

Taymouth Tidings

“Congratulations Graduates”



I want to congratulate all of our Eighth Grade graduates: Nathan Callender, Regan Kribs, and Isabella Stanley; our High School graduates, Patrick Hunter, Adam Smith, and Davi Fabricio da Silva; and our College graduate: Sharon Peters. All have done an outstanding job in their academic achievements.

Truly, it is a privilege that our community has been blessed by so many dedicated and outstanding school teachers who have passed on their knowledge, wisdom, and understanding to our children and youth. Indeed, the gifts and talents in teaching, is something we can never take for granted. It is our school teachers who lay the foundation of learning, and inspire us to never stop learning. This was expressed most readily by the three student speakers who delivered the 2019 Commencement Address at the Birch Run High School Graduation. Their sentiments were embraced by their fellow graduates upon receiving their diplomas.

Although a piece of paper tells us we are graduates of an academic institution, it charges us never to stop learning, never to let our minds go to waste. Regardless what adventures in life we choose to pursue, we know our travels will always encompass learning anew. This is the power of thinking.

Teaching people in learning how to think is the greatest gift a school teacher can give to anyone. I have greatly appreciated all my school teachers over the years in giving me the ability to think on my own with the knowledge they imparted upon me over the course of my life. In the midst of learning how to think I discovered how information leads to knowledge, how knowledge leads to wisdom, how wisdom leads to empowerment, and how empowerment leads new information, whereupon, the cycle starts all over. The challenge that was taught to me by my teachers was not to withhold anything from anyone, but to share with all. This sharing included knowledge and wisdom, as well as, love and compassion.

In growing up I had three primary areas which taught me how to think: 1. The setting of formal academia called school, especially, with its band music program; 2. The setting of nature with its outdoor classrooms constructed by the Boy Scouts of America; 3. The setting of worship and Sunday School located at my home church. These three institutional settings allowed me to embrace the underpinning of my own philosophy of learning. The essence of this philosophy lies in Scripture: “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” (Proverbs 9:10)

I have high hopes the Class of 2019 will not rest on their laurels of academic accomplishments and achievements, but will have the energy and drive to learn anew—where they will find wisdom and understanding in their ability to think—in making our world a better place to live.

Congratulations Class of 2019!

Shalom,

Pastor Scott

June 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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2. 9:30 a.m. Worship/Graduation Sunday. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting.	3.	4. 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting (TBD).	5.	6.	7.	8. Church Scrap Drive. Contact Jason Reed for pick up. Detroit Tigers Home Plate
Pentecost 9. 9:30 a.m. Worship/Sacrament of Holy Communion. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour.	10.	11. 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting.	12.	13. 6:30 p.m. Men's Group Meeting.	14.	15.
Father's day 16. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour.	17.	18.	19. Newsletter Articles Due.	20.	21.	22. Church Fellowship hall reserved for Hunter Patrick Graduation Party. 8 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
23. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11:00 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting.	24.	25. 1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting.	26.	27.	28.	29.
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First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

MAY SESSION ROUND - UP:

- Training and Education presented by Rev. Kroener: "The God-Powered Church" – a monthly series for "ruling elders, as well as a monthly series for "spiritual leaders".
- Members excused and absent: Sharon Peters, Tiffany Fortier and Cherie Miller. Gary Brabant and Dennis Neahusen were excused temporarily for Building & Grounds Committee meeting. Also absent was Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary and Bookkeeper. Quorum present.
- Accepted agenda as presented.
- Approved minutes of the April 9, 2019 regular session meeting and April 14, special session meeting.
- Accepted Treasurers report with deficit (\$7,380.15) for the month/year ending April 2019.
- Clerk's Report: Questioned when we would be receiving phone directory. Phone numbers have been placed in church pictorial directory which will be received by church members when completed. This is to take the place of the 5" x 7" Directory.
- Buildings and Grounds: Fertilizer has been put on lawn. They will be over seeing the repairs needed for the outside of the south-west corner for drainage and blending in with the north-west corner of church building. Jones Excavating will be working with committee on repairs.
- Mission: Mission Marketplace was held May 5, total amount earned to date \$1,002.00. The balance of the mission funds to be distributed to other mission projects by Floyd and Elizabeth Roebuck.
- Worship: No meeting.
- Christian Education: Preparing for Mother's 'Day. Mothers will receive a hand-made greeting card for Mother's Day and Youth Sunday a play called "Donut Hole" to be presented by Youth along with Youth taking part in church service.
- Member Care: Easter breakfast was enjoyed by all and a profit of \$20.00 was received.
- Social Media & Communication Outreach: Up-date pricing for Wi-Fi booster, especially needed for take out's for suppers, etc.
- Emergency Committee: Rob Minard presented "First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth "Emergency Preparation and Response Policy".

