



# First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

## MARCH 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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## 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 FAVORITE GAMES AND  
SNACK FOOD TO SHARE

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
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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 2 for more information!*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 pm Lenten Potluck Catholic Church	2	3	4 MOM-to- MOM Sale Lutheran Church
5 9:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Committee 2nd Sunday in Lent	6	7 7:00 pm Building and Grounds	8 6:00 pm Lenten Potluck Taymouth Ch.	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 3rd Sunday in Lent	13	14 7:00 pm Session	15 6:00 pm Lenten Potluck Methodist Ch.	16	17 	18 9:00 am Confirma- tion Class
19 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 4th Sunday in Lent	20	21	22 6:00 pm Lenten Potluck Lutheran Ch.	23	24	25
26 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 5th Sunday in Lent	27	28	29 6:00 pm Lenten Potluck Burt Methodist	30	31 Muriel Lakey Scholarship Deadline	

## 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, 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.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

March 5 is Girl Scout Sunday! This day is for honoring the young people and adults who contribute to scouting. We will be recognizing our Girl Scouts Blair Periard and Grace Schrubbe during the worship service. Thank you Blair and Grace for all you do!

Please mark your calendars for a few events that will be taking place in the next couple of months:

Saturday, March 18, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.- Confirmation Class  
 Sunday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.- Confirmation and Palm Sunday March  
 Saturday, April 18, 10:00 a.m.- Easter Egg Hunt  
 Sunday, May 14, 9:30 a.m.- Puppet Presentation  
 Sunday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.- Youth Sunday with Noisy Offering  
 Sunday, June 4, 9:30 a.m.- Graduation and Scholarship Recognition  
 Saturday, June 10, Detroit Tigers Home Plate

God bless, Dawn Patrick, CE Director



## “Lengthening Days”

“Lent” in Old English means Spring is here. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, according to our denomination’s worship book, Book of Common Worship, is the Old English word for springtime which means “the lengthening of days.” (Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 2018, p. 233)

I say, “Hurrah for Spring! May the lengthening of days bring lots of sunshine and warmth.” I know it may not look or feel like Spring is here with this year’s Ash Wednesday’s weather of snow, sleet and ice. But nevertheless, I am thankful for our church’s liturgical year of springtime. So, let us greet our Lenten season of Spring with a “Hurrah!” and with a prayer for better weather.

I am excited to start our annual pilgrimage of visiting our sister churches on Wednesday nights for soup and Lenten devotions. This year’s Lenten sojourn consist of singing and praying the hymn, “Amazing Grace.” Hopefully, by singing and praying “Amazing Grace,” we will arrive to a deeper understanding of this amazing hymn which has graced our church, nation, and world.

I would like to give you two devotional books to assist and guide you on your own personal Lenten spiritual pilgrimage of meditation and contemplation. One book is a daily devotional book, and the other book is a lyrical reflection on “Amazing Grace.” “Amazing Grace” is such a well-known hymn speaking to many aspects of our daily lives and filling us with a sense of meaning of God’s divine presence.

So, let us sojourn together in the Springtime of Lent with penitent hearts. Let us sing and pray the lyrics of “Amazing Grace.” Let us always seek and walk with the Lord in our time of “lengthening days.”

**Shalom, Pastor Scott**



## NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

During our February meeting, we organized the new committee chairs for the year.

### **Session Committee chairs:**

Building and Grounds: Terri Rudzitis

Finance: Lynn Hauk

Missions: Janette Gonzales

Worship: Dennis Blom

Christian Education: Floyd Roebuck

Member Care: Holly Wendzik

Personnel: Ed Savage

Social Media & Communication Outreach: Lynn Hauk

Emergency & Disaster Planning: Megan Schrubbe

Audit Committee: Janette Gonzales

Nominating Committee: Floyd Roebuck

Muriel Lakey Memorial Scholarship Committee:

Carolyn Weston

Church Dinner Committee: Terri Rudzitis

Presbyterian Women: Group Currently Inactive

Men's Group: Floyd Roebuck

Funeral Committee: Lynn Hauk

Presbytery Representative: Marge Colosky

### **Election of Church Corporation Officers and Clerk of Session:**

President: Holly Wendzik

Vice President: Megan Schrubbe

Treasurer: Lynn Hauk

Secretary/Clerk of Session: Christine Callender (M/S/C: elected to a 1-year term as Clerk).

### **Usher Supervisor:**

February 2023 Holly Wendzik

March 2023 Megan Schrubbe

April 2023 Dick Leach

May 2023 Ed Savage

June 2023 Lynn Hauk

July 2023 Marge Colosky

August 2023 Dennis Blom

September 2023 Janette Gonzales

October 2023 Harold Irish

November 2023 Carolyn Weston

December 2023 Floyd Roebuck

January 2024 Holly Wendzik

February 2024 Terri Rudzitis

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



Our prayers are with Walt Bird and Family in the passing of Walt’s wife Dolores, on Friday, February 3, 2023. Please continue to keep Walt and the entire family in your prayers.



# 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

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TAYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SATURDAY, APRIL 8

## Easter egg hunt



10:00 AM

EGG FINDING  
GAMES  
CRAFTS

BRING YOUR  
BASKET FOR  
EGG FINDING  
AND MEET THE  
EASTER BUNNY!



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## Taymouth Presbyterian Church



Friday, April 28, 2023  
Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Dinner 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**\$15**

Adults: 4 Pieces Fried Fish, French Fries, Rolls with  
Butter, and Coleslaw. (Beverages available).

New This Year! Kids Meal: 2 Pieces Fish, Fries, and Roll -  
0-5 years Free and 6-12 years \$5.00

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While Supplies Last  
Carry-out Only  
Seating available

Handicap Access Available, Credit Cards Accepted.

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## MISSIONS

As we begin the Lenten season, remember to join our partner churches for the Wednesday Soup Suppers. The donations we receive at this time will be split equally between the Ss Francis & Clare Food Pantry and Christ Lutherans Baby Pantry to purchase the fill in items requested by patrons.

A reminder for our crafters who donate items for the Mission Marketplace (now known as the Holiday Bazaar) to be held November 4 & 5, earlier than usual. Your donations help Taymouth support the various missions made known to us. Happy crafting.

Blessings to all, Janette Gonzales

## MEMBER CARE

Thank you to Cheri Miller for the new sign on the front door of the church! The new signs are always very encouraging and appreciated! Thank you all who helped furnish breakfast for the Annual Meeting on January 29th. Our cooks rival a four-star restaurant! Fifty people were served. The free-will donation totaled \$148.00. Thank you all who cleaned up and made coffee!

*Holly*



## 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](http://fbem.org) for more food pantry locations.

## STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

Last year, the Finance Committee made a decision to only mail out Giving Statements on a quarterly basis throughout the year. We have implemented this and found that we are saving quite a bit in postage! The statements will be automatically distributed in April, July, October, and January 2024. At any time, you can get a current printed copy by calling or emailing the church.

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  
Financial



## 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!*





Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk  
in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor;  
*blessings* and *prosperity* will be yours.

*Psalm 128:1-2*



*Happy Saint Patrick's Day*



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