

# Taymouth Tidings



## “Notions and Motions”

Many things come to mind when I think of the Fourth of July—fireworks, parades, concerts, the American Flag, the Statue of Liberty, the Liberty Bell, and an obscure 19th Century book called Democracy of America. Alexis de Tocqueville, a Frenchman and scholar, wrote this book in 1835 after visiting America in 1831. He reflected upon what the world at that time, and what the world even today, considered to be the greatest political science experiment of modern history, the United States of America. He wanted to know what made America successful in establishing itself as a nation.

He discovered rather quickly it was not the bureaucratic institutions of civil government that made America successful. It was the peoples' ethos who lived and worked the land that made America the nation it is: *“America is a land of wonders, in which everything is in constant motion and every change seems an improvement...No natural boundary seems to be set to the efforts of man; and in his eyes what is not yet done is only what he has not yet attempted to do.”* (Hays, A Book of Wonders, 2009, p. 203)

For Tocqueville, an American is a person whose heart is reflected in the positioning of his or her hands. Not by what a person says, but by what a person does. What America does with its hands becomes a true reflection of what America believes. This notion and motion of being a nation, the United States of America, is reflected in our nation's high calling of being a beacon of hope for the world. This hope is symbolically depicted in the open invitation by a flaming torch and tablets held by the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor: *“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”*

In my travels with the Navy visiting ports and people of many nations, I was told countless times, “We wish we lived in America. We wish America was here.” Living in the notion and motion of freedom is a gift and a blessing. We Americans have a high calling to be what the Statue of Liberty symbolizes for us to be, and what God calls us to do on this Holy Mountain of a nation called the United States of America: *“Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.”* (Isaiah 25:8)

May you have a blessed holy day on the 4th of July, and a blessed holy summer with your country, America. Do take time to reflect on your notion and motion of freedom is for you and for your nation. Your citizenship is a gift and a blessing by Almighty God. Don't waste it.

Shalom,

Pastor Scott

# July 2019

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	1.	2.	3.	4. Happy Independence Day! See You at the Parade.	5.	6.
7. 9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:30 a.m. Sundae Sunday. 11:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
14. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
21. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11:00 a.m. Christian Education Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	22.	23. 1:00 p.m. P/W Meeting.	24.  Newsletter Articles Due.	25.	26.	27.
28. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11:00 a.m. Mission Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	29. Community VBS 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.	30. at Christ Lutheran 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.	31. Church July 29—Aug 1 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.			

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4. 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	5.	6. 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting.	7.	8. 6:30 p.m. Men's Group Meeting.	9.	10.
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18. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11:00 a.m. Pie Auction. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	19.	20. 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting.	21. Newsletter Articles Due.	22.	23. 6:00 p.m. Church Campout and Movie Night.	24.
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## JUNE SESSION ROUND-UP:

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the Session Minutes are not available for this month's newsletter. June's Round-up will be included in September's newsletter. Sorry for the inconvenience. Pastor Scott Kroener, Moderator, and Sharon Leach, Clerk of Session.

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**NEXT SESSION MEETING:** Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The reason for the change of date is that Pastor Scott will be on vacation from August 2<sup>nd</sup>-August 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**BIG THANK YOU:** For the church to win the 4<sup>th</sup> of July's parade "Grand Marshall Award" twice in a row is spectacular! A big thank you to everyone who helped out in making this year's float a success. A special thank you is extended to Neal Rogers for creating the float's beautiful and colorful banners. Thank you all who participated in the planning, designing, construction, and transportation of the float; donated candy and candy money; and walked in the parade. Thank you for supporting the church and the community of Birch Run.

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**MISSION NEWS:** On June 13, 2019, Bonnie Pratt, Kathy Rogers, and Holly Wendzik personally delivered a check for \$962.50 to Brian's House in Essexville, Michigan. This check was There portion of the **Mission Journey** that was done for the 56 days of Epiphany. The other half of the fund received from this mission event is given to our church. Brian's House is a hospice home that can care for six guests. There were overwhelmed by the gracious amount of our giving. We were given a tour of the home and it is truly a lovely place, out in the country and surrounded by a corn field.

We will be delivering the items collected for **Brown Bag Lunches** after the first of July. This is a program of St Thomas Aquinas Church that provides 40 brown bag lunches 3 days a week for St Paul's Episcopal Church on Tuscola Street in Saginaw. Look for a list of suggested items in the next newsletter. A list will also be available by the drop off location. Mission has given money to this cause in the past and would like to continue to give them assistance.

Missions is still collecting items for the **Community Food Pantry** each time we are served communion.

Communion is usually served the first Sunday of the month. If you forgot to bring sometime on that Sunday, you may drop it off any time. Just a single item from each person on communion Sunday, will help provide items for the pantry.

With all the recent rain we have had, here's hoping for a beautify morning on Sunday, July 7, 2019. This will be the out-of-doors worship service with **Sundae Sunday** following.

