

# First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

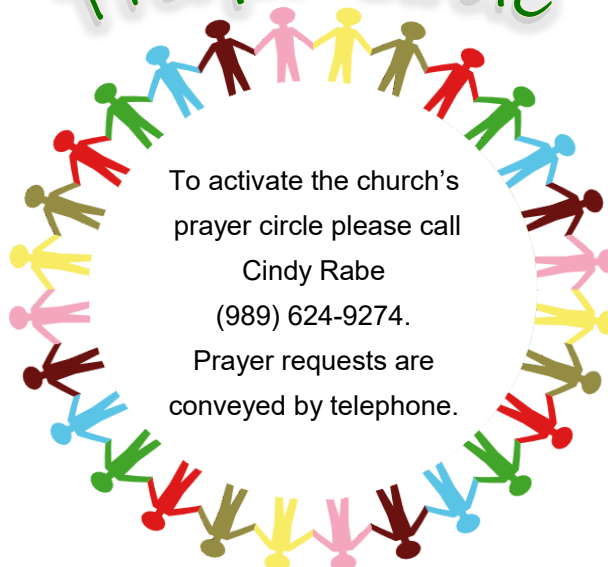
## **FEBRUARY 2024**

### 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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Email: [taymouthchurch@msn.com](mailto:taymouthchurch@msn.com),  
Facebook: Taymouth Presbyterian Church  
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.



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## PENNY WARS

January 6-February 14

North vs. South Side of Sanctuary



1/2 Proceeds to benefit TaymouthTownship Fire Department

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## 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, NBC25, and FOX66.

## 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.

**WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAM TO  
FACEBOOK, 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS.**

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS-	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				1	2	3
<b>4 9:30 am. Worship Service— Ordination and Installation. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour with Sunday School and Youth Classes</b> <b>Scout Sunday</b> 5th Sunday after Epiphany	5	<b>6 7:00 p.m. Building &amp; Grounds</b>	7	7	<b>9 7:00 P.M. Family Game Night</b>	10
<b>11 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School C.E. meeting after Sunday School</b> Transfiguration of the Lord	12	<b>13 5:30p.m. Car Show Meeting</b> <b>7:00 p.m. Session</b>	<b>14 Ash Wed. Soup Supper w/ Svc. And Holy Commu. 6:00 p.m.</b>	15	16	17
<b>18 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School</b> 1st Sunday in Lent	19	<b>20</b> <b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Lenten Potluck @ Christ Luth. Church 6pm</b>	22	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>
<b>25 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. No Sunday School</b> 2nd Sunday in Lent	26	27	<b>28</b> <b>Lenten Potluck@ Burt Fellowship Church 6 pm</b>	29		

## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Holiday Bazaar that began on November 4, 2023, was a success! The total raised was \$1694.36. Thank you Missions Committee, Terri Rudzitis, and all the great helpers and contributors!

## MISSIONS

I can't say it too many times—a "HUGE THANK YOU" to this congregation for all your support this last year from saving 2"X 4" prescription bottles, baking items for bake sales and cookie challenges, cookie walk and Chocolate Day, donating items for the Rummage Sale, filling our unique Shoe Boxes and buying requested items for the Brown Bag Lunches not to mention your financial and time donations.

This next year will see a new chairperson and wonderful ways to continue to show Taymouth is a Matthew 25 Church.

Now the committee has the fun challenge of choosing where to donate our funds.

Blessing to all, Janette, Missions Chair

## MEMBER CARE

*Reach Up, Reach Out, to Reach all!*

Bonnie, thank you for the fun verse that graces our church's front door .

This has to be a first— 90% of the Lending Library books have found a new home! So, checkout the new selections available.

Don't forget the Penny Wars. Only a couple Sundays left! Time is ticking away. Money will be divided 50/50 with the Taymouth Fire Department and our General Fund.

Thank you for always supporting Member Care. Watch the newsletter for upcoming events.

*Holly*

## 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!*



## "A Thinking Soul"

The ancient Greek philosopher, Aristotle said, "The soul never thinks without a picture." (Emmons, The Little Book of Gratitude, p. 78, 2016) Many people say a picture is worth a thousand words. This is true with photographs, films, paintings, and cartoon sketches. The challenge, however, comes when asked to describe the picture with words.

Dr. Emmons, a psychologist, illustrates this with the classic film, "What a Wonderful Life." The main character, George Bailey, contemplates suicide because he feels the world would be better without him. The angel, Clarence Odbody, shows him exactly what the world would be without George Bailey. George gets the picture about the worth and value of living through the lens of gratitude for the life with which he has been blessed.

Dr. Emmons takes the film one step further and uses it in couples' counseling. What he calls the "George Bailey" effect is having couples examine their relationships by practicing gratitude. Through the eyes of George's guardian angel, Clarence, Dr. Emmons asks couples to write about ways in which their lives would have been different if they never met their spouse or partner. He finds this exercise has a greater impact on the couple's happiness than when they reflect on what they really appreciate about their spouse or partner.

