

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

**JUNE 2023**

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,

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## Church Office Hours

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.**

We are here for you! (Holidays hours do vary).

**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**LIVE STREAM TO FACEBOOK AT**  
**9:30 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY**

For those watching from home, bulletins are available at [taymouthchurch.com](http://taymouthchurch.com).

## Dinner Committee

Do you like to eat? Do you like to help others eat? The Dinner Committee needs your help! We are currently planning future events. We would like to have more input and suggestions. Let's make this a strong committee!! Stay tuned for a Dinner Committee meeting in the near future!

Terri Rudzitis,  
Dinner Committee Chair



## Prayer Circle



To activate the church's prayer circle please call Cindy Rabe (989) 624-9274.

Prayer requests are conveyed by telephone.

## MISSIONS Brown Bag

This month of June, please join us in a special collection for the Brown Bag Program at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish of Saginaw.

### Items needed:

Single bags of Chips  
Juice boxes  
Little Debbie Cakes  
Individual packaged Cookies  
Smooth Peanut Butter  
Grape or Strawberry Jam  
Energy Bars  
Pop Tarts  
Ziploc Snack Bags  
Ziploc Sandwich Bags



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>JUNE</b>			1	2	3
<b>4 9:30 a.m. Worship Service</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Member Care Meet</b>  <b>Graduation Sunday</b> Trinity Sunday	5	6  <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	7	8	9	10  <b>Tigers Home Plate</b>
<b>11 9:30 am. Worship Service</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b>  2nd Sunday after Pentecost	12	13 <b>6:00 pm</b> <b>Audit</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Session</b>	14 <b>10:00 am to 3:00 pm</b> <b>READ at the</b> <b>Saginaw Children's Zoo</b>	15	16	17
<b>18 9:30 a.m. Worship Service</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b>  <b>Happy Father's Day</b> 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>25 9:30 a.m. Worship Service</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b>  4th Sunday after Pentecost	26	27	28			30

## MEMBER CARE

Thank you all for the success of Mom's Treats Bake Sale! The desserts in the Fellowship Hall were Bakery quality! Cheri Miller said to "make them pretty". Ladies, you sure did! Every item sold and \$330 was raised for the General Fund.

Thank you Dawn and the Sunday School Class for making door hangers for Birch Run Fields Assisted Living. The Mom's also received handmade cards with M&M's attached. The residents were thrilled! The "Dad's" will also receive Father's Day cards and treats. Also planned for June will be a Bingo activity.

Just a reminder-Please save pop tops from the church pop machine. These tabs benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

Don't forget the Lending Library in the front yard of our Church. There are some new books to read. Take the time to browse. There might be a book that calls your name. There are two fur babies that could use a loving home. No feeding or walking needed. Just some TLC. Thanks for your support!

*Holly*

Ps. The fur babies are in the Lending Library.

## BUILDING & GROUND

Thank you all for helping with the Church Clean-up Day! Many hands make light work!

Lawn mowing underway! Thank you to all who have already mowed this year. Please sign-up for your available dates.

There is a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in taking care of a flower bed or two during the spring and summer months. Please look for the Adopt-a-Garden sign-up.

Thank you to Glen and Beverly Lee for their donation of the solar lanterns in the flower beds.

Thank you to Jim Maher for fixing the sticky back door.

Thank you to Andy Rudzits for replacing the wooden pew buttons.

We are needing help to paint the parking lines on the parking lot. A date will be coming soon when the weather permits.

We are always looking for more help with this committee. If you would like to join, just see Terri.

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair

# “Prayer Puzzle”

I just want to say, “Thank you,” to Dawn Patrick, Elizabeth and Floyd Roebuck, in working with our Sunday School children this past year. They effectively taught the children The Lord’s Prayer. I truly appreciate what they did in helping our children bring us a teaching moment in worship this past Sunday, May 21st, in learning about the prayer which Jesus taught us. If you missed attending church, please visit our virtual church on Facebook or YouTube and watch this moment.

