



# First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

## SEPTEMBER 2026

### Taymouth Tidings



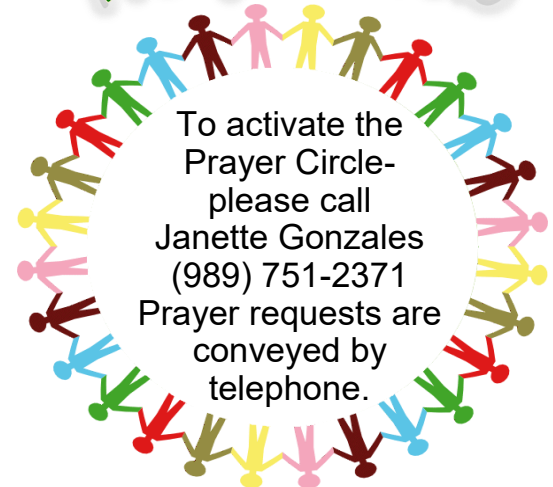
## WELCOME!

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).**

## Prayer Circle



To activate the  
Prayer Circle-  
please call  
Janette Gonzales  
(989) 751-2371  
Prayer requests are  
conveyed by  
telephone.



**Experience the fun of donating back-to-school items for kids and teachers.**

Suggested supplies:  
Dry Erase Markers,  
Glue Sticks, Markers, Scissors,  
Pencil Boxes, Red Ink Pens, Pencils,  
Highlighters, Binders-1 or 1 1/2 inch,  
Headphones-wired or ear bud.  
Kleenex, hand sanitizer, etc.

**DROP-OFF LOCATION:  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAM  
TO FACEBOOK, 9:30 A.M.  
SUNDAYS.

Bulletins are available at  
[taymouthchurch.com](http://taymouthchurch.com).



*Noisy Offering  
Sunday School  
Bible Presentations*

# SEPTEMBER

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                | MONDAY | TUESDAY                                 | WED.                         | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                            | SATURDAY |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
|                                                                                                                                       |        | 1<br>6:00 p.m.<br>B & G                 | 2                            | 3        | 4                                 | 5        |
| 6 9:30 am Outdoor Worship<br>Services w/ <b>Holy Communion</b><br>10:30 am. Fellowship Hour<br><br>15th Sunday after Pentecost        | 7      | 8<br>9:45 am Finance<br>7:00 pm Session | 9<br>5:00 pm.<br>Dance Team  | 10       | 11<br><b>7:00 pm<br/>Game Nt.</b> | 12       |
| 13 9:30 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:30 am. Fellowship Hour<br><b>Kick-Off-Noisy Offering</b><br><br>16th Sunday after Pentecost        | 14     | 15                                      | 16<br>5:00 pm.<br>Dance Team | 17       | 18                                | 19       |
| 20 9:30 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:30 am. Fellowship Hour<br><b>Church Clean Day &amp; Potluck</b><br><br>17th Sunday after Pentecost | 21     | 22<br>NEWSLETTER<br>ITEMS DUE           | 23<br>5:00 pm.<br>Dance Team | 24       | 25                                | 26       |
| 27 9:30 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:30 am. Fellowship Hour<br><br>18th Sunday after Pentecost                                          | 28     | 29                                      | 30<br>5:00 pm.<br>Dance Team |          |                                   |          |

## 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.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Following Jesus at Vacation bible School this past July was a wonderful time! Together with our local churches, we welcomed over two dozen children to participate in all the fun! A HUGE “Thank You” to all the Pastors, Youth Help, Adults, and Firebal for all the help! We can’t wait for next year!

Youth Group and Sunday School is ready to “Kick-Off” on Sunday, September 13th with Noisy Offering, Bible Presentation, and activities. The new season theme is “The Great Commission” from Matthew 28:19-20— *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Please continue to pray for our children, youth, and Military Buddies.

Dawn Patrick, CE Director



## Event Planner Responsibilities

At the May 12th, 2026, regular stated meeting of Session, a new guideline for event planning was accepted. Anyone who has an idea for an event (e.g. dinner, tractor show, fundraisers, etc.) will be asked to follow the guidelines and assume responsibilities for the event. Communication with Pastor and the Administrative Assistant is a priority. A copy of the “**Event Planner Responsibilities**” is available in the church office.