The Sundae Sunday is Missions way of saying "Thank You" for the support you give the Missions Committee.

Remember to mark your calendar for Sunday, August 18, 2019, for the **Pie Auction**. Mission Committee has chosen a few church members to provide the home-made pies. This is a good time of fellowship, friendly bidding and perhaps being lucky to get your favorite pie. All proceeds for the sale go to future mission work.

Here are some of the future mission events that have been approved by Sessions. **Baby Pantry** in September, **VA Hospital** in October, **Shoeboxes** in November and the **Cookie Walk and Holiday Treats** in December.

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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS:** We are still working on details for the rummage sale that is set for October 3rd and 4th. We are looking at expanding the hours, and possibly adding another day to the sale to make it so the working people can make it out to shop.

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## ADULT "Sack Lunch" BIBLE STUDY:

No Bible Study for the Summer. The class is in recess. See you in the Fall.

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Next Meeting will be July 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. Hope to see you there.

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**CHOIR NEWS:** I would like to thank the choir members for another great singing season. I appreciate your willingness to learn new things. We had a rough winter with weather delays but as usual the choir did well. Thank you again for a great season. I am looking forward to the fall. So if you can sing in the shower and sing in your car you have the skills we are looking for come and join us in the fall.

Thanks Again,

Heidi Smith, Music Director.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

You are invited to Vacation Bible School  
 Monday, July 29 – Thursday, August 1, 2019  
 6 pm to 7:30 pm  
 Hosted by Christ Lutheran Church  
 8101 Poellet St, Birch Run, 624-9378.

Combined with Taymouth Presbyterian, Burt United Methodist, Birch Run United Methodist, and Ss. Frances and Clare Catholic Church.



All youth grades Pre-school through Fifth Grade are invited to have fun learning, singing, playing, and crafting!

For more information: Christ Lutheran Church-Birch Run – (989) 624-9378 United Methodist Church (Burt and Birch Run) – (989) 624-9340 First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth – (989) 624-9473 Ss. Frances and Clare Catholic Church-(989) 624-9098

**CHURCH OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT & MOVIE**

**NIGHT:** All are welcome to join in the fun and activities on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., on the church grounds. Join us for a hot dog roast, yard games, branding woodblocks, story-telling, singing, and watching a movie under the stars. A potluck supper with a hot dog roast will start at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and your own favorite beverage to drink. Hot dogs, buns, condiments, and table service will be provided. For those who wish to campout for the entire night please bring your own tent and sleeping bag. Breakfast will be served for those who spend the night. All are welcome to the campfire. See you under the stars! [Note: In case of inclement weather, the campout will take place inside the church with a few modifications.] Contact Pastor Scott for more information. Campout sponsored by the Men's Group.

**GRILLED CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER:**

Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Church's Fellowship Hall. Tickets for this fundraiser will be available beginning July 14 from the church office. Cost of tickets are \$12.00 each. The menu is as follows: ½ Grilled Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Salad, Corn Muffins, Cinnamon Sheet Cake, and Beverages. More information to follow in the church's bulletin.

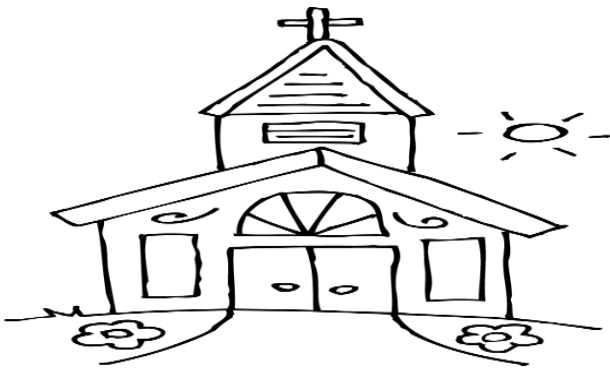
**SUNDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETINGS:**

The Church's Worship Committee and Pastor Scott will be hosting and leading a weekly prayer meeting on Sunday Nights, at 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. for all those who wish to gather together and offer prayers to God. The intention of the prayer meeting is to gather as a community of faith and simply uplift our concerns, needs, issues, joys, thankfulness, and praises in prayer to God. Come and pray. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Scott at (989) 624-9473. Members of the Worship Committee are: Sharon Peters, Chair; Heidi Smith, Choir Director and Organist; Lillian Ostrom, Jason Reed, Nancy Fortier.

**PRAYER CIRCLE:**

Cindy Rabe has organized a "Prayer Circle" for anyone interested. The prayer request information is conveyed by telephone and your prayers at home would include these special intentions. If you have a special prayer request for yourself or a loved one, or if you would like to join the circle, please contact Cindy at 624-9274, or you may call her cell phone if unable to reach her at home, (989) 798-5797.