Starting this past fall, Dawn, Elizabeth, and Floyd began working with the children by way of memorization games, and then created a heavy cardboard puzzle with the Lord’s Prayer written on it. The children in turn decorated the cardboard with pictures and symbols to help them read and memorize the Lord’s Prayer. During the spring, the puzzle was then attached on a wood background to be able to display upright.

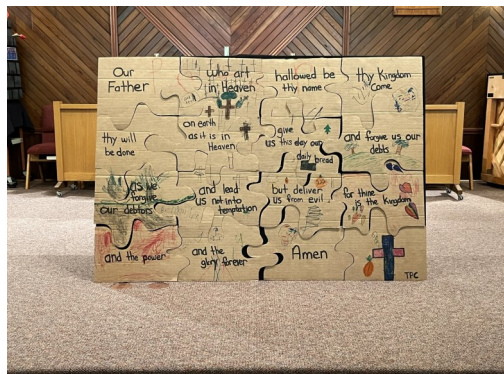
Personally, I thought the children did a great job in conveying the importance of this prayer as being a pillar of faith. I have always believed when children (and adults) can learn the Lord’s Prayer and commit it to memory, along with the 23rd Psalm and the Ten Commandments, they should be able to face life’s challenges knowing God is always present with them no matter what happens.

Our spiritual welfare and wellbeing are dependent upon this knowledge—God is always present in our lives and will not abandon us. The Holy Spirit leads and guides us in this knowledge communicating it to us through prayer and the reading of Scripture. Also, the Holy Spirit enables us to interpret this knowledge appropriately in the context of community called the Church.

Having worked in mental health and in different fields of Christian ministry, I have seen how religion, theology, philosophy, spirituality, and faith become effective coping mechanisms when dealing with acute or chronic mental illness, and with daily life stressors. Unfortunately, I have discovered, many people lack a solid religious, theological or spiritual background. Fostering mental health is promoting spiritual welfare and wellbeing.

“Bravo Zulu” to all our Sunday School children for leading and guiding us in a meaningful teaching moment about The Lord’s Prayer, and nurturing our faith.

**Shalom, Pastor Scott**



## MISSIONS

For 30 years the folks at St. Thomas Aquinas church have supplied 40 bag lunches three days a week to East Side Soup Kitchen to be given out to the adult clients to tide them over as a snack or breakfast the next day. Each bag contains two sandwiches, fruit and five other items. This is where we can help. They are asking for large bags of chips (Potato chips, pretzels, Cheetos, Doritos, etc) the same for large packages of cookies, like the sandwich cookies, also juice boxes. The volunteers then proceed to divide these bags into individual servings. I know I ask for other items, which they can still use, however for this month we can concentrate on CHIPS, COOKIES & JUICE BOXES.

### Future Missions:

August 6 National Chocolate Chip Bake Sale-bakers make anything with chocolate chips.

August-Loose offering for the month to Youth Haven (formerly supported by P.W.)

October 15 National Chocolate Day auction.

November 4 & 5 Holiday Bazaar & Auction-open to the public on Saturday. On Sunday the leftover items, along with special items will be available for the Silent Auction and Live Auction, it promises to be a day of fun-so invite your friends.

The month of November will be the Annual Shoe Box Collection for persons who are residents of Emmaus House, Underground Railroad, City Rescue Mission and etc.

December 16 our Annual Cookie Walk.

We are calling all crafters and bakers to help us make these events a success. You may or may not know Missions does not receive any monies from the budget, it must be earned through events like these. We are so grateful to have such talented and giving people in our congregation and support the Mission Committee.

Blessings, Janette Gonzales

## Noisy Offering

The buckets were overflowing on May 21st as the Sunday School Children collected the Noisy Offering. Thank you to everyone who donated! A total of \$165.00 was collected.



## COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

A BIG thank you to those who have volunteered to be coffee hour hosts!



