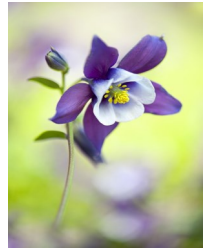




First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

APRIL 2024

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
12517 Morseville Rd. Birch Run, MI 48415
Phone: (989)624-9473, Website: www.taymouthchurch.com
Email: taymouthchurch@msn.com,
Facebook: Taymouth Presbyterian Church
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).

Prayer Circle



To activate the church's
prayer circle please call

Cindy Rabe
(989) 624-9274.

Prayer requests are
conveyed by telephone.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Membership with First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth is for anyone who acknowledges Jesus Christ as their Lord and 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.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

A BIG thank you to those who have volunteered to be coffee hour hosts! *If you would be interested in hosting, we can show you!*



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

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

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 7:00 - 9:00 pm
January 12
February 9
March 8
April 12
May 10

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 am. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour , Sun- day School and Youth Classes 2nd Sunday of Easter		9 6:30 p.m. Car Show Comm. 7:00 p.m. Session	10	11	12 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	13
14 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School 3rd Sunday of Easter	15	16 12:00 p.m. Finance Comm.	17	18 Newsletter Items Due	19	20
21 9:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ Minute for Mission-Kim Weston 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School 4th Sunday of Easter	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School Puppet Presentation 5th Sunday of Easter	29	30	APRIL			



MISSIONS

Kim Weston will be here April 21 to briefly speak on her work with women of Amber Reineck House in Livingston County. Some of these women suffer from the disease of addiction. Courtney Atsalkis' sister became addicted to prescription drugs, and when they weren't renewed, she turned to the street. She passed away on Christmas Eve from a drug overdose. Courtney educated herself on this disease and the stigma that comes with it. This motivated her to establish long-term housing and staff for recovery for women of addiction.

If you wish to contribute to this ministry, you can use a pew envelope with "Kim Weston" wrote on the front of the envelope. Thank you for caring.

Beverly Robertson, Missions Chair

MEMBER CARE

Reach Up, Reach Out, to Reach all!

Thank-You all who participated in the Penny Wars! \$277.42 collected will be equally divided with Taymouth Fire Department and our church. The South side of church was victorious!

Our March 6 soup supper was attended by 70 people. \$386.00 raised is being equally divided with Ss. Francis & Clare Food Pantry and Christ Lutheran Church Baby Pantry. Thank you all who set up, furnished incredibly good food, and cleaned up. Christine– thank you for decorating the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you Church Family and Member Care for always helping!

Holly

Ps. Check out the church front door banner for Easter– pretty humbling bible verse.



“A Slice of Rhubarb Pie”

Common catch phrases for spring include April showers bring May flowers, and March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. For me, it is all about an offer for a taste of rhubarb pie.

At the first sign of spring I would hear my mother ask, “Do you want a slice of rhubarb pie?” I would every year, emphatically reply, “No”! My mom ate her pie, and also freshly picked rhubarb from our garden. She enjoyed raw stalks, dipped in sugar. I can say with confidence her fondness of rhubarb bordered on an addiction.

Rhubarb is an interesting plant. Botanically it is a vegetable related to sorrel and buckwheat with origins in China. It was traded on the Silk Road primarily as a medicinal agent. After being introduced to America colonists with access to sugar it became a popular New England pie. Rhubarb grows best in colder climates and is one of the first plants harvested in spring. It remains a favorite food to this day.

When will you enjoy your first slice of spring—a rhubarb pie? As for me, I will have a small bite to celebrate the season.

Shalom, Pastor Scott



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

- ♦ Annual Emergency Training given through PowerPoint, hosted by Kerry Prout.
- ♦ There were 16 people present for March's Family game night.
- ♦ Church held a funeral for Pat Periard on February 27, 2024.
- ♦ Approved a railing to be installed at the West Entrance (Handicap doors). Cost is \$450, B&G currently has \$250. They need another \$200 to get it fabricated.
- ♦ Online views for February: Facebook-Avg. 111 (per week), Most watched service: February 25th. YouTube-Avg. 9.5 (per week), Most watched service: tie- February 4th & 11th.
- ♦ Kim Weston to speak on April 21st- Minute for Missions.
- ♦ Approved dates for W.A.R.- May 4th & Cookie Walk- December 21st, for Missions Committee.
- ♦ Communion Numbers: 35- Ash Wednesday (February 14) & 56- 1st Sunday (March 3rd).
- ♦ Pastor is working on his vacation dates for this year.
- ♦ Next meeting April 9, 2024.

**For a complete list, please contact the church office or the Clerk.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Thank you to Olivia Jones and Rich Weston for snow shoveling.
- Thank you Rick Hauk and Andy Rudzitis for picking up pine cones at the manse.

