross you gifted me to commemorate my 40<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary symbolizes our church's process of molding, shaping, and forging one another to conduct God's mission. The cross made by coppersmiths of Michigan's Upper Peninsula proclaims Jesus Christ's salvific love for all people.

The cross's green patina is most telling because it depicts our own human condition against the background of the copper's brilliance where God actively warms and transforms our patina (hearts, souls, and minds) to be made in the likeness of his divine image, his Son, our Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for the beautiful copper green patina cross! Please come to my office and see our self-portrait in the form of this cross.

Shalom,  
Pastor Scott



### PER CAPITA

The rate for 2026 is \$35.00 per member. Thank you to all who contributed to the 2025 commitment!

WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAM TO  
FACEBOOK, 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS.  
Bulletins are available at  
[taymouthchurch.com](http://taymouthchurch.com).

### NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

The following items were discussed and approved at January's Session meetings:

- The session received thank you from the staff for their Christmas gifts.
- Session suspended benevolence to Presbytery for 1 year.
- Checking account balance currently stands at \$31,149.67 and the savings account balance stands at \$37,098.15; this includes Muriel Lakey scholarship and other savings.
- Mileage has gone up to 72.5¢. Official budget and Pastor's terms of call have been presented. It will be gone over at the Congregational Meeting on January 25, 2026.
- Session approved Christian Ed activity dates through September 2026.
- Session approved Abe & Shirley Judd to join church in January 2026.
- Session approved Dance Team to use the Fellowship Hall with Megan Schrubbe as the liaison for any needs the team and Director may have.

Next meeting February 10, 2026.

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

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Thank you to everyone for helping clean the church! Your help is needed and appreciated! We meet on Tuesday mornings at 9am. It takes about 1 hour.
- We are looking for Snow shovelers this winter. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all that have helped so far this season.
- Thankyou to Jim, Rick, and Andy for getting the plumbing up and running in the Men's room.
- There are still beef pasties for sale at \$8.00 each. As well as flour for \$5.00 a bag. Help us reach our goal of \$3000 in sales!
- This past year, Jim and Cindy Maher, retired from working the Rummage Sale. I am looking for a couple or more people to help from start to finish. This fundraiser is the one of our biggest to help with Building and Grounds needs. Please help!
- Huge THANK YOU to all the Building & Grounds team who work so hard to keep things working and looking great!!!

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair



Our thoughts and prayers are with Marc and Megan Schrubbe and family, in the passing of Marc's father Gary Schrubbe on Monday, January 12, 2026. The Funeral service was held at our church this past Thursday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Gary will be deeply missed by all who knew him. We are very sorry for his passing and ask that God be with all of the family at this time.

## Emergency Notifications

Session has implemented a "Call List" from the Church Directory in the event of cancellations. Each Session member will be calling from their list at the direction of the Pastor. Also, church event cancellations will appear on our local news channels—WNEM TV5 and NBC25.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"The Greatest Commandment", Matthew 22:37-39.

Thank you all that helped with the Noisy Offering collection on Dec. 21st! A total of \$245.00 was raised.

Thank you to the Bell CD in memory of Joseph Bell for providing the candy and fruit bags every Christmas!

Thank you to all our young people for participating in the Christmas program! You all did an awesome job!

Dawn Patrick, CE Director



## CHURCH VIABILITY COMMITTEE

VIABILITY, THE ABILITY TO CONTINUE AS INTENDED, TO BRING PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 5th at 6:00 pm. Thank you to the Committee for all their hard work. Chair— Richard Leach



## MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received	Needed	Difference
<b><u>First Quarter 2025*</u></b>	<b><u>Received</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>
	<b>\$34,136</b>	<b>\$30,050.85</b>
<b><u>Second Quar. 2025*</u></b>	<b><u>Received</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>
	<b>\$37,304</b>	<b>\$33,052</b>
<b><u>Third Quar. 2025*</u></b>	<b><u>Received</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>
	<b>\$31,647</b>	<b>\$29,246</b>
October \$12,462	\$10,000	(+) 2,462
November \$10,353	\$10,000	(+) 353
December \$10,743	\$10,000	(+) 743
*Not included are Missions or Special Projects.		



# Generosity: Time, Talents, Resources





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