

# Taymouth Tidings



## "Be Joyful"

The opening phrase of the 100th Psalm, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth" (v. 1), delivers a timeless message, the importance of being joyful. I remember many years ago as a little child making a small paper scroll and writing this particular verse on it. My Sunday School teacher asked the class to pick a favorite Bible verse. Not having a favorite verse and not knowing what particular verse to choose, I randomly opened the Bible, closed my eyes and let my fingers do the walking. When my fingers stopped on this biblical verse. My favorite scriptural verse came into being. Over the years, I have come to know this particular verse quite well.

These past couple of months our church's Adult Bible Study which meets on Wednesdays at noon studied the word, "joyful." It was through Paul's Letter to the Philippians that we discovered our need to be joyful and to rejoice. Paul wanted his readers to adopt a spirit of joyfulness in order to let it rule their daily lives. Paul sought to change the Philippians' perspective. He strongly believed if he could have a positive attitude in the midst of his sufferings while in prison so could the Philippians who lived and moved about freely. The whole class was awe struck by Paul's insight about letting the joyful noise of Christ rule our hearts and minds and souls. He simply said having a joyful outlook on all aspects of life despite a person's hardships and sufferings works miracles. Developing a positive attitude towards oneself in facing life's trials and tribulations is being Christ-like.

In studying Paul's Letter to the Philippians, the class used Max O. Vincent's book, "Because of This I Rejoice, Reading Philippians during Lent." This book cuts through the chase with biblical conviction about the immediate importance of people creating a joyful spirit, a joyful attitude, and a joyful life. Creating and living with a positive attitude enables us to worship the Lord with a joyful noise. I always thought I made a joyful noise to the Lord. However, after reading and studying this little book by Vincent, I discovered I still have a lot of work ahead of me in my spiritual practices to be truly joyful. Let us always be joyful in worship, because worship is the daily celebration of being joyful in our lives.

Shalom,

Pastor Scott

Special Note: Pastor Scott will be attending a conference on Conflict Management in Detroit from May 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. He will be out of office all week. Pastor Sue Trinklein (cell: 989-928-6845) of Christ Lutheran Church in Birch Run, and Pastor Rey Mondragon (cell: 734-645-8991) of Birch Run & Burt United Methodist Churches will cover the parish in case of emergency.

# MAY 2019

			1. 12:00 p.m. Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	2.	3.	4.
5. 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 11:30 a.m. Mission Marketplace.	6.	7. 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting.  Building & Grounds Meeting (TBD).	8. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	9. 6:30 p.m. Men's Group Meeting.	10.	11.
12. <b>Mothers Day.</b>  9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.
19. <b>Youth Sunday.</b>  9:30 a.m. Worship / Noisy Offering. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.	20.	21.	22.  Newsletter Articles Due.	23.	24.	25.  5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Steak Fry.
26. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.	27.	28. 1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting.	29.	30. 11:00 a.m. Funeral Committee Meeting.	31. Muriel Lakey Memorial Scholarship Forms due.	

## First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

### SESSION ROUND-UP:

- Training and Education presented by Rev. Kroener from the Office of the General Assembly: Regarding ruling elders: How to deal with problems in Healthy Ways.
- Meeting called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. Kroener, Moderator at 7:32 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- All members present except, Sharon Peters excused. Quorum present. Also Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary was not present.
- Accepted agenda as presented.
- Approved minutes of the March 12, 2019 regular session meeting with corrections.
- Accepted Treasurer's report with deficit of \$2,077.77 for the month/year ending March 2019.
- Building and Grounds: Handicap toilet to be installed in lady's bathroom. Clean up day for church and facilities to be April 28 following church service. Bring a sack lunch and come prepared to clean up church properties both inside and out. Waste Management will be dumping refuse once a month. Discussed lighting for south side of building.
- Mission: Lenten suppers donations:
  - 1. Special Kids in Action (Mary Weiss),
  - 2. Celebrate Recovery-Home Plate program with Detroit Tigers;
  - 3. Cathy Chang (Missionary in Phillippians);
  - 4. Brown Bag Lunches.
  - 5. Three way split with Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church (Food Pantry), Christ Lutheran Church (Baby Pantry) and Methodist Churches of Birch Run and Burt (Clothing Closet). Matt Rogers for InterVarsity Fellowship. June 2019, Brown Bag Lunches, program of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Tuscola Street in Saginaw. July 2019, Mustard Seed House. September 2019, Baby Pantry at Christ Lutheran Church.