## “Live in Joy”

This past summer I read a small devotional book titled, Chasing Joy, by Edward Hays. My desire was to gain insight in how I could increase joy in my daily life. I was inspired to read this book, because during this past Lenten season I thought about how the Apostle Paul conducted his ministry in the midst of his own anguish and suffering. This is clearly seen in his Epistles or Letters to the Early Churches of the New Testament. Paul recognized the essence of joy shapes a person's life, and how a person's life is shaped according to his or her concept of joy.

The Apostle Paul was both a theologian and psychologist. In modern times he would be labeled a “cognitive-behavioral” therapist. The Apostle Paul understands a person's emotional state is shaped by behavior, and that behavior is shaped by one's emotions. Paul's own imprisonment during the time he wrote his Letter to the Philippians readily depicts this. I encourage you to read Paul's entire Letter to the Philippians. Paul found energy in being joyful, and this energy enabled him to serve others with compassion.

I am always amazed in how a physical action or activity can change our perspective. For example, by simply smiling our brain communicates to ourselves (i.e. mind, body, heart and soul) to be happy. This little, often overlooked, physical activity does amazing things in changing our negative perception into a positive one. Feeling this positive emotional energy by moving the corners of our mouths upward is our minds experiencing the love and grace of God daily. Keep smiling.

In joy we find energy. Even when we are tired and exhausted, and not in the mood to serve the needs of others but we do so anyway, is because of God's joy living in our lives. It is through this divine joy that we can enjoy the emotion of joy in serving. In joy we find positive energy, because the Holy Spirit creates a holy attitude within us.

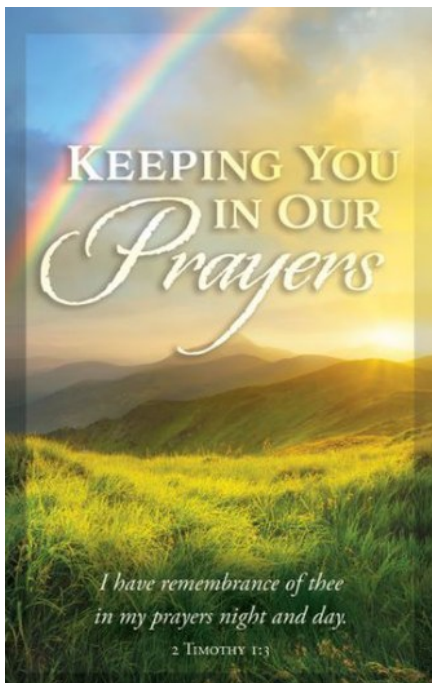
In an ancient religious text there is a saying which captures what the Apostle Paul is illustrating about joy throughout his Epistles:

### “Live in Joy”

Live in joy, in love, even among those who hate.  
Live in joy, in health, even among the afflicted.  
Live in joy, in peace, even among the troubled.  
Health, contentment, and trust are your greatest possessions, and freedom your greatest joy.  
Look within. Be still. Free from fear and attachment,  
now the sweet joy of the way. (Hays, Chasing Joy, p. 134)



Shalom, Pastor Scott



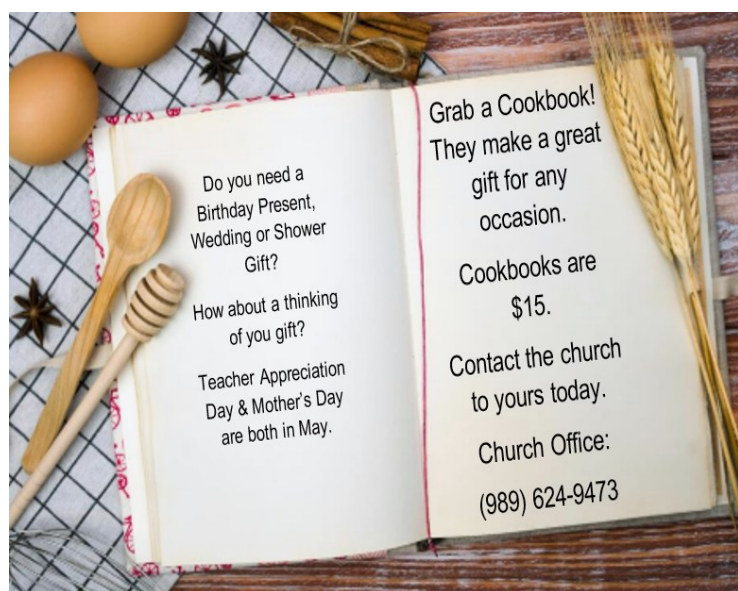
Our thoughts and prayers are with Dorita Woodward and family in the passing of her husband Ted on Tues., August 25th, 2026. A funeral service took place on Friday, Aug. 28th. We are very sorry for his passing and ask that God be with all the family at this time. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Taymouth Presbyterian Church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Nancy Fortier and family in the passing of her husband Paul on Wed., August 26th, 2026. A funeral service took place on Sat., Aug. 29th. Memorial contributions may be made to Taymouth Presbyterian Church or the Spalding Twp Fire Department. We will deeply miss Paul and ask that God be with all the family at this time.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Church Clean-Day is scheduled for September 20th. A potluck sign-up sheet will be provided soon..
- Thank you to everyone that been mowing and taking care of the lawn and gardens.
- The Rummage Sale is coming in October. Please save your treasures.
- Thank you to Cindy and Jim Maher and Rick Hauk for cleaning and giving Megan a break.
- Thank you to everyone that woks so hard at keeping our church beautiful!

