

# First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

## **FEBRUARY 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,  
Janette Gonzales- Treasurer Floyd Roebuck- Youth Director

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## Prayer Circle



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

Prayer requests are  
conveyed by telephone.

**First Presbyterian  
Church of Taymouth**

**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

**FEBRUARY 10, Friday  
FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
(989) 624-9473 | [WWW.TAYMOUTHCHURCH.COM](http://WWW.TAYMOUTHCHURCH.COM)  
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## Church Office Hours

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).



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

For those watching from home, bulletins are  
available at [taymouthchurch.com](http://taymouthchurch.com).

## Applications Open!

Scholarship Applications are now available for  
the Muriel Lakey Scholarship.

*See page 3 for more information!*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Committee  Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	6	7 Postponed to March 7 Building and Grounds	8	9	10 7:00 pm Family Game Nt.	11
12 9:30 am. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	13	14 7:00 pm Session  Happy Valentines	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  Transfiguration of the Lord	20	21	22 Ash Wednes. 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, Service w/ Communion	23		
26 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  First Sunday in Lent	27	28	<div>FEBRUARY</div>			

## MISSIONS

It's hard to believe we are looking at the second month of the new year already and with that thought we are preparing for your One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be collected Sunday March 6th and each Sunday with April 10th being the last. This offering helps to fight hunger, disaster and to help build development in the world.

Remember crafters, we are holding our Mission Marketplace again this year. It will be later in the fall as we check the calendars for other church activities. The marketplace usually includes silent auction items as well as regular larger items with friendly competition in the bidding along with other items for sale. This is all made possible by your donations. As we look forward to this fun time we thank you in advance for your donations and your help in raising finds for the Mission Committee to continue to work.

Happy Valentine's Day to all.

Blessings, Janette Gonzales,



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

February 5th is Boy Scout Sunday! This day is for honoring the young people and adults who contribute to Scouting. We will be recognizing our Boy Scouts Jack Kribs and Calob Billings during the worship service. Thank you Jack and Calob for all you do!

The Lord's Prayer continues to be the focus of our Sunday School time. I notice the children are beginning to repeat the prayer in worship time as well as class. Prayer connects us to the Lord in all our lives and throughout every circumstance. Keep praying!

God bless,  
 Dawn Patrick,  
 CE Director



## “Hymning”

Many practice the spiritual formation of hymning. Often it starts with humming or singing favorite hymns when faced with a crisis, a trauma, or some manner of stress, tension, or anxiety. Also, it may start within ourselves silently or verbally in times of joyfulness, happiness, and thankfulness. Besides praying, I find the spiritual practice of hymning a bliss state. In reality singing or humming our favorite hymns is praying to God who creates, redeems, and sustains us daily. In essence for me, hymning is spiritual therapy.

I invite you to consciously practice the spiritual formation of hymning. Some steps which are commonly used by people when hymning are as follows: 1. Read the hymn; 2. Memorize the hymn; 3. Meditate on the hymn; 4. Hum the hymn; 5. Sing the hymn; 6. Play the hymn on a musical instrument; 7. Pray the hymn; 8. Quote the hymn; 9. Proclaim the hymn; 10. Lean on the hymn or draw strength from the hymn; 11. Teach the hymn to others, especially, the younger generations; and 12. Start and finish each day with a favorite hymn.

One of my favorite hymns to practice hymning is “Amazing Grace.” The hymn’s lyrics were written by The Rev. John Newton in 1779. The Rev. Newton never ceased to marvel at the grace of God that transformed him so completely from a rough, debauched seaman of merchant ships and Ship Master (Captain) of slave ships to a pious Christian pastor of the Anglican Church (The Church of England). Even in the midst of his piety as an Anglican priest, The Rev. Newton never lost sight of Jesus Christ being the great Savior and his own human condition of a repentant sinner. The first verse of “Amazing Grace” says it best: “Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.” (Amazing Grace, Osbeck, p. 164, Kregel Publication, Grand Rapids, MI, 2002) I have often found with a hymn’s historical background a new dimension in hymning can be achieved.