Collect diapers and wipes. October 2019, VA Hospital. November, Shoeboxes, December-Cookie Walk and Holiday Treats. Mission will assist PW in the Rummage Sale, October 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

- Worship: Working on Holy Week Services along with Easter Sunday, Special Communion Service Maundy Thursday.
- Pastors Report: Confirmation class to be April 6 along with Baptism of Hannah Nicole Gilbert and Adam James Smith. Confirmation for Adam James Smith, Hannah Nicole Gilbert, Logan Noah Patrick, and Nathan Alexander Callender.
- Christian Education: No meeting.
- OK'd Steak Fry Dinner to be held May 25th. 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (Memorial Day Weekend)
- Sharon Leach- Clerk of Session.



From the “**LENTEN POTLUCK**” suppers of 2019, Mission received \$656.00 as part of the free will offering. Mission was able to match those dollars (and added a little more to round the dollars out) to make the total giving of \$1,415.00. Here is the list of who is to receive a donation. Special Kids in Action (Mary Weiss), Celebrate Recovery, Cathy Chang (Missionary in Philippians) Brown Bag and Matt Rogers, InterVarsity Fellowship. The sixth would be for the churches of Ss Francis and Clare Catholic Church of Birch Run (Food Pantry), Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run (Baby Pantry) and the Methodist Churches of Birch Run and Burt (Clothing Closet). Thanks for all your support in giving to these great places.

The “**SECRET PRAYER PAL**” for the Lenten season has now been completed. Did you may mail your secret prayer pal an Easter card to let them know you have been praying daily for them? You can either sign the card or leave it a secret, the choice is yours.

On Sunday, May 5, 2019 the Mission Committee held the **"MISSION MARKETPLACE"**. Missions provided a FREE dessert bar to show their appreciation for all the support they received from the members of the church. Look for information about the happening of this event in the next newsletter. All proceeds from the marketplace will go to fund future mission projects.

In June, we will be collection items for the **"BROWN BAG LUNCHES"**. 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.

Here are some future date to mark on your calendar of upcoming missions events. The **"SUNDAE SUNDAY"** will be held on July 7, 2019. This will be in the fellowship hall following the outdoors worship service. Also the **"PIE AUCTION"** will be on Sunday, August 18, 2019. A reminder that if you purchased one of the "Bakers Choice" pies last year you have until August 1, 2019 to redeem your coupon. Please contact Bonnie Pratt 770-5282, Kathy Rogers 624-5700 or Holly Wendzik 624-9846 or regarding your request.



#### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS:**

Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 1:00 in the fellowship hall. New members are always welcome.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Congratulations to our newest Confirmation and Baptism recipients- Adam Smith and Hannah Gilbert, baptism and confirmation, then Nathan Callender and Logan Patrick on being confirmed. These four young people attended the confirmation class, learned about their faith and our church, then made a brave decision to accept the Lord and teachings. I am very proud of them and look forward to watching them grow in their faith.

Thank you to all the kids that participated in the Palm Sunday march. You all did a great job waving those palms!

The Easter Egg hunt was held on Saturday, April 20, at 10:00 am. We had 42 little ones ready to have fun and find those eggs! Thank you to all the helpers – Hunter, Logan, Nathan, Ally, Davi, Hannah, Anita, and Felicia. There was a lot of laughter, face painting, playing, and finding going on. Thank you to everyone for making this a great tradition!

Youth Sunday is fast approaching! On Sunday, May 19, our youth will participate in parts of the service. New this year, will be a skit titled "The Donut Master". You won't want to miss this one! A Noisy Offering will also be collected on this Sunday.

