



# First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

## August & September 2020

### Taymouth Tidings

#### ***Welcome!***

Sunday Worship—9:30am

Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor

Sarah Schriber— Secretary, Heidi Smith— Music/Choir Director

Christine Callender—Clerk of Session, Tiffany Fortier—Treasurer

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#### **Welcome Back!**

It our pleasure to announce two very exciting events coming back to church! The first is the Movie night on August 28, at 7:00 pm. Hot dogs, buns, chips, condiments, and paper products will be provided. This is NOT a potluck. Please bring a lawn chair, your own beverage, and smores for the bonfire. See you on the South lawn, weather permitting.

The second event is our Fall Kick-Off, Sunday, September 13. During worship service we will have a noisy offering, Bible Presentation, and Scholarship Recognition. Following worship, there will be a socially distant Cupcake War! Please let Bonnie Pratt or Kathy Rogers know if you would like to enter your favorite cupcake recipe.

Our Church is so very thankful for all the hard work, time and energy that has been put forth by so many people to bring back worship and these different events for our church family. Thank you to Holly, Bonnie, Sarah, Christine, Pastor Scott, Adam, Hunter, Heidi, Sharon P., Jason Ward, Ken and Kathy, Nancy, and the Session. The Outdoor Worship services and occasional Indoor services have been wonderful! Session continues to review the public health changes in our area and make adjustments to keep everyone safe. If you are unable to join us in person, please tune in on facebook/youtube for the livestream video each Sunday.

#### **Church Office Hours**

**We are here for you!**

**Please call the church with any concerns or prayers. The office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. (989) 624-9473**

#### **Food Pantry**

**Please remember our local Food Pantry at the Ss Francis and Clare Catholic church is in need of donations! Currently they are asking for canned fruit, ramen noodles, and diced tomatoes. You may drop off items at our church during office hours.**

#### **Prayer Circle**

**To activate the church's prayer circle, call Cindy Rabe at (989) 624-9274. Prayer requests are conveyed by telephone.**

#### **Adult Bible Study**

**Adult Bible Studies will be postponed until further notice.**

#### ***First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth***

#### ***OUR VISION***

Coming together and growing as a community of believers, glorifying and always being refined by God, reaching out in grace and love to the world.

#### ***OUR MISSION***

FPCT is a community of grace and love in which each person's gifts, talents, and skills are welcomed and valued. We are a household of faith, a people gathered together to worship God, proclaim God's salvation, and to experience an eternal relationship with God.

## "Through the Looking Glass"

The one thing I have to say about the manse's custom, built in, television screen called the family room sliding door with its panoramic view facing east towards the back yard and the alfalfa field, is that it's "Spectacular"! Spectacular in the sense I can watch deer, rabbits, squirrels, and birds congregate in the backyard and the alfalfa field. I am looking forward to seeing nature's fall colors in the trees' leaves. I notice some trees are beginning to lose their dark green foliage. Some leaves appear lighter in color. Fall is just around the corner soon to be followed by the cold whiteness of frozen rain. As I imagine the fall and wintry landscape of the backyard, the field, and the tree line bordering the eastern edge of the field, I observe in my mind how human nature changes when it needs to change.

This pandemic enables me to sit in front of my family room sliding door and think. Thinking about all the stuff that is happening to our nation and even to our church. I clean my rosy color glass door and recognize what this pandemic allows me to see. Our nation faces many social ills and our church needs to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. I am hopeful our church will be a leader in resolving community issues. I know it won't be easy. It will take courage. It takes me courage to look at myself and recognize my ineffectiveness in changing the world, or at least America. Looking through my sliding door, I reflect how many times I was not fully effective in creating societal change. I was not heard. I didn't speak effectively. I remained silent when I should have spoken. There are times I lost courage to say something, or I was afraid to say something due to what could negatively affect me. I expect some of you may have felt this from time to time when trying to create change for the better.

One thing I have discovered about courage is I can't look at courage behind closed glass doors, I must open the sliding doors and walk into the back yard, walk across the field, and walk into the unknown timberline to actively engage in God's world. Crying out for social change takes courage which comes in the magic formula of numbers: "...where two or three are gathered there I am also..." (Matthew 18:19-20). Change cannot take place without God, nor without us—God's people—the Church, because we are the presence of Jesus Christ in this world. Jesus Christ depends upon us as agents of change including our small acreage of land called Taymouth Presbyterian. Much of our country's behavior and morals lack the teachings of Jesus who tells us to be Love Incarnate—The Golden Rule—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," (Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:31). Being Love Incarnate is our Christian divine calling here at Taymouth Presbyterian Church. Let us walk with Jesus Christ in real time knowing we can change the world by acknowledging ourselves as effective agents of change in the very real presence of Jesus Christ.