### **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Thank you Ken and Kris Maurer for removing the large shrubs at the south entrance to the church. Then, thank you to Cheryl and Dave O'Connell for landscaping and planting in the same area. The Hydrangea trees and flowers came from the Jerry Gonzales memorial fund. It looks great, well done!

Thank you to all our helpers for working with the flowers and lawn care. The church grounds have never looked better! We are blessed to have talented and giving people in our church that work continuously to make it presentable.

If you are interested in helping in some way, contact Ken Maurer or Gary Brabant. Extra help is always appreciated.

### **LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

There are still empty dates that need someone to mow the manse and church grounds. Please consider signing up on the kitchen bulletin board. Preference is to have lawns mowed on Thursday or Friday of the week so as to not interfere with events on Saturday and to have the lawn looking its best for Sunday worship. If you have questions, please contact Ken Maurer at 274-5618. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Week of:

Volunteer:

June 30  
July 7  
July 14  
July 21  
July 28

Dick Leach  
Gary Brabant  
Dick Leach  
Jim Maher & Walt Bird



### **NEW POLICY FOR CHURCH FUNERAL DINNERS:**

At its monthly meeting in March 2018, the Session adopted a new funeral lunch/dinner policy. The new policy states that there will be a \$3.00 charge per person for a funeral meal to be served to them. This charge is to take effect immediately. This charge will hopefully cover the cost of food, and paper products (e.g. napkins, plates, cups, and plastic eating utensils) used for the meal.

Also, the Session approved upon the recommendation of the church's Funeral Committee (Sharon Leach, Chair; Cindy Maher, Meal Coordinator; Kay Blessing; Bonnie Pratt; Jeff Reed) that a standardized menu be used in preparing the funeral meals. The menu will basically consist of ham and other major food dishes designated and assigned by the funeral meal coordinator, Cindy Maher, and to be cooked in the church's own kitchen. Desserts will be donated by church members and friends. Cindy Maher will contact individuals to make desserts. Hopefully, by preparing the funeral meals in the church's kitchen with a designated work crew, the church will become more efficient in utilizing its resources in the areas of manpower and kitchen facility. The purpose of this new policy is to help cover the cost of the meal, and to streamline the food preparation process. Please know that when a funeral lunch or dinner is being served in the church's fellowship hall there is a janitorial fee of \$50.00 to be paid by the family to the church.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Sharon Leach (989) 295-1116, Chair of the Funeral Committee, and Clerk of Session.

## ABOUT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Membership with First Presbyterian church of Taymouth is for anyone who acknowledges Jesus Christ as their Lord and accepts him as their 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. Please contact Pastor Scott about membership classes.

### PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN:

- ☞ You or a member of your family is (or when you know of someone in the congregation who has been) hospitalized, ill, injured, suffering hardship or is in distress;
- ☞ You need to schedule/reschedule a committee or church group meeting;
- ☞ You have important news or information to share with the whole church family (births, marriages, deaths, new addresses or phone numbers, employment, etc.);
- ☞ You need to submit information for a worship bulletin, newsletter, or the website;
- ☞ You have information related to meetings, special mailings, or church activities;
- ☞ You have information related to community events and happenings that might be relevant to the life and ministry of the congregation.

THANK YOU!

### *First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth*

#### **Our Vision –**

Coming together and growing as a community of believers, glorifying and always being refined by God, reaching out in grace and love to the world.

#### **Our Mission –**

FPCT is a community of grace and love in which each person's gifts, talents, and skills are welcomed and valued. We are a household of faith, a people gathered together to worship God, proclaim God's salvation, and to experience an eternal relationship with God.

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We have several needs each Sunday morning. Throughout the year we are in need of the following:

Ushers: If you haven't ushered before but would like to help, let the office know and we'll pair you up with someone who has done it before.

Coffee Hour Hosts/Hostesses: We need Coffee Hour hosts/hostesses for upcoming Sunday mornings. Being a host/hostess entails arriving to church before worship to start the coffee and then being present after the service to socialize. We have several ladies who are willing to show anyone the ropes. The coffee hour sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

Flower Donations for the Sanctuary: Currently, all dates are open on our flower calendar which is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. If you would like to furnish flowers for our sanctuary on a Sunday morning, please sign the chart. Your flowers, given in celebration, honor, or memory of someone or a special event, will enhance our sanctuary and be greatly appreciated by those in attendance at that worship service.

**SEASONAL VOLUNTEERS:** Mowing the church and manse yards. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the kitchen bulletin board OR contact the church office. THANK YOU for your STEWARDSHIP!

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Sunday Worship – 9:30am

Sunday School – 10:45am

Adult “Sack Lunch” Bible Study – Wednesdays Noon-1:00pm

Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor

Sharon Leach, Clerk of Session - Tiffany Fortier, Treasurer

Anita Gilbert, Church Secretary - Heidi Smith, Music/Choir Director

Dawn Patrick, Christian Education Director & Financial Secretary

Floyd Roebuck, Youth Director - Paul Fortier, Custodian

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