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thank you to all our Youth who participated in Youth Sunday-Ally Callender, Calob and Carissa Billings, and Jaxon Reed. You all did a great job! The Sunday School kids did an awesome job with their memorization of the Lord's Prayer and putting together the puzzle- Peter, Frances, Nellie, Benjamin, Grace, and Kathryn! Thank you to Floyd and Elizabeth Roebuck for their work creating the puzzle. The puzzle will be on display in the Fellowship hall.

Vacation Bible School will be here soon! We are hosting VBS together with Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run, Ss. Francis Catholic Church, and the Birch Run and Burt United Methodist Churches. VBS will take place Monday, July 24 thru Thursday, July 27. Each night will begin at 6:30 pm and end by 8:15 pm. The theme this year is "STELLAR- Shine the Light of Jesus". Our church will be in charge of games and decorations. If you would like to contribute to the costs, we would be very thankful! We are also in need of volunteers to help with the snack time, game time, and security.

God Bless, Dawn Patrick, CE Director

## Two Cents a Meal Offering



May 31 Thru September 4



## Online Giving

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. The Presbyterian Foundation will take care of processing all gifts. For your convenience, use the bar code located above to access the payment app.

## MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

	Needed	Received	Difference
Jan	\$13,450	\$11,599	(-) 1,851
Feb	\$10,760	\$11,082	(+) 322
Mar	\$10,760	\$11,052	(+) 292
April	\$13,450	\$13,409	(-)41

## STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

The Finance Committee met on May 4 for our quarterly check-up. We reviewed many of the statistics and numbers from the beginning of the year compared to previous years, went over current bills and obligations, discussed ways to save money and keep you better informed. We hope you find helpful the talk from Dennis Blom on Sunday mornings and the letter that went out to members.

Have you noticed the posting of contributions in the bulletin has changed in regards to some suggestions we have received?

Worship Committee recognized the cost saving benefit of moving to large print bulletin only, Session agreed and voted it into action. The change went effective this past month.

Are you able to help with some information for us? We are looking at grants or programs available to non-profits. Do you have an idea for a fundraiser? We appreciate all suggestions and ideas!

Don't forget to help spread the word- our On-line Giving is ready to use on our website. If you know of someone who will watch us from a distance and support us in some way, please let them know.

Thank you all!  
Dawn Patrick,  
Financial Secretary

## NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

Session is continuing to work on the policies & by-laws of the church. They are currently reviewing Building usage, Funeral, Memorial, & Wedding policies.

Fish Fry Profit: \$902.39. Spaghetti Luncheon: \$250.00.

Muriel Lakey Committee met on April 16, 2023. They approved Hunter Patrick & Kerry Prout to be presented to Session for the scholarship. Session approved the scholarship to be split in half and each applicant to be awarded \$557.37.

Car Show committee met on May 9, 2023 to begin discussing what this year's show will look like.

Solar Lanterns approved to be put into flowerbeds. They were donated by the Lee's.

Building & Grounds is looking for people to adopt a flowerbed and maintain this season. See Terri Rudzitis for details.

Two cents a meal offering from May 31- September 4, 2023.

Member Care adopted Birch Run Fields. They sent over Mother's Day cards & treats. They will be sending over Father's Day cards & treats. They will also be doing bingo, TBD.

Personnel will be meeting with employees at the beginning of June.

Next meeting June 13, 2023

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



## 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.* 044 Gratiot Ave. Saginaw, MI 48604 (323)683-8696.

Please visit [fbem.org](http://fbem.org) for more food pantry locations.

## READ Association is Sponsoring DEAR (Drop Everything and Read)

A day of literacy at the  
**Saginaw Children's Zoo**  
Wed., June 14, 10 am to 3 pm.

Zoo is located at  
1730 S. Washington Ave.

Saginaw, MI 48601

For more information- 989-759-1408



# Life at Taymouth!





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