

Taymouth Tidings



“Happy Birthday U.S.A”

I led a chapel devotional service many years ago where the “Declaration of Independence” was read aloud on the 4th of July by sailors and Marines serving at Camp Las Pulgas (a.k.a. Camp of the Fleas) on Marine Corps Base-Camp Pendleton. I asked those attending to reflect upon the words and phrases they heard. For many of us that afternoon it was the first time we ever heard the document read aloud in its entirety. Reading and hearing this 242 years old piece of writing created a stir of excitement among us, because it brought depth and meaning as to why we were citizens of this nation.

Often, we read the “Declaration of Independence” silently. Very rarely do we read it, or hear it, spoken aloud. As we celebrate our nation’s birthday with picnics, fireworks, games, and parades, I invite you to take a moment and read aloud the words of the “Declaration of Independence.” Read it to yourself, or better yet, read it to someone else. Share what our fore-parents thought and believed, and what we continue to believe today. Spiritually, when read aloud it is truly a resounding document for deep reflection and thanksgiving.

Now, after you have read the document, I invite you to pray and reflect upon the following prayer written by one of my favorite devotional authors, Edward Hays, from his book, A Pilgrim’s Almanac, (p. 111, Forest of Peace Books, Easton, KS, 1989):

“A Fourth of July Prayer”

**We lift up our hearts, O God, on this day of celebration
in gratitude for the gifts of being Americans.**

**We rejoice with all those who share
in the great dream of freedom and dignity of all.**

**With flags and feasting, with family and friends,
we salute those who have sacrificed
that we might have the opportunity
to bring to fulfillment our many God-given gifts.**

**As we deny all prejudice a place in our hearts,
may we also clearly declare our intention
to work for the time when all people,
regardless of race, religion, sex,
will be granted equal dignity and worth.**

**Come, O gracious God, who led your children Israel from slavery,
keep us free from all that might hold us in bondage.**

**Bless our country and join our simple celebration
that we may praise you, our Source of freedom,
the One in whom we place our trust.**

I pray this prayer each year as part of my daily devotional readings for the 4th of July. As a matter of fact, it was this same prayer that inspired me to create the chapel devotional service years ago at Camp Las Pulgas with the reading of the “Declaration of Independence.”

Shalom,
Pastor Scott

July 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6th Sunday after Pentecost 1 9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship. Sundae Sunday/ Holy Communion.	2	3 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting.	4 Holiday	5 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	6	7
7th Sunday after Pentecost 8 9:30 a.m. Worship.	9	10 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	11 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 12:00-1:00 p.m. Bible Study.	12 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Men's Group Meeting.	13	14
8th Sunday after Pentecost 15 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour.	16 6:00 p.m. 150 th Anniversary Committee Meeting.	17 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	18 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 12:00-1:00p.m. Bible Study.	19 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	20	21
9th Sunday after Pentecost 22 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11:00 a.m. Mission Committee.	23	24 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. PW Meeting.	25 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 12:00-1:00 p.m. No Bible Study.	26 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	27	28
10th Sunday after Pentecost 29 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 150 th Anniversary Celebration, & Picnic.	30	31 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00 – 7:30 pm Vacation Bible School				

August 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 12:00-1:00 p.m. Bible Study. 6:00 – 7:30 pm Vacation Bible School	2 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00 – 7:30 pm Vacation Bible School	3 6:00 – 7:30 pm Vacation Bible School	4
5 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Worship/Holy Communion 10:30a Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting.	6	7 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting.	8 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 12:00-1:00p.m. Bible Study.	9 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:30p.m.Men's Group Meeting.	10	11
12 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Hour	13	14 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting.	15 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 12:00-1:00p.m. Bible Study.	16 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	17	18
19 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m. Pie Auction following Worship. 2:00-4:00 p.m. Kathy Rogers Open House @ Burt Opera House.	20	21 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	22 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. No Bible Study.	23 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Newsletter Deadline.	24 6:00 p.m. Church Overnight Camp-Out & Movie night.	25
26 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m. Missions Committee Meeting.	27	28 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. PW Meeting.	29 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 12:00-1:00 p.m. Bible Study.	30 Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	31	

