



# First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

## APRIL 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.



#### 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).

#### EASTER LILIES & SPRING FLOWERS



Please bring your Easter Lilies or Spring Flowers to the church by no later than Saturday afternoon on April 8th, to allow time for the sanctuary to be arranged for our Sunday Morning Easter Services. Flowers may be dropped off T/Th/F 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. (during office hours). Flowers will be placed in the Geneva room prior to Easter. Please label your flowers with your name so church staff can identify your flowers and let us know if your flowers are given in memory or in honor. Thank you!



**Online Giving**-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. The Presbyterian Foundation will take care of processing all gifts.

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY | TUESDAY                                       | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY                                  |
|--|--------|---|---|---|--|---|
| <b>APRIL</b>   |        |   |  |   |  | 1   |
| <b>2</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour<br>10:30 a.m. Sunday School<br>11:00 a.m. Dinner Committee<br><br>Palm Sunday         | 3      | <b>4</b> 7:00 p.m.<br>Building and<br>Grounds | 5   | <b>6</b> 7:00 p.m. Service<br>with Communion<br><br>MAUNDY THURSDAY | <b>7</b> 7:00 p.m.<br>Ecumenical<br>Good Friday<br>Service<br>Good Friday  | <b>8</b> 10:00 a.m.<br>Easter Egg<br>Hunt |
| <b>9</b> 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service<br>8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast<br>9:30 a.m. Worship Service<br>Holy Communion Both Svcs.<br>Resurrection of the Lord | 10     | <b>11</b> 7:00 p.m.<br>Session                | 12  | 13  | 14   | <b>15</b> Girls of<br>Grace<br>Concert    |
| <b>16</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour<br>10:30 a.m. Sunday School<br><br>2nd Sunday of Easter                              | 17     | <b>18</b><br><br>Newsletter Due               | 19  | 20  | 21   | 22  |
| <b>23</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour<br>10:30 a.m. Sunday School<br><br>3rd Sunday of Easter                              | 24     | 25  | 26  | 27  | <b>28</b> 11am-1pm/<br>4pm-7pm<br><br> | 29  |
| <b>30</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour<br>10:30 a.m. Sunday School<br><br>4th Sunday of Easter                              |        |   |   |   |  |   |

## MISSIONS

Upcoming missions include the Brown Bag Lunches a ministry carried out by St Thomas Aquinas Church in Saginaw is a mission we have supported in the past and wish to again in June. Their needs include juice drink boxes, Little Debbie Cakes, packaged cookies, smooth peanut butter, grape & strawberry jam, energy bars, pop tarts plus Ziplock snack & sandwich bags to put the cookie & sandwiches in.

Another program we have supported in the past is the Two-Coins-A-Meal and wish to participate again where-by each time you have a meal you put 2 pennies in a container and we bring it all together with 25% to be used here at the local level, 25% at the Presbytery and 50% of the offerings are used to support the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger Where Rev. Michael Ludwig has served as a Missionary. Please consider helping with this ministry. Even the Kids can get involved to help reduce hunger. This mission is not to be confused with the Noisy Offering our children collect from the congregation each quarter.

Our Bazaar date has been set for November 4 & 5, so crafters keep that in mind as you build up a supply of items to donate. We look forward to all unique items we will be able to offer for sale.

Start looking for that winning recipe of Rice Krispy Treats for Kick-Off-Sunday in September, Elizabeth Roebuck has been the "Queen" of this even the last three years. Who will challenger her for the title?

It's never too early to start collecting for our Shoe Box Program as you find sale items like a scarf or two-for-one items. Each box is unique. This mission is greatly appreciated by the various organizations in Saginaw.

Thank you to each of you as you help us support these missions.

Blessings to all, Janette Gonzales

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Spring is here! This wonderful time of year brings some of the best celebrations in our church life. First, our Sunday School kids will be participating in the Palm Sunday March on Sunday, April 2nd. Second, all our children are invited to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 8, at 10:00 am. Third, all the Holy Week services and Easter Sunday Services are for all of us to remember, reflect, and rejoice in all Jesus did for us! He Is Risen! Happy Easter!

