

Taymouth Tidings



“Resurrection Eggs”

You have heard the old saying, “The family who prays together stays together.”

When we, as families, carve out special times with God on a daily basis we become emotionally and spiritually healthy. Daily family devotions provide an opportunity for us to practice sensitivity. For example, shