



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

MARCH 2026

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,
Lynn Hauk- Treasurer , Floyd Roebuck- Youth Director
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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. (Holidays hours do vary).**



FOOD PANTRY EASTER BASKETS:

The food pantry at the Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church is preparing a list of those in our area who may be in need of a boost this Easter season with their family dinner. If you know of a family in need or who would like to receive a food basket, please contact the Catholic Church by March 31st at (989) 624-9098. The items will be ready for pick-up on Thursday, April 2nd.

MURIEL LAKEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Church is now accepting applications to the Muriel Lakey Scholarship. Anyone who is pursuing post-high school education is welcome to apply as long as the following three criteria are met: Member of the Church, Financial need, and involvement in the life of the church. All factors being equal, higher consideration will be given to those who have not previously received a scholarship. Completed applications may be mailed, emailed, or dropped off to the church office. If you have any questions, please ask. Pastor Scott or Dawn.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31

EASTER LILIES & SPRING FLOWERS

Please help us beautify our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Bring your Lilies or spring flowers to the church during Holy Week and no later than Saturday afternoon on April 4th, to allow time for the sanctuary to be arranged for our morning Easter Services. Flowers may be dropped off Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday during Holy week from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 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 of loved ones. Thank you!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
1 9:30 a.m. Worship Service W/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Sun- day School and Youth Group 2nd Sunday in Lent	2	3 6:00 p.m. B & G	4 6:00 pm Lenten Pot- luck-BR Methodist	5	6	7
8 9:30 am. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Sun- day School and Youth Group Girl Scout Sunday 3rd Sunday in Lent	9	10 9:45 am Finance 7:00 pm Session	11 6:00 pm Lenten Pot- luck-C. Lu- theran	12	13 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	14
15 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour, Sun- day School and Youth Group 4th Sunday in Lent	16	17 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE 	18 6:00 pm Lenten Pot- luck-Burt Fel- lowship	19	20	21 9:00 am Confirmation Class
22 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour, Sun- day School and Youth Group 5th Sunday in Lent	23	24	25 6:00 pm Lenten Pot- luck- Taymouth	26	27	28
29 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour, Sun- day School and Youth Group Palm Sunday	30	31	 MARCH			

NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

We have been blessed to welcome two new members! The following questions were asked to Abe and Shirley Judd who joined the church in January 2026.

Welcome Abe and Shirley!

1. What led you to start attending this church? ***Abe:*** *I have a lot of relatives here.* ***Shirley:*** *We had attended various services here over the years that were held in conjunction with the B.R.U.M.C. We wanted a small church and Abe has a lot of relatives here.*
2. When were you Baptized? ***Abe:*** *1943 at the Methodist Church.* ***Shirley:*** *1945*
3. What church background do you come from? ***Abe:*** *Protestant.* ***Shirley:*** *I was confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church in Bridgeport. Abe and I were married there. We both felt it was important to attend church together. After attending my church for a year and then attending Abe's church a year, I decide to transfer my membership to B.R.U.M.C.*
4. Are there any specific areas of your faith that you feel particularly passionate about? ***Abe:*** *Jesus' Life.* ***Shirley:*** *I believe God placed us here and I want to get to know my new Church Family.*
5. What are some of your hobbies or interests outside of church? ***Abe:*** *Farming, anything to do with automobiles.* ***Shirley:*** *I love to read a good book. I love to decorate for the holidays. We have traveled a lot so now I am content at being home and seeing that everything is in order.*

“Creating Change and Making a Difference”

A devout and holy rabbi once said, “In my youth, fired with the love of God, I thought I would convert the whole world. But soon I learned it would be quite enough to convert the people who lived in my village. I tried that for a long time, but I was unsuccessful. Then I realized that my program was still too ambitious, so I concentrated on reforming the members of my own household. But I couldn’t convert them either. Finally, it dawned on me that I must work only upon myself. But I have stumbled in my attempts to accomplish even that.” (Edward Hays, A Pilgrim’s Almanac, p. 49)

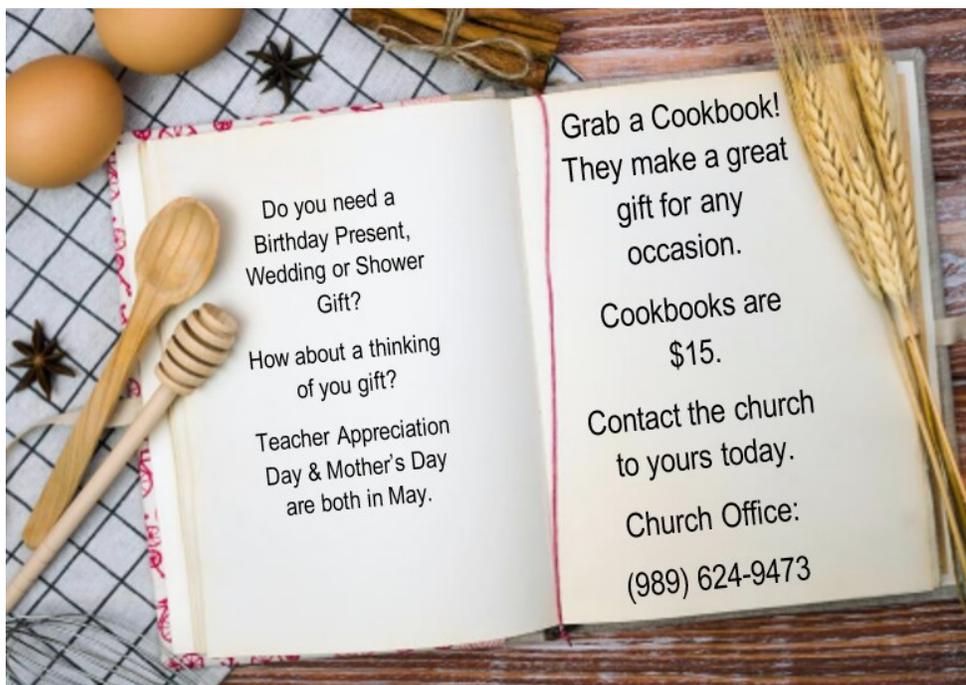
This is a story of how we can seriously reform our world, our nation, our community, our church, our families, and ourselves by seriously attempting to reform ourselves first. An astronomical change can take place in our lives if we can only reform our hearts, minds, our entire essence of being (our soul). The season of Lent lends itself for this opportunity to take place.