Dawn Patrick,  
CE Director



## Address Update

Leann Grover has moved. Her phone number and email remain the same.

Her New address is:  
11422 Hidden Oaks Drive  
Clio, MI 48420

## “Easter People”

You may recall from time to time how I refer to our church’s congregation as being an Easter people. The basis for this reference comes from a parable called “The Rabbi’s Gift.” I would like to share this short story with you.

“The Rabbi’s Gift” (The following abbreviated version of the story comes from The Rev. Francis Dorff ([www.fumcmanchester.org](http://www.fumcmanchester.org)) and a longer version can be found in the book, Stories for the Journey: A Sourcebook for Christian Story-Tellers, MN: Augsburg Publishing House, pp. 108-110):

*There was a famous monastery which had fallen on very hard times. Formerly, its many buildings were filled with young monks and its big church resounded with the singing of the chant. But now it was deserted. People no longer came there to be nourished by prayer. A handful of old monks shuffled through the cloisters and praised God with heavy hearts.*

*On the edge of the monastery woods, an old rabbi had built a little hut. He would come to the monastery from time to time to fast and pray. No one ever spoke with him, but whenever he appeared the word would be passed from monk to monk: “The rabbi walks in the woods. The rabbi walks in the woods.” And for as long as the rabbi was there, the monks would feel sustained by his prayerful presence.*

*One day the abbot decided to visit the rabbi and to open his heart to him. So, after morning vespers, the abbot set through the woods, and as he approached the hut, the abbot saw the rabbi standing in the doorway, his arms outstretched in welcome. It was as though he had been waiting there for some time. The two embraced like long-lost brothers. Then they stepped back and just stood there, smiling at one another with smiles their faces could hardly contain.*

*After a while, the rabbi motioned the abbot to enter. In the middle of the room was a wooden table with scriptures open on it. They sat there for a moment, in the presence of the Word. Then the rabbi began to cry. The abbot could not contain himself. He covered his face with his hands and began to cry, too. For the first time in his life, he cried his heart out. The two men sat there like lost children, filling the hut with their sobs, and wetting the Word with their tears.*

*After the tears had ceased to flow and all was quiet again, the rabbi lifted his head. “You and your brothers are serving God with heavy hearts,” he said. “You have come to ask a teaching of me. I will give you a teaching, but you can only repeat it once. After that, no one must ever say it aloud again.”*

*The rabbi looked straight at the abbot and said, “The Messiah is among you.” For a while, all was silent. Then the rabbi said, “Now you can go home!” The abbot left without a word and without looking back.*

*The next morning, the abbot called his monks together in the chapel. He told them he had received a teaching from “the rabbi who walks in the woods” and that this teaching was never again to be spoken aloud. Then he looked at each of the monks and said, “The rabbi said that one of us is the Messiah.”*

*The monks were startled by this saying. “What could it mean?” they asked themselves. Is Brother John the Messiah? Or Father Matthew? Or Brother Thomas? Am I the Messiah? What could this mean?” They were all deeply puzzled by the rabbi’s teaching. But no one ever mentioned it again.*

*As time went by, the monks began to treat one another with a very special reverence. There was a gentle, wholehearted, human quality about them now which was hard to describe but easy to notice. They lived with one another as people who had finally found something. They prayed the scriptures together always looking for something new. Occasional visitors found themselves deeply moved by the life of these monks and were asking again to live with the monks for a lifetime.*

*In those days, the rabbi no longer walked in the woods. His hut had fallen into ruins. But, somehow or other, the old monks who had taken his teaching to heart still felt sustained by his prayerful presence. They still felt sustained by his prayerful presence...”*

When I first heard this story many years ago on Easter morning, I was asked to embrace the Easter power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ with these words: “The Messiah is among us!” Being an Easter people is to embrace the ever-living Messiah, Jesus Christ, and to treat all people reverently and with dignity. I invite you to go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. (I Cor. 16:13, II Tim. 2:1, Eph. 6:10, I Thess. 5:13-22, I Peter 2:17).