May is Military Month! The time of year set aside to remember and reflect all branches of the military, past and present. Please take a moment to remember our own Military buddies in your prayers- Brooke and Jake Whalen, Sonny Lewis, and Waylon Stanley. You are invited to pick up a small plastic soldier and prayer card from the display in the fellowship hall. The little soldier should be put in your home, in a visible and noticeable spot, to remind you to pray often. In fact, take two or three, and share with your friends and family to do the same!

Sunday School will conclude for the summer with the last class on Sunday, May 19.





### **STEAK FRY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND:**

Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Meal Includes: 1 inch Ribeye Steak, Saut`eed Onions, Baked Potato's (choice of: Sweet or reg. potato w/ all the toppings, Rolls & Butter, Salad, Dessert (Fresh Strawberry Pie). Beginning in May, Meal Tickets will be on sale at the church office and must be purchased by **May 19th.** Contact Pastor Scott for more information.

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### **2019 MURIEL LAKEY MEMORIAL**

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Applications for 2019 are now available in the church office. This scholarship money is made available to members of the congregation who are engaged in higher education (post high school: e.g. college/university; advanced training, trades school, or similar academic pursuits). All are welcome to apply as long as the following three criteria's are met:

1. Member of the First Presbyterian Church.
2. Financial need.
3. Involvement in the life of the church.

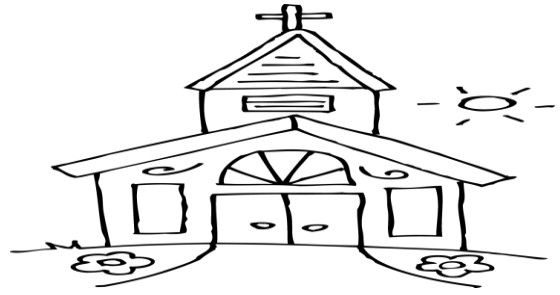
Application deadline is May 31, 2019.

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### **OLD SCRAP DRIVE:**

The church will be collecting any old scrap from now until June 8, 2019. Any metal you may have sitting around your house, yard, or elsewhere that you need to clear? All scrap Metals, Tin, Steel, Aluminum, Old Appliances, Batteries, Motors, Water Heaters, and more. If you have any you would like to donate please contact Jason Reed at 989.522.4950. Thank you



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

Thank you to Ken Maurer and Gary Brabant for installing a new "tall" toilet in the ladies restroom located in the fellowship hall. Thank you Mike Gilbert for the plexi-glass pieces used in the sanctuary.

Do you know how old our steeple bell is?

Have you heard the church bell? Have you ever seen the bell in the steeple? The current church bell was brought to the church in the early 1900's. It was the second bell to be a part of the church. Legend has it that the bell was cast by the same company that made the bell for the Michigan State House in Lansing. Records indicate the bell was used to summon Sunday worshippers as well as volunteer firemen from the area. Now, the bell is used primarily to announce Sunday services and the rejoicing of a wedding or the mourning of a funeral. Let's keep ringing that bell!



### **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.

**CLEAN UP DAY:** Many Thanks to all who participated in the church's spring clean-up day following worship and fellowship on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Lots of things got accomplished – from washing the outside of the church with a power washer hose (which took place a few days before) to hand washing & dusting the sanctuary's wood work; from rolling and aerating the church's lawn to cleaning and raking the flower beds; from washing and cleaning the kitchen and fellowship hall to wiping down and cleaning the nursery toys; and sweeping the sidewalks. Everyone did a Great Job. "Thank you", to all and special thank you to Micah Prout for power washing the church building. Gary Brabant, Chair of Building & Grounds.

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**FISH FRY:** A Deeply Warm, Heart-Felt, "Thank You" is extended to everyone of the church in their support and hard work in making the Fish Fry a great success this year. Many positive things were said about the food, the youth helping to serve, and the opportunity and place where people of the community can come together and visit one another. Your time and energy made that possible. Once the final figures are all tallied a report will be given to the congregation. Once again, "Thank You!" Ken Maurer, Chair of Fish Fry.

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### Bible Study



#### **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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#### **CHOIR NEWS:**

As of Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Choir will be in recess for the Summer. See you in the Fall.



#### **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.

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## 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!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 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.

## *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.

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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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