- Pastor Report: Funeral/Memorial Service for the following: Clementina V. Ragan, funeral service April 23, 2019. Gloria Ann Huber, May 3, 2019 and Gordon McDonagh, May 4, 2019.
- Approved a \$55.00 expenditure for a year to the "Birch Run Herald" for advertising anytime we are having something to make money.
- Confirmed and accepted into membership on April 14th, Adam Smith, Logan Patrick, Nathan Callender and Hannah Gilbert.
- Baptized April 28th, Grace Ann Schrubbe, daughter of Meghan and Marc Schrubbe.
- Pastor will be attending "Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders May 12th thru 18th in Sterling Heights, MI. This will be paid thru his continuing education fund.
- Pastor and Elder Robert Minard will be attending a continuing education event, "Faith-Based Crisis Leadership and Vet Connects Workshop (June 6th and 7th) in Frankenmuth Michigan.
- Accept into church membership "Micah and Kerry Prout," May 26th.
- Lakey Scholarship, (Letter of Information and Application) is ready to be picked up by all looking to further their post-secondary education. Notice has been in Sunday bulletins and last month's newsletter. Deadline for application is May 31st.
- Graduation Sunday is to take place June 2nd during church service recognizing 8th Grade, High School, & College Graduates.
- A Correction was made to April 2019 Session Minutes by Moderator and Clerk of Session to reflect the approval for Pastor and Worship Committee to have Prayer Meetings on Sunday evenings beginning June 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- Sharon Leach – Clerk of Session.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS:

Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. New members are always welcome.

The **Rummage Sale** will be the first week of October, 2019. Please watch for the exact days and times in the next newsletter.

MISSION NEWS:

Thanks to all who participated in the **Mission Marketplace**. It was so nice to see items from first timer donators. All items received were greatly appreciated to help raise money for future Missions giving. I could list all the people who donated items but I would probably miss someone so I better not. I would however like to say thanks to Scott Peters who did a great job of auctioneering the items. Without his skills, we could not have an auction. With everyone's support, we were able to raise over \$1,100.00. Thanks again for all your support.

The month of June we will be collecting items for **Brown Bag Lunches**. The items we are collecting are large bags of chips (potato, Fritos, Cheetos, pretzels, etc), juice boxes and bags of cookies. St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Saginaw started this program over 25 years ago. They provide 40 brown bag lunches 3 days a week for St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Tuscola Street in Saginaw, Michigan. The lunches contain two sandwiches, juice box, store bought cookies, snack food (chip, pretzel, etc.) piece of fresh fruit, wrapped candy and pudding or fruit cups. Please note in your weekly church bulletin for items we are collecting to help with the lunches.

Summer is fast approaching with much warmer days. On Sunday, July 7, 2019 will be the out-of-doors worship. This is the day the Mission Committee will be treating you with **Sundae Sunday** following the worship service. We will have a couple of kinds of ice cream and several different toppings. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service.