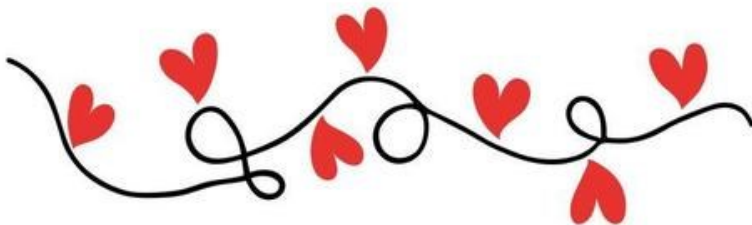
I value Dr. Emmon's little book about gratitude. His approach in developing a grateful heart shows the development of love. Love is a deep reflection of gratitude. Dr. Emmon writes: "Gratitude is not just good medicine, though, a nice sentiment, a warm fuzzy feeling, or a strategy or tactic for being happier or healthier. We did not create or fashion ourselves, and we did not get where we are in life by ourselves. So living in gratitude is living in truth." (Emmons, p. 7, 2016)

Also, the Apostle Paul mentions about "living in truth" with a loving and grateful soul: "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony...And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God." (Colossians 3:14,16)

May we all live in the truth of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed our souls with the ultimate picture. May the Holy Spirit guide us in both our written and spoken language to speak out and live out the love of Jesus Christ. May we be thankful and grateful for the insight of people like the Apostle Paul, Dr. Robert Emmons, and Aristotle to get our souls thinking.

Shalom,

Pastor Scott



### NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

Session Updated the Wedding Policy.

Thank You to Dennis Blom, Carolyn Weston, Harold Irish, & Janette Gonzales for their time on Session.

Annual Statistics are due to Presbytery by February 17, 2024.

Next Presbytery Meeting is via Zoom in March 2024.

December- Facebook had an average of 105 views. Most watched date was 12/3/2023 (Band). YouTube had an average of 13 views. Most watched date was 12/17/2023 (Children's Program).

February 11, 2024, Bingo at Birch Run Fields.

Pastor wants to join Kiwanas Club of Birch Run/Bridgeport area. This group focuses on Youth/Children.

2 ideas have been introduced. 1: Having a PJ Breakfast Day for church. 2: Starting an Adult Bible study group.

Next meeting Feb. 13, 2024. \*\*For a complete list, please contact the church office or the Clerk.

Are you a fan of our church history? A newsletter article "space" awaits for your writing. If you have a story you would like to submit about Taymouth Presbyterian for consideration, please see Pastor Scott.



## BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Thank you to Rick Hauk for trimming the trees at the manse and removing debris.
- Thank you to all our snow shovelers.
- Thanks to Marc Schrubbe, Ken Maurer, and Andy Rudzitis for getting our steeple light replaced and the gutters cleaned out.

It's been an awesome year! The committee has worked so hard keeping our church beautiful! Hoping for another great year with new and exciting things coming up!

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

February 4 is Boy Scout Sunday! We will have the pleasure of honoring our Boy Scouts during the Worship Service.

The "fruits" are getting a lot of attention during Sunday School. The children are learning a song that we hope to perform for our congregation in May. It is a very high-energy and fast-moving song. Let's just say, the kids are learning it better than the adults!

Our Youth Group will meet again on Sunday, February 4. We will continue our discussion on making JOY "automatic". How do you find joy in everyday?

The fifth Fruit of the Spirit is Patience- *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.* Ephesians 4:2

God Bless, Dawn Patrick, CE Director

## 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**



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**FAMILY GAME NIGHT'S**

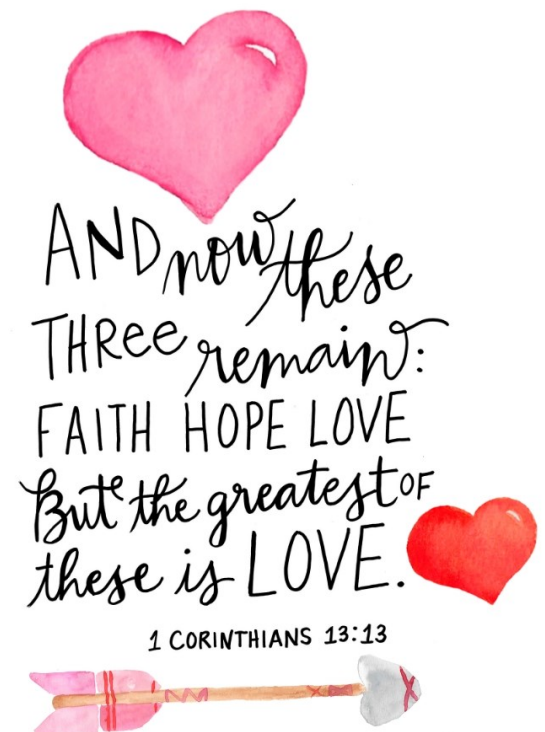
COME OUT AND PLAY THE GAMES YOU KNOW AND LOVE!  
LEARN NEW GAMES AND MEET NEW PEOPLE!

BRING YOUR FAVORITES GAMES AND  
SNACK FOOD TO SHARE.