Shalom,  
Pastor Scott



## **Mission Committee News**

The COMMUNION FOOD DRIVE is still a project we are collecting items for. Please remember to bring your items to the church whenever you come. There is a basket by the south entrance where you may place your items. There is always a great need for food items to be distributed by the pantry at SS. Francis and Clare in Birch Run.

As the COVID-19 virus has limited the amount of time we have been able to do events this year, we are looking forward to hopefully being able to do future missions work in the not too distance future. Missions would like to have the CUPCAKE WAR for Kick-off Sunday as we have done in previous years. The set-up will be a little different do to social distancing. If you have any questions as to this event, please contact Bonnie Pratt or Holly Wendzik.

In October we have planned on doing the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. More details will be given as the date comes closer.

As of this time, we are still planning on doing the SHOEBOXES FOR SAGINAW. As you go about doing your shopping, remember it's never too early to start collecting items for this event. If you have any questions about the items for these boxes, just contact Bonnie Pratt or Kathy Rogers. Hopefully we will be able to do the COOKIE WALK AND HOLIDAY TREATS in December. There are still things that have to be figured out before we will be able to participate in this event.

We just have to stay positive and trust that God will bring us safely together again.

Bonnie Pratt, Chair of Mission Committee



16 Sunday	17 Monday	18 Tuesday <i>August 2020</i>	19 Wednesday	20 Thursday	21 Friday	22 Saturday
23 Outdoor Worship Service 9:30 am	24	25 <b>P.W. Meeting 1:00 pm</b>	26	27	28 <b>Movie Night 7:00 pm</b>	29
30 Outdoor Worship Service 9:30 am	31	1 <b>Bulding &amp; Grounds 7:00 pm</b>	2	3	4	5
6 Outdoor Worship Service 9:30 am	7 Labor Day	8 <b>Session Meeting</b>	9	10	11	12
13 <b>Kick-Off</b> Outdoor Worship Service 9:30 am	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Outdoor Worship Service	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Outdoor Worship Service 9:30 am	28	29	30			

### Christian Education

Kick-Off Sunday is almost here! On Sunday, September 13, we will have a Noisy Offering, Cupcake war, and Bible Presentation! We are so excited to welcome all our young people back to church for a new year. The traditional in-person Sunday School format will be postponed for a few months, but we are exploring electronic versions that will be made available to everyone. Firebal is especially excited to meet all of you! I have been telling him all about each of you and I have challenged him to guess who you are when he meets you!

God Bless,  
Dawn Patrick  
Christian Education  
Director



Presbyterian Women will be meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It's been several months since we have been able to meet. Should there be a change in this date, members will be notified.

**\*\*Due to the current state of social distancing, there will be NO RUMMAGE SALE this year**

### Member Care

#### "REACH UP, REACH OUT, REACH ALL"

Can you guess "who" for August? The questions and answers from this person are on page 5 of the newsletter. Also, Member Care is re-starting its card ministry to shut-ins, military buddies, and youth. Please let me know if you would like to include someone on the list. Thank you!  
Holly Wendzik, Member Care Chair

## News from the Clerk's Desk

The following items were discussed and approved at August's Session meeting.

- PW will not have a rummage sale this year.
- August 28, 2020, movie night at 7 pm. Will have a cookout, not a potluck. Will give out individual bags of chips, hot dogs, and condiments. Must bring your own chair/blanket, beverages and s'mores.
- Harvest Supper postponed until 2021.
- Congratulations Hunter Patrick, Sarah Schriber, and Adam Smith as these three young people have received the Lakey Scholarship this year. There will be a presentation at a later date.
- Buildings & Grounds meeting September 1, 2020, at 7 pm. Inside clean up will wait until spring. Fire extinguishers are in good shape. On August 18, 2020, the furnaces will be inspected.
- Approved: Per Capita we still owe \$1949.00. Recommended to pay \$487.25 per month for September, October, November, & December.
- Approved Technology grant for Social Media Committee through Presbytery up to \$2,500.
- Mission Committee still collecting for the Food Pantry. December 19, 2020, Cookie Walk and Holiday Treats.
- Cupcake Wars will be September 13th, 2020. Event will be outside. There will be separate stations set up and Mission members will hand out the cupcakes into boxes.
- Missions approved to give \$500 to Reed family for Benjamin.
- P.W. approved to give \$300 to Reed family for Benjamin.
- There will not be any in-person Sunday school, fall festival, or kickoff activity at this time. Exploring other options such as video taping Sunday school lessons and making those available online along with activity packets.
- Jason Ward from Jigsaw-Jams will continue to provide the sound system for our outdoor services through September.
- Next Session meeting is on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