**Shalom, Pastor Scott**



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!**



**12517 MORSEVILLE RD,  
BIRCH RUN, MI**

## **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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**DETROIT  
Tigers**

**HOME PLATE 2023**

**AT COMERICA PARK**

**Saturday, June 10**

**COST: \$35.00 Per Person  
Pavillion Seats, Lower Deck  
Church Youth Members are Free**

**ON-THE-FIELD BASEBALL CLINIC RETURNS**

**Program time: 9:30a.m.**

**Game Time 1:10p.m.**

**Tiger's Opponent: Arizona Diamondbacks**

**Teaching Time by Tiger Players and Coaches on  
Outfield Grass Between Program & Game**

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## **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

We would like to "Thank" Marc Schrubbe, Ken Maurer, Andy and Terri Rudzitis, and Pastor Scott for shoveling our snow this winter.

The Kitchen received a deep cleaning! Thank you to Jim and Cindy Maher, Dick Leach, and Terri Rudzitis.

Dick Leach tightened the pew book holders in the sanctuary. Thank you Dick!

Thank you to Jim and Cindy Maher for painting the new window in the Fellowship Hall and for cleaning things in the kitchen storage room.

Thank you to Dennis Neahusan for cleaning up the grass and rocks from the winter snow plowing.

We are currently asking for help painting the white wainscoting in the sanctuary. Contact Terri if you can help.

Spring is coming and we need you to sign-up to help clean the church and yard. Church wide clean up will be on May 7, following the worship service. Thank you for helping!

Lawn mowing is now here! Please sign-up for your dates.

We are always looking for more help with this committee. If you would like to join, just see Terri.

**Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair**

## MEMBER CARE

Thank you for making the March 8 Soup Supper a success. 69 people broke bread together. 71 people were here for the program. Donations of \$347.00 will be split between the Christ Lutheran Church Baby Pantry and Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church Food Pantry. The monetary donations are greatly appreciated!

Member Care has adopted Birch Run Fields Assisted Living community. 15 Residents reside there. We will be delivering hand made cards for the holidays. We plan to host a bingo four times a year. What an exciting outreach for our church!

We hope to dazzle you with "Good Vittles" for Easter Breakfast.

There will be a Mothers Day bake sale called "Mom's Treats". Items will be available for purchase after church in the fellowship hall. What a great way to top off your Mother's Day meal. As you know, we have the best bakers!

Always, a Big THANK YOU for supporting Member Care!

*Holly*



## NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

Online giving application has been approved through Presbyterian. The website will be updated with a giving page.

Building and Grounds fixed Manse furnace and the plumbing leak. The kitchen has cleaned behind everything. The pew holders have been tightened. Spring cleaning is coming up.

The Niger zoom meeting was on February 28, 2023, at 7pm. This was an introductory meeting to meet and go over how our fellowship videos with Niger would go.

February 22, Ash Wednesday service: 25 people. For our church we collected \$100. Lenten potluck on March 8: 71 people. We collected \$347.00 and the total from both services will be split between the Food Pantry and the Baby Pantry.

Next meeting April 11, 2023.

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

## STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

We are already starting the second quarter of 2023. The Finance Committee will be meeting soon and will be reporting on the status of our first quarter. Our finances have seen many ups and downs over the years and this past winter was no exception. Building and Grounds had a couple unexpected expenses. Your prayerful considerations towards these extras are so appreciated!

Our church is now offering an Online Giving Program through the Presbyterian Foundation. Online giving is simple and secure for you to use. When you can't make it to church in person or you watch us from afar, we appreciate your contribution! Your help makes a difference in the life of our church!