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair



## 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 how!*



## MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

| Received                                                                 | Needed   | Difference |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| <b>Quarter 1, 2026</b><br>\$32,274                                       | \$31,264 | (+) 1,010  |
| <b>Quarter 2, 2026</b><br>\$30,319                                       | \$31,896 | (-) 1577   |
| <b>July</b> \$17,593*<br>*Contributions include "once-a-year" donations. | \$10,632 | (+) 6,961  |

## PER CAPITA

**The rate for 2026 is \$35.00 per member.**

**WHAT IS PER CAPITA?** PER CAPITA has been part of our funding history for over 150 years. When presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly meet, they are conducting the legislative and judicial business of the church and incur necessary expenses. There are also some necessary administrative expenses involved which enable these ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions to be performed. Historically, per capita has been used to fund these. Importantly, per capita funding enables governing councils to make decisions regarding distribution of mission dollars without itself being funded by those same dollars.

The whole church shares in these expenses since everyone who is a member shares in the benefits of this system of church government. Per capita provides for the financial participation of all local churches as part of a connectional and representative church, thus providing for unity and mutual responsibility within the church.

**HOW IS PER CAPITA COMPUTED?** The Per Capita Apportionment in the Presbytery of Lake Huron is based on a portion of certain salaries and expenses which are part of the operating expenses of the Presbytery. Per Capita is the cost of being a Presbyterian, and if each member pays the per capita amount above his/her pledge or regular giving, pressure on the local budget is reduced.

Paying per capita is similar to: • contributing one's dish to a potluck meal • paying to be connected to the internet • paying for the benefit of utilities, such as electricity, gas, water • pitching in with others to pay for gasoline on a road trip. In order to keep presbytery's per capita rate from escalating, the per capita portion of the budget is subsidized with a distribution from Presbytery's investments.

## WHERE DO OUR PER CAPITA DOLLARS GO?

The amount that is set for per capita apportionment is a calculation based on the number of church members and the budget established annually by each governing body. At the presbytery level per capita pays for a number of items including: • the office of the Stated Clerk including his salary and that of the Recording Clerk • salaries of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and the Administrative Assistant • insurance coverage, legal counsel, annual audit • costs associated with operating the presbytery office • meeting costs for our standing units.



Start saving your treasures! Rummage Sale is approaching fast. Can you help? Set-up will start on Sunday, Oct. 4th thru Wed. Oct. 7th. Sale on Thursday and Friday Oct. 8th and 9th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Packing and loading goods on Tue. Oct. 13th, at 9:00 a.m.

**Please no drop-offs of sale items until Sun., Oct. 4th.**



# *First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth* *158th Birthday Celebration* *October 2026*

**Please help us celebrate our birthday the whole month long!**

We would appreciate your help re-stocking our most used supplies for the church as birthday gifts. Please bring unwrapped gifts to the front of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings for the celebration. Each Sunday is assigned its own supply suggestions.

The following is an idea list for your consideration:

October 4th: Stamps, Kleenex\*

October 11th: Toilet Paper, Paper Plates

October 18th: Coffee-Regular and Decaf, Stamps

October 25th: Copy Paper\*\*, Clorox Wipes

\*Type of Kleenex: unscented, lotion free.

\*\*Type of Copy/Print Paper: Letter-8.5 in x 11in, 20 lb, 92 brightness.

# Generosity: Time, Talents, Resources





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