By: Christine Callender & Holly Wendzik

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



## THE CLIPPER CHALLENGE

**This challenge is helping us to raise funds to purchase materials that will allow us to video tape and live stream worship services on a continuing basis. Some memorial money is being used but the remainder of the cost will hopefully be raised with this challenge.**

**We have \$317 to go, and we need your help!**

**When the money is finally raised, Pastor Scott will receive his first hair cut since the shutdown started. He is getting desperate!**

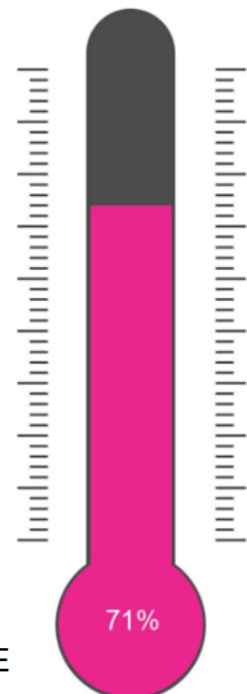
**If you make a donation of \$50 or more your name will be entered in a drawing to choose the style of haircut Pastor Scott will receive!**

**ANYTHING GOES!**



SO FAR TO CHOOSE  
PASTOR'S HAIRSTYLE

\$1,100



**\$783**  
AS OF  
8/16/20

Donations may be dropped off at church during business hours or look for the blue box during worship service.

Thank you!



# VOLUNTEER



## Yarn and Thread

Yarn and Thread has supported McLaren Hospital in Bay City for the last seven years. Our prayer shawls comforted moms who lost babies. Our Moses Baskets and premie blankets wrapped babies born too soon in love.

In December 2019, the hospital conducted a memorial service "Previous Reflections", and gave out 684 of our handmade ornaments. To date, 4,925 newborn heads have been kept warm in our hats!

Since February of this year, Yarn and Thread has been discerning whether or not to seek a new mission in our community of need. God answered our prayers and has opened a new door. Old Town Christian Outreach in Saginaw needs hats! They are "feet on the ground" type of ministry serving the community. They can use hats for babies, toddlers, children, women, and men. One hat can really change a life if your head is cold. These hats can be crocheted, knitted, or made on a loom. They don't have to be complicated, just warm. I am up for this mission of joy, will you help? Holly Wendzik, Yarn and Thread Chair



## SUNDAY SHEPHERD

The Session continues to implement our church's Emergency Response and Safety Plan. The Sunday Shepherd will oversee and monitor the safety of our congregation, and will be the primary person responsible to call 911 in case of an emergency. In order to make this plan work, the Session is in need of volunteers who will serve as a Sunday Shepherd. A complete information form can be found in the Office. Thank you to **Dennis Neahusan** for volunteering in **August and September**.

Robert Minard, Chair of Emergency and Disaster Committee.



## Muriel Lakey Scholarship

This year, the Muriel Lakey Scholarship was awarded to three of our young adults! Congratulations to Sarah Schriber, Adam Smith and Hunter Patrick. All three are committed to attending college for the 2020-2021 academic year. You may also recognize their faces from participating, working, and helping around church. Please congratulate them and keep them in your prayers! God bless you Sarah, Adam, and Hunter!



## Stewardship

Per Capita. Not something we all like to think about but a very important responsibility as a member of our church. Per Capita has been a 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. Per capita is used to fund these governing councils that represent us. The whole church shares in this expense 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, thus providing for unity and mutual responsibility within the church.

The Per Capita cost per member is \$29.00. As of August, we have collected \$1995.00. Our total cost due is \$3944.00. Within the last four months of the year, the remaining balance will be divided into equal payments of \$487.25. If you have already paid your Per Capita-Thank you! If you haven't been able to pay yet, there is still time. Please prayerfully consider sending in your \$29.00 before the end of the year.

Thank you and God bless you all!  
Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary

## "Guess Who?" - August 2020

Can you guess who this person is? Put your answer and your name on the paper provided in the jar at the south entrance table. Good luck!