We align our relationships towards one another through our five senses (sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste) to create a phenomenon called consciousness. Unfortunately, there are times when our consciousness becomes so overwhelmed we feel powerless, apathy, and/or nothingness. Lent becomes our spiritual alarm clock to wake us up and say: “You can do something; you can become different!” (Edward Hays, p. 50)

I invite you to reflect on an attitude present in your life—a habit or addiction, a behavioral pattern that needs to be amended—and make a resolution to change it during Lent. Put your resolution into a positive statement and say it aloud to yourself with real conviction. Repeat your resolution each day. Visualize your actions and responses to your life situations. If you diligently work at this during Lent (and beyond), you will likely find change has occurred. By planting the thought of what you wish to do, by nourishing it, and reinforcing it repeatedly with great conviction, you can create the desired changes more readily.

Know that as our actions begin to change, we begin to create a field for a chain reaction so that in time our families, our church, our community, our nation, and our world will become a better place.

Shalom, Pastor Scott



PER CAPITA

The rate for 2026 is \$35.00 per member. Thank you to all who contributed to the 2025 commitment!

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

A BIG thank you to those who have volunteered to be coffee hour hosts! *If you would be interested in*



BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Thank you to everyone for helping clean the church! Megan Schrubbe has taken over volunteering to clean the church. Thank you Megan!
- There are still beef pasties for sale at \$8.00 each. As well as flour for \$5.00 a bag. Help us reach our goal of \$3000 in sales!
- This past year, Jim and Cindy Maher, re-tired from working the Rummage Sale. I am looking for a couple or more people to help from start to finish. This fundraiser is the one of our biggest to help with Building and Grounds needs. Please help!
- Huge THANK YOU to all the Building & Grounds team who work so hard to keep things working and looking great!!!

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair



Our thoughts and prayers are with Debbie Minard and family, in the passing of Deb's Father-in-law James Minard on January 24, 2026. Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will take place on Sat., April 18th at Tawas Area Presbyterian Church. Visitation from 10-11 am and the Service at 11:00 a.m. We are very sorry for his passing and ask that God be with all of the family at this time.

MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received	Needed	Difference
January \$9,122	\$10,000	(-) 878
February	\$10,632	(+) 1,711
*Not included are Missions or Special Projects.		

WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAM TO FACEBOOK, 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS.
Bulletins are available at taymouthchurch.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"The Greatest Commandment", Matthew 22:37-39.

We will welcome and honor Girl Scout's on Sunday, March 8, during the Worship service.

The spring Confirmation Class will be held on Saturday, March 21st, at 9:00 a.m.

The children's Palm march will be on Sunday, March 29th.

Thank you Jim Maher for donating your wood projects to raise money for the Youth! A total of \$250.00 was collected!

Dawn Patrick, CE Director

CHURCH VIABILITY COMMITTEE

VIABILITY, THE ABILITY TO CONTINUE AS INTENDED, TO BRING PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST.

The committee will be submitting the five-year vision for review at the March Session. Thank you to the committee for all their hard work!
Chair- Richard Leach



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FAMILY GAME NIGHT'S

COME OUT AND PLAY THE GAMES YOU KNOW AND LOVE!
LEARN NEW GAMES AND MEET NEW PEOPLE!

BRING YOUR FAVORITES GAMES AND SNACK FOOD TO SHARE.

Friday's 7-9 p.m.
January 9
February 13
March 13
April 10
May 8
September 11
October 16
November 13

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ECUMENICAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER WITH DEVOTIONAL 2026

Wednesday's
during Lent
"Soup Supper"
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Devotional
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

February 18, Ash Wed. @ Taymouth w/ Communion
February 25 @ Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church
March 4 @ Birch Run Methodist Church
March 11 @ Christ Lutheran Church
March 18 @ Burt Fellowship Church
March 25 @ Taymouth Presbyterian
April 2, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m., No meal @
Taymouth Presbyterian w/ Communion
April 3, Community Good Friday, 7:00 p.m., No
meal @ Christ Lutheran Church



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H O L Y W E E K

Palm Sunday (*March 29*), 9:30 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday (*April 2nd*), 7:00 p.m.
w/ Holy Communion**

**Good Friday (*April 3rd*), 7:00 p.m.
Community Service at
Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run**

**Easter Morning Services (*April 5th*),
7:00 a.m. with Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 a.m. with Holy Communion**

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Generosity: Time, Talents, Resources



HELLO
March

May this month be filled
with God's grace, knowing
that each day is a step
closer to the fulfillment of
His promises.



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