JUNE SESSION ROUND-UP:

- Session Training took place at 7:00 p.m., it was on “What is Stewardship? Money, talent, time taking care of everything that needs to be taken care of in church as well as outside of church relating to church members and matters. Taking care of everything God has given us and leave the earth and surroundings in better shape than we found it. “Working and establishing togetherness”. Everyone was given a book titled “Not your Parents’ offering plate. A new Vision for Financial Stewardship. This is our July assignment to read for our August meeting as there is no July session meeting. “Accepting the challenge” how we do things.

- Meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. Kroener, Moderator, at 7:35 p.m.
- Eight members present
- Accepted agenda as presented with additional items that may become before the session.
- Approved minutes of May 8, 2017 stated session meeting and May 20, 2018 noting that the computer was donated by an anonymous donor.
- Accept resignation of Kristopher Maurer as a session member effective immediately.
- Received report from Lillian Ostrom on Presbytery meeting, June 5th in Lapeer. Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church to be closed this year. Pastor Scott is on Administrative Commission. General Assembly delegates were commissioned. Workshop was titled: “Clergy Self Care”. Care of the Soul as well as Self Care were reviewed.
- Treasurers report accepted as printed, showing ending deficit of <\$8,113.63>. for May 2018.
- Buildings and Grounds: Eaves and duct work cleaned at manse. Weeds sprayed. Sanitizer not working in church kitchen. Septic tank to be cleaned.

- Mission: “Mustard Seed Purses” delivered 10 purses by Holly & Bonnie. Hosting “Sundae Sunday” July 1st.
- Worship: May 2018 – average attendance was 81; May 2017 – average attendance was 82. Served 84 for Holy Communion on Pentecost. Served 3 people in home Communion service.
- Vacation Bible School at First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth with theme being “River Rampage”. July 31 – August 3.
- Special Committee on # of Session members. 12 members to be continued on session with 4 members each year being elected by congregation.
- 150th Committee – 5K Run Participants needed for July 14th. [Note: July 14th date has been changed to October 6th]. Accepting plate purchases of church. July 29th, BBQ Church picnic. Centennial book – pictures done in September.
- Kathy Rogers ‘Open House, “Celebration of Health and Hope”, August 19th 2:00-4:00 p.m. Burt Opera House”. Co-Sponsored by the Taymouth Historical Society.
- Church Camp Out and Movie Night (August 24).
- Closed w/prayer at 10:05 p.m.
- Sharon Leach, Clerk of Session



Watch for the Taymouth Church float in this year's Birch Run 4th of July parade which starts at 11:00am.

Thanks to our Men's Club for putting this project together!

BIG THANK YOU: Thank you to all who helped in planning, designing, constructing the float, as well as riding on the float, and walking with the float in the parade on July 4th. Also, thank you to all who donated candy or money to buy candy. The church float received "The Grand Marshall Award."

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS:

The "Mustard Seeds Purse" event was completed and items have been delivered. There were 10 purses filled with items from their wish list as well as several extra items.

Holly and Bonnie delivered the items on June 5, 2018. There were greeted by a home employee and also two residents of the home. One of the ladies was from the Birch Run area and the other was a lady someone Holly had known as a child. It was a great unexpected reunion for these two ladies. The two residents were given the opportunity to receive two new purses while Holly and Bonnie were there. It was nice to see the work of Missions up close and happening right before their eyes.

They were given a tour of the home and some additional information on this shelter. The shelter is in the fund raising stages of acquiring funds to build an addition to the current home. This will give them much needed space to accommodate the residents of the home. The following Thursday, Holly provided her services of doing five hair cuts to the residents of the home.

The "**Sundae Sunday**" is July 1, 2018 following the out-of-doors worship service. This is provided to the members of the church as an appreciation from the Mission Committee for all the support given.

There will be your choice of ice cream and a variety of toppings.