Painting the entryways and hallways will begin on April 1st and continue throughout the week until finished. Bring your favorite paint brush!

The new railings for the handicap entrance and the south side of the building, have been ordered from Kriseler Welding. Thank you all for your donations to make this possible. They will be installed as soon as they are ready.

Spring Cleaning (Clean-up day) will be on Sunday, May 5th. Anyone who would like to help, please bring your cleaning gear!

Our next project is working on gutter covers for the church and the manse. Donations toward this would be appreciated.

We have a new committee member who has joined us— Leonard Holm. Thank you Leonard, we will love having you! Thank you!

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Congratulations to Grace Schrubbe on being honored during Girl Scout Sunday on March 10. It is great to see our young people participating, growing, learning, and giving back to the community! Well done to all our Scouts!

Please join us for a Puppet Presentation on Sunday, April 28th, during the Worship service. Firebal and Friends will be sharing their biblical interpretations with the kids and the congregation.

Our Youth Group will meet again on Sunday, April 7th. We will talk about making JOY “automatic” in all areas of our lives. The way to understand JOY is J-Jesus first, O-others second, and Y-yourself third. Changing the way our mind thinks can create wonderful Joy!

The seventh Fruit of the Spirit is Kindness- “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32.

Blessings, Dawn Patrick, CE Director



PUPPET SHOW



Hear the tales of Firebal, Sparky, and Friends as they study God's word!

Sunday, April 28th
During the Worship Service!



DETROIT Tigers
HOME PLATE 2024
AT COMERICA PARK
Saturday, June 22

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

ON-THE-FIELD BASEBALL CLINIC
Program time: 9:30a.m.
Game Time 1:10p.m.
Tiger's Opponent: Chicago White Sox

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

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SAVE the DATE!!

On Saturday, May 4th, Mission Committee will be sponsoring a Women at Risk pop up boutique from 10 - 1. This supports the organization that protects vulnerable women. WAR provides safe places to heal from abuse, trafficking, exploitation, and more. Their passion is to empower survivors to live and work with dignity and hope. WAR programs and partnerships span the globe, reaching over 40 countries, including the United States. Each month, additional projects and partnerships are formed, increasing the ability to offer the rescued and at-risk a "hand-up" instead of a handout.

The pop up boutique always has a variety of items: jewelry, scarves, blown glass ornaments, and children's items and more. Join us as we support this great organization.

Every \$300 in sales supports a woman in a safehouse for one month.



It's YOUR Time to Make a Difference!

Event:

Women At Risk— W.A.R.

Location:

Taymouth Presbyterian Church

Date:

Saturday, May 4th

Time:

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

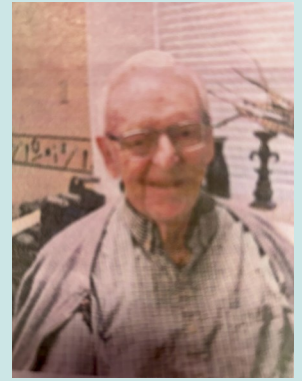
JOIN US TO...

LEARN about domestic and global human trafficking and the risks women are facing today. **CREATE** circles of protection around women and children. **SHOP** beautiful jewelry and other hand-made gifts crafted by rescued and at-risk women. **RESTORE** women and children to lives of dignity and worth.

HAPPY 99th BIRTHDAY PASTOR FOGAL

Please help us celebrate a milestone birthday for our former Pastor by sending cards! His Birthday is on April 22.

**Ralph G. Fogal,
Accura Healthcare of Lake City,
1409 W. Main Street
Lake City, IA 51449**



**Per Capita
2024-
\$29.50
per member**

Emergency Notifications

Session has implemented a "Call List" from the Church Directory in the event of cancellations. Each Session member will be calling from their list at the direction of the Pastor. Also, church event cancellations will appear on our local news channels- WNEM TV5, NBC25, and FOX66.



STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, April 16th, at 12:00 noon. Please let any of the committee members- Lynn Hauk, Terri Rudzitis, Judy Robertson, or myself, know if you have any questions or concerns that can be addressed.

Per Capita for 2024 is \$29.50 per member. Our church's total commitment to this is \$3,098.00. The total is divided into twelve monthly payments of \$258.17. As of the end of February, we have received \$1,544 towards our total due. Thank you for all your help and prayerful consideration of this obligation.

With God's help, may we remember that the giving of our time, talents, and treasures are important because they are means towards expanding God's kingdom. Each of us is a part of God's mission and has a purpose to fulfill.

Blessings! Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary



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. For your convenience, use the bar code above, to access the payment app.

Please make checks payable to "First Pres. Church of Tay.", or "Taymouth Pres.", to avoid any fraud issues.

MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received		Needed	Difference
December	\$17,067	\$13,450	(+) 3,617
January	\$10,456	\$13,000	(-) 2,544
February	\$ 8,656	\$13,000	(-) 4,344

Life at Taymouth!



“What’s in the bag?”

Firebal and Sparky invite you to make a guess with them each week of what could appear in Pastor Scott’s brown paper bag. He uses the bag during the children’s sermon to hold an object or two, that can help illustrate the scripture readings and sermon title for the week. The new scriptures and title will come out on our churches Facebook page on Fridays. The children, Firebal, and Sparky love trying to guess!

All are welcome to make a guess! Good luck!



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD ITEM ASSISTANCE

Emmaus House of Saginaw: Provides a free thrift store. Items include: clothing, household items, linens, towels, toys, shoes, furniture, and some appliances. All items were donated, and donations accepted. Open Mon. -Sat. 9:30a.m. -3:30p.m. 733 South 14th St. Saginaw MI 48601

BABY SUPPLIES

Baby Pantry: Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run, located at 8101 Poellet St, is host to the local Baby Pantry. Call the church office at (989) 624-9378 for hours of operation.

CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region: Provides diapers to families in need for Saginaw and Bay County Residents. Call (989) 752-7226 for contact free pick up. 1311 North Michigan Ave. Saginaw MI 48602

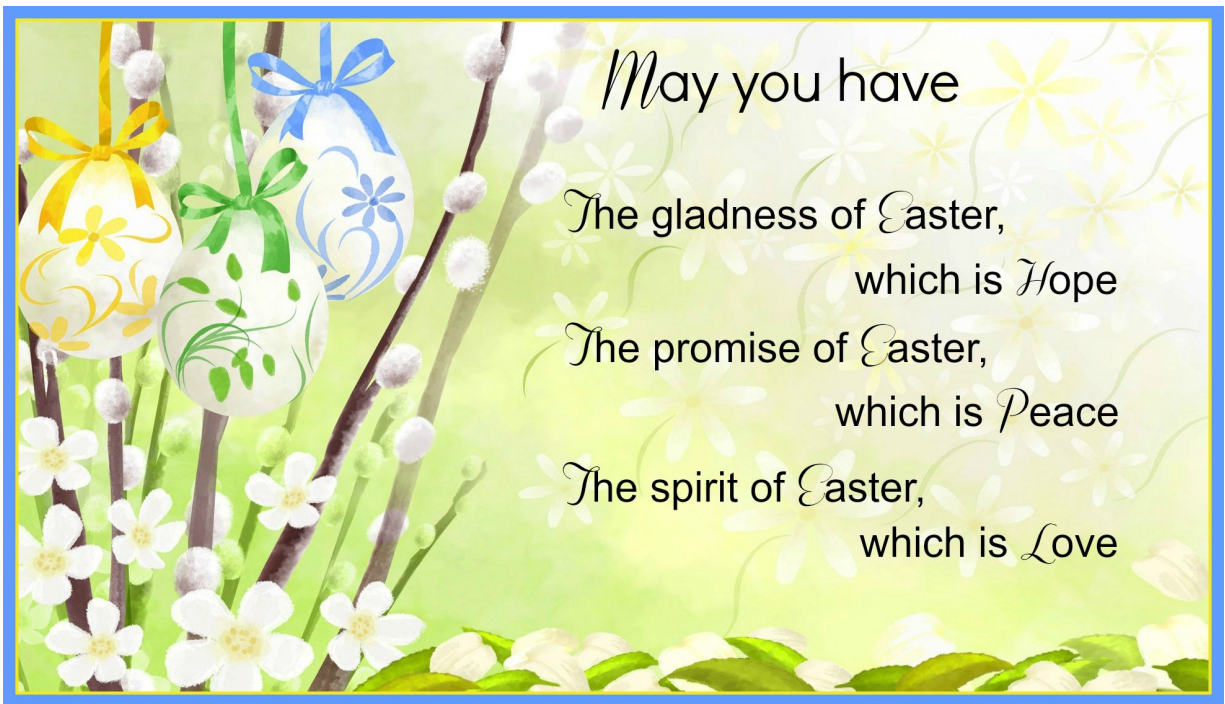
FOOD PANTRIES

Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church: is host to a Community Food Pantry. Hours are, Mon. 9:00-11:30 am, Wed. 1:00-3:00 pm, or by appointment. (989) 624-9098 12157 Church St., Birch Run.

Birch Run Taymouth CARE Program: is part of the Community Education at (989) 624-6229

Old Town Christian Outreach Center: hosts food distribution every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. *or when food runs out.* 600 Gratiot Ave. Saginaw, MI 48602 (989) 249-8696.

Please visit fbem.org for more food pantry locations.



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