**Friday's 7:00 - 9:00 pm**  
**January 12**  
**February 9**  
**March 8**  
**April 12**  
**May 10**

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# ECUMENICAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER WITH DEVOTIONAL 2024

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

February 14, Ash Wed. @ Taymouth with Communion  
February 21 @ Christ Lutheran Church Birch Run  
February 28 @ Burt Fellowship Methodist Church  
March 6 @ Taymouth Presbyterian Church  
March 13 @ Birch Run United Methodist Church  
March 20 @ Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church  
March 28, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m., No meal @  
Taymouth Presbyterian with Communion  
March 29, Community Good Friday, 7:00 p.m., No  
Meal @ Birch Run United Methodist Church





We are pleased to announce that we are now providing online giving as an option that is a convenient and secure way to make a one-time or recurring donation. When you choose to give online, your donation will transfer directly to our bank account. You have the option to create a Profile, which will give you the ability to log in at any time to view your prior online donations or to make changes to any recurring gifts you may have scheduled. Whether you choose to create a Profile or not, you can setup your donation and designate a category of giving. Recurring donations help stabilize giving and allow us to improve our budget forecasting. Visit our website for more information. For your convenience, use the bar code to the left, to access the payment app.

**Per Capita 2024-  
\$29.50  
per member**

## STEWARDSHIP

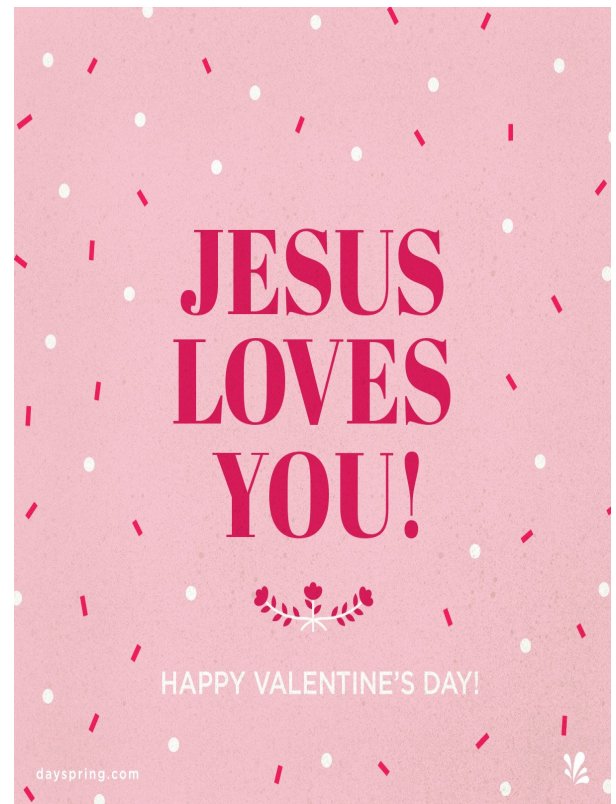
Dear Church Family and Friends!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to Dennis Blom and Janette Gonzales as their terms have been completed on Session and as a part of the Finance Committee. Both individuals have had a great and lasting impact on the direction of our finances over the last couple of years. I will miss you both being regulars, but I know that you are always available for questions. Blessings to you both.

A new Finance Committee will be formed this month. Lynn Hauk, serving currently, and I am excited for new committee members with ideas and thoughts that benefit our congregation and church. As always, if you have an idea or question, please let me know!

Per Capita for 2024 is \$29.50 per member. Our church's total commitment to this is \$3,098.00. The total is divided into twelve monthly payments of \$258.17. Thank you for all your help and prayerful consideration of this obligation. The 2023 total of \$3,275.00 was met in December because of your faithfulness and generosity.

Blessings! Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary

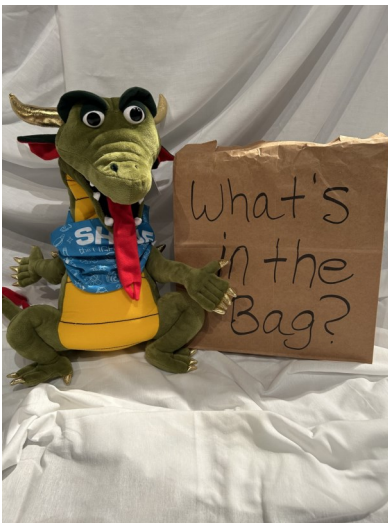


Please make checks payable to "First Pres. Church of Tay.", or "Taymouth Pres.", to avoid any fraud issues.

## MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received		Needed	Difference
October	\$14,043	\$13,450	(+) 593
November	\$9,651	\$10,760	(-) 1,109
December	\$17,067	\$13,450	(+) 3,617

# Life at Taymouth!



## “What’s in the bag?”

Firebal and Sparky invite you to make a guess with them each week of what could appear in Pastor Scott’s brown paper bag. He uses the bag during the children’s sermon to hold an object or two, that can help illustrate the scripture readings and sermon title for the week. The new scriptures and title will come out on our churches Facebook page on Fridays. The children, Firebal, and Sparky love trying to guess! All are welcome! Good luck!



## 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.



*"For God so loved the world that he  
gave his one and only son, that  
whoever believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life."  
- John 3:16*



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