This year’s community—ecumenical, Lenten study sponsored by The Birch Run Ministerial Association (i.e. Saints Francis and Clare Roman Catholic Church, Christ Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth, and the Birch Run/Burt United Methodist Churches) will be examining the spiritual meaning of the hymn, “Amazing Grace.” Every Wednesday evening, beginning March 1st through March 29th, starting at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck soup supper (see schedule printed elsewhere in newsletter for specific locations), one of the Birch Run Ministerial Association pastors will lead a devotional study reflecting on a verse of “Amazing Grace.” This will be a great opportunity to learn something new and different about a favorite old hymn, and how hymning can contribute to our faith development.

Please don’t forget our church’s own Ash Wednesday Service, February 22nd, where we will enjoy our traditional potluck soup supper at 6:00 p.m., observe the Imposition of Ashes, celebrate Holy Communion, and sing “Amazing Grace.”

**Shalom, Pastor Scott**

## NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

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

Approved Mission and Baptism policies to stand as is.

Memorial Money given from the Gosen Family and approved for new kitchen carts.

Kerry Prout resigned from Session.

Member care will be serving breakfast for Congregational Meeting. It is a free will donation.

9 people at the Bonfire on New Years eve. Burned old prayer cards and notes from years past.

Pastor performed 2 funerals. Sharon Leach and Michelle McGrandy.

Issue with Mr. Wellman is settled.

Next meeting February 14, 2023.

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

## MURIEL LAKEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Church will begin accepting applications to the Muriel Lakey Scholarship beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>. 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
- 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.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31**



# ECUMENICAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER WITH DEVOTIONAL 2023

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

Devotional topic  
will be the Hymn  
"Amazing Grace"

February 22, Ash Wed. @ Taymouth with Communion  
March 1, Wed. @ Ss. Frances & Clare Catholic Church  
March 8, Wed. @ Taymouth Presbyterian  
March 15, Wed. @ Birch Run United Methodist  
March 22, Wed. @ Christ Lutheran Church Birch Run  
March 29, Wed. @ Burt United Methodist Church  
April 6, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m., No meal @  
Taymouth Presbyterian with Communion  
April 7, Community Good Friday, 7:00 p.m., No Meal,  
@ Taymouth Presbyterian



Our prayers are with Rick and Lynn Hauk in the passing of their daughter, Michelle McGrandy, on Tuesday, January 21. Michelle had a hard fight these past two years battling cancer. Funeral Services were held on Sunday, January 15 at McGeehan Funeral Home of St. Charles. Please continue to keep Rick, Lynn, and the entire family in your prayers.

### Spaghetti and Lasagna Dinner "Thank You"

The Dinner Committee would like to thank the following for all their hard work making this a successful dinner: Terri and Andy Rudzitis, Pastor Scott and Jane, Carolyn and Rich Weston, Kathy Rogers, Glen and Erma Tanner, Ally and Nathan Callender, Lynn and Rick Hauk, Dawn Patrick, Ken and Kathy Maurer, Janette Gonzales, Eric Maher, Ed Savage, and Adam and Heidi Smith. Thank you to all of you for the Noodles donated. Thank you to Meijer and Goal Post for product donations. Estimated profit is about \$2,000.00. Thank you again, Christine Callender, Chair



## 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

## STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

The new budget year is well under way and you may have noticed a change in the bulletin reporting. The church budget has been divided into 52 weeks to better reflect the contributions. Some months have four Sundays and some have five Sundays. Session agreed that reporting on a weekly basis would be a better reflection of the giving. Per Capita and Initial Offering will remain with their respective total budgets.

The Per Capita rate for 2023 is \$29.77 per member. The new rate has increased by .77 cents per member. The Initial offering remains at \$5.00 per box of envelopes. Your help towards both of these budgeted items are greatly appreciated!



Blessings to you all!  
Dawn Patrick

## QUARTERLY GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	Needed	Received	Difference
Q1 Jan-Mar	29,510	26,996	(-)2,514
Q2 April-June	29,760	35,087	(+)5,327
Q3 July-Sep.	29,760	28,657	(-)1,103
Q4 Oct-Dec	29,760	32,866	(+)3,106

## COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

A BIG thank you to those who volunteered to be coffee hour hosts!

*If you would be interested in hosting, we can show you how!*





*Let us love one another,  
for love comes from God.*

*-1 John 4:7-9*



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