The Third **Annual Pie Auction** will be on Sunday, August 18, 2019. This will be in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service. If you purchased one of the Bakers Choice Pie last year, you have until August 1st to redeem your coupon. What interesting pie will there be this year? Hope to see you for this event.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Youth Sunday was exciting! On Sunday, May 19, our youth participated in parts of the service. They also performed a skit titled "The Donut Master". Well done Ally, Nathan, Regan, Jack, Davi, Adam, Christian, Logan, and Hunter! So very proud of all of you!

May was Military Appreciation month. Thank you all for keeping our Military buddies in your prayers. Please continue to pray for Waylon, Brooke, Jake, and Sonny as they continue their service in some extreme conditions.

A very special recognition goes to Sonny, who has been awarded the Bronze Star! "The Bronze Star Medal, is a United States decoration awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone." If you would like to send a card of congratulations or encouragement, his address is Sonny Lewis, 358 Shepherd Trail, Aberdeen, NC 28315. Well done Sonny!

Sunday School has wrapped up for the summer and I would like to thank the Christian Education Committee for all their support and hard work, the kids for acolyting, the youth for helping with class time and just about anything I ask of them, and all the families for continuing to support Sunday school through all our blossoming and growing pains. You are all a blessing!

We are now hard at work planning and preparing for Vacation Bible School! "Hero Central" will take place July 29 – August 1 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Birch Run. We have combined our efforts with the Christ Lutheran Church, Burt and Birch Run United Methodist Churches, and the Ss. Frances and Clare Catholic Church of Birch Run! This is going to be the best VBS yet! I am looking forward to all the fun and learning that will be taking place.

See you all there!!

God Bless!

Dawn Patrick

ADULT "Sack Lunch" BIBLE STUDY:

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

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.

SUNDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETINGS:

Beginning Sunday, June 9th, at 6:00-7:00 p.m., The Church's Worship Committee and Pastor Scott will be hosting and leading a weekly prayer meeting on Sunday Nights 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. The ministry of prayer and its healing power has been felt by those who have attended worship and have participated in the telephone prayer circle. Now, the Worship Committee and Pastor Scott would like to extend an invitation to all who would like to come together once a week and just 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.

OPEN HOUSE INVITATION:

You're Invited! We would like to invite everyone here at the church to Adam's Open House. It is on Sunday, June 9th, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Dixie Hwy, Birch Run. Please come if you are able.

Sincerely,
Heidi Smith

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.

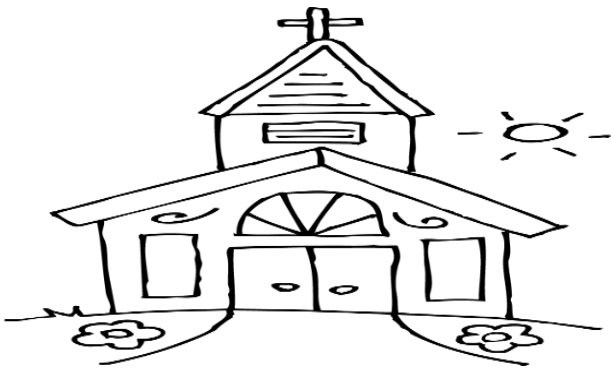


NEW POLICY FOR CHURCH FUNERAL DINNERS:

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.



BUILDING & GROUNDS NEWS:

Thank you Ken and Kathy Maurer for installing air conditioners and repairing Pastor Scott's office chair.

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:

May 5	Ken Maurer
May 2	Ken Maurer
May 19	Jim Maher & Walter Bird
June 2	
June 9	Dick Leach
June 16	

OUR CHURCH HOME: Have you been in the Geneva Room? This nicely situated room is just the perfect size for small meetings and special gatherings. Located next door to Pastor Scott's office on the south side of the upstairs hall. The furnishings were provided through a memorial from past member Jerry Przeslawski. The name "Geneva" comes from Geneva, Switzerland. Geneva was the headquarters of John Calvin, founder of the Presbyterian theology in the 16th century. Please relax and take time to reflect in the Geneva Room.



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!

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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

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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.

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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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