1. What is your favorite Hymn and why?  
A: "He Lives", Reminds me of going to church with my mom.
  2. Where were you born? A: Saginaw.
  3. What is your favorite Bible verse and why?  
A: Philippians 4:13, Not sure if my favorite, but one that gives me hope.
  4. Are you married? A: Yes.
  5. Who would you invite to have breakfast with? A: My sister.
  6. Where did you go to school/Are you still attending?  
A: Bridgeport, not in school now.
  7. Where do you work and what do you do? A: At a Hospital.
  8. What are you working towards? A: Retirement.
  9. How many siblings do you have? A: Seven.
  10. How many are in your family or at same address?  
A: Two at the same address.
- Thank you! Member Care



## Building and Grounds

Thank you to Paul Fortier for cleaning the church interior and carpeting. Thank you to Ken Maurer for trimming the trees. Thank you to Jim Maher and Ken Maurer for power washing the church and the manse. Thank you to Adam Smith, Ken Maurer, Jim Maher, Gary Brabant, Pete McIntosh, and Dick Leach for mowing the church grounds. Thank you to Gary Brabant and Adam Smith for adding gravel to the parking lot. Thank you to Floyd and Elizabeth Roebuck, Pete and Barb McIntosh and Dave and Cheryl O'Connell, for maintaining the flower beds. Thank you to Adam Smith for all the "extras" around the church. Also, Thank you to Brian Maher for donating Ziploc bags for the worship services! Very thankful for all the help and support!



Left to Right: Sister Kathy, Pastor Scott, Pastor Sue, Pastor Perry, and Pastor Laura.

## **Congratulations Pastor Sue!**

On Sunday, July 19, 2020, Reverend Susan Trinklein was installed as the Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, of Birch Run! Members of the congregation and community churches came to show their support. Pastor Sue "approaches ministry from a unique perspective and continues to trust God to provide what's needed for home and congregation." Many of us have been able to get to know Pastor Sue and work with her within our church community. We wish her well and will continue to support her and the Lutheran Church. May the Lord Bless Pastor Sue and the members of the Christ Lutheran Church.

## Sarah's Closet

Our mission provides adult clothing for men and women! Clothing items include: shoes, socks, dresses, pants, shirts, coats, and undergarments. Call the Birch Run United Methodist Church at (989) 624-9340 for hours of operation. The church is located at 12265 Church St, Birch Run.

## Birch Run 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. All recipients must fill out a form to receive items.

## Food Pantry

Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church is host to a Community Food Pantry. Hours are Monday, 9:00 am to 11:30 am, Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, or by appointment. Please call (989) 624-9098 for more information. Church is located at 12157 Church St., Birch Run. Donations are also welcome!

# Loving God and Loving Our Neighbor in Worship

## **SERVICES ARE OUTSIDE FOR AS LONG AS WEATHER PERMITS.**

In the event of inclement weather, services will be indoors with masks, and social distancing.

**Virtual Worship by way of video or live-streaming will continue** to take place to ensure those who choose to remain home will have a meaningful worship experience.

Those who remain home may receive a telephone call from a Session Elder in order to remain connected to the congregation.

### **What We CANNOT Do**

**We cannot guarantee that there will be no one present who has the virus.**

**We cannot guarantee that the COVID-19 virus will not be present in the church.**

**All people who attend public worship outdoors or indoors do so knowing that there is a risk of contracting the virus.**

## **WHAT WE NEED YOU TO DO**

**STAY HOME** if you are high-risk or in any way think you have the virus or were exposed to it.

Services are planned to last between 30-40 minutes. You may remain in your vehicle during the worship service, or sit on the lawn with a mask.

If you do depart your car, you are asked to wear a mask and maintain a six-foot distance.

The east doors of the church building (location: the elevator entrance) will be open for bathroom usage only.

Please immediately return to your vehicle after using the bathroom.

### **PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU...**

- Have the virus or might have been exposed to the virus
- Feel sick or ill on any Sunday morning,
- Are At high-risk if you contract COVID-19

**M A S K S   A R E**



**R E Q U I R E D**

## **Outdoor Service Format**

Church services will take place outdoors on the South lawn.

Upon arrival at church, we ask that you will either pull into the front row reserved for those watching from their car, or pull into the second row for those planning to watch from the lawn.

If pulled into the front to watch from your car, we ask you pull in square to the grass regardless of the parking lot's lines

An usher will greet you with a prepackaged Ziploc bag with worship items: a bulletin; a prayer card; and offering envelope (if needed in case you didn't bring your own). Please prepare these items so they can be collected during the service at the designated times by ushers.

## **Indoor Service Format**

Upon arrival to church depending on preference and total attendance, you will be ushered either upstairs to the Sanctuary or downstairs to the Fellowship Hall.

Upstairs, every other pew is marked off to ensure social distancing, and downstairs, tables are spaced to ensure social distancing.

An usher will greet you with a prepackaged Ziploc bag with worship items: a bulletin; a prayer card; and offering envelope (if needed in case you didn't bring your own). Please prepare these items so they can be collected during the service at the designated times by ushers.

After the service we ask that you wait to be dismissed.





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*Faith is not knowing what the future holds, but knowing WHO holds the future.*