Blessings to you all!  
Dawn Patrick  
Financial Secretary

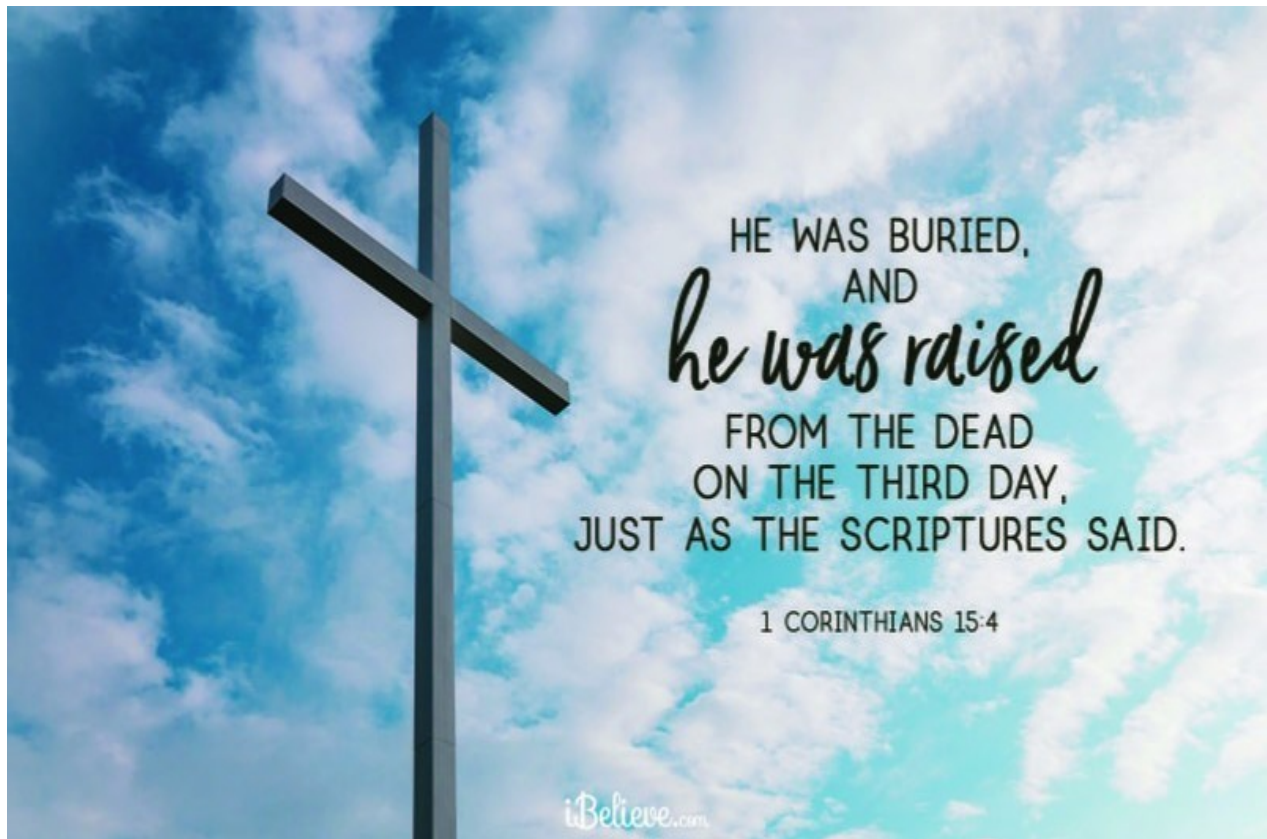
## MONTHLY GENERAL FUND BUDGET

|          | Needed   | Received | Difference |
|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| January  | \$13,450 | \$11,599 | (-) 1,851  |
| February | \$10,760 | \$11,082 | (+) 322    |
| March    | \$10,760 | \$11,052 | (+) 292    |

## Dinner Committee

Do you like to eat? Do you like to help others eat? The Dinner Committee needs your help! We are currently preparing for the Fish Fry and will have a sign-up for areas of help needed. Then we would like to have more input for future events. Let's make this a strong committee!!

Terri Rudzitis, Dinner Committee Chair



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