On Sunday, August 19, 2018 will be the 2nd Annual "**Pie Auction**". Missions has selected certain congregation members to provide the pies for this event. This will be in the fellowship hall following the morning worship service. Bring your appetite and money for some fun times. Who will have the pie that everyone wants? All the proceeds from this event will go towards future mission agencies. Hope to see you there.

Listed the following Mission projects we have for the rest of this year. "**Cupcake Wars**" on September 9, 2018 for the start-up of Sunday School. This is open to anyone who would like to bake 24 cupcakes. The first person who sells all of their 24 cupcakes is the winner. Who will be the winner this year--a previous winner or someone new? Also in September we will be doing the "**Baby Pantry**" for diapers and wipes. This is something our church is involved with other area churches.

October will be the "**VA Hospital**" donations and also the "**Crop Walk**". November we are again doing the "**Show Boxes**" and December will be the "**Annual Holiday Bake Sale and Cookie Walk**".

A nice variety of giving activities we have so you can choose which ones you want to participate in your giving. Giving is a ongoing event to help those less fortunate than us. Thanks for all you have done for Missions so far this year.

TAYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:



Monthly meetings:

July 24th and August 28th at 1:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Please note the Rummage Sale is set for October 4th-5th, 2018. We can

always use some extra help setting up, days of sale and cleanup.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

On Sunday, June 10, we honored our 2018 High School Graduates – Ariana Irish, Erik Hartmann, Garrett Baker, Nicholas Young and the 8th grade graduates Morgan Bryce, Logan Patrick, and Brenden Maher. Congratulations to all of you and God speed in all you do!

Vacation Bible School(VBS) is just around the corner on July 31st through August 3rd, 6:00-7:30 p.m. We need your help!!! Rolling River Rampage will take place at our church this year for four nights of fun and growing in our faith! We are in need of volunteers for a few activities and donations of items to help decorate:

VBS Helpers – Life Guards- people that are able to watch and guide the rafters from any wrong directions.

Pictures – someone with a camera and ability to take great photographs.

Nursery – people that are able to watch the baby rafters for our families.

Campfire – people able to create and tend a bon fire to then cook hot dogs over.

High & Jr High Youth Helpers – needed to guide and direct our rafters through the activities.

Decorations Wish List – raft, kayak, paddles, a roll of dark blue table cloth, artificial vines or trees, large stuffed animals, logs, blue tarps.

Please let me or Pastor Scott know how you are able to help! We are so excited for this VBS and look forward to seeing all of our youth having a great time!!

Thank you!

Dawn Patrick



CELEBRATE THE PROMISE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TAYMOUTH

The church held its first worship services in the White School, Taymouth Township until the first addition of today's church was built. The first Elders were: David Rop, Andrew Leach, John Farguarson, John McIntosh and Thomas Reid, this was in 1868. The first church building had an isle on each side of the sanctuary approximately 10 feet apart and no center isle. Near the door were 2 wood burning stoves with high long stove pipes extending to the chimneys; the walls were plastered. A platform extended about two-thirds the way across the front and held the pulpit in the center and on the left 3 pulpit chairs behind a reed organ behind which sat the choir. The communion table was a small plain table that sat in front of the pulpit. The floor was rough-cut boards with cracks between which made it difficult to sweep and clean. Bathroom facilities were 2 out-houses behind the church and there were places to tie the horses.

The 150th Committee has chosen two events to raise money to finance the celebration activities without going to the session and asking for money:

1. We are selling 10 1/4 inch plates with the church's picture. These are very nice plates for \$20.00 each, order must be in by August 1st.
2. The 5K Color Run, October 6th at the Taymouth Park in Burt, we need lots of help.

See a committee member for details: Kathy Maurer, Kim Britton, Roxanne Bryce, Rob Minard and Dick Leach

OOOOO the CELEBRATION! **MORE TO COME...**

CHURCH COMMEMERATIVE PLATE:

The 150th Anniversary Committee is offering the opportunity for a commemorative plate. We need to order 72 plates. If you are interested in purchasing a commemorative plate please sign up on the sheet in the basement or contact Dick Leach ((989)780-0959) or Kim Britton (via email gr8rbritton@aol.com) by August 1st. Cost is prepaid \$20.00 per plate. The plate will have a black and white picture of our church on white china.

KATHY ROGERS OPEN HOUSE:

A Community Open House is being held at the Burt Opera House on August 19th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. to celebrate Kathy Rogers' recovery towards health and wholeness. The Open House is being sponsored by the Taymouth Historical Society and the First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth. Those who would like to attend and express their warm wishes towards Kathy's restoration of health and wholeness are asked to bring a brand-new children's book to be donated to the Taymouth Township Library of Burt or to the National Reading Association of Saginaw. The donated books will be equally divided between the two organizations. Kathy worked and volunteered part-time for the National Reading Association program in Saginaw.

Both the Taymouth Historical Society and the Taymouth Presbyterian Church are extremely thankful for what the medical community has done so far in helping Kathy to recover from her brutal injuries she suffered last winter. Knowing Kathy's most recent surgery on her eyes which took place in June to correct her double vision, we all continue to be hopeful for a full recovery. Please continue to say your prayers for Kathy.

[Note: The church has been asked to provide cookies for the Open House. Please contact Anita, our church secretary, at the church office if you are willing to provide a dozen or so of cookies to be served as refreshments for the Open House. Thank you.]

CHURCH OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT & MOVIE NIGHT:

All are welcome to join in the fun and activities on Friday, August 24th, 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. Again, all are welcome to participate, even if you decide not to campout. 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.

5K COLOR WALK/RUN:

5K Color Run & Walk—Change in Date of Event: The church is hosting a 5K Color Run/Walk on Saturday, October 6th to “Celebrate the Promise of 150 years” for the congregation. The 150th Anniversary Committee decided to postpone the event from its original July 14th date to the new date of October 6th. Basically, the number of registered participants was very low, and the committee thought it would be best to allow more time for people to register. All people of the community are welcome to participate in the event. There is a registration fee for the event which includes a t-shirt. Registration forms for the 5K Color Run/Walk can be obtained at the church office, or one can go on line and register electronically at (runsignup.com). Also, sponsorship forms for the 5K Run/Walk can be obtained from the church office. To make this event a success, we need everyone's help from the church, especially, volunteers to assist on the actual day of the event. We are looking for volunteers to man the registration table, pass out refreshments, spray the runners/walkers with color powder as they travel the course, and to hand out t-shirts. There are many things a person can do to help. Please contact Kathy Mauer or Pastor Scott for additional information about registration or simply volunteering to make this 5K Color Run/Walk a success.

STEAK FRY DRAWING WINNERS:

Congratulations to the following people: Carrie Daemyer, Martha Jones, Cindy Rabe, and Kathy Rogers for winning either a free Harvest Dinner ticket or a free Fish Fry Dinner ticket. These four names were drawn during worship the Sunday following the Steak Fry on Memorial Day Weekend. It is the winner's choice which meal they would like to select and eat. Enjoy your free meal! Thank you for your support.

GRILLED CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER:

Saturday, September 1st, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Church's Fellowship Hall. Tickets for this fundraiser will be available at the beginning of August from the church office. All proceeds will go towards the cost of repairing the church's foundation which occurred last year. Cost of tickets at the time of writing this article is still yet to be determined. 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.

PER CAPITA AMOUNT: This year's Per Capita apportionment is \$26.94 per member per year. Please use the designated envelope marked "Per Capita Apportionment" to pay this amount. The per capita apportionment is used to support the workings and ministry of the Presbytery of Lake Huron, and the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

ADULT "Sack Lunch" BIBLE STUDY

Bible study will be held **every Wednesday from Noon-1:00pm**. Bring your sack lunch and study the Bible with Pastor Scott. Invite a friend!

PRAYER CIRCLE:

Many months ago, Cindy Rabe organized a "Prayer Circle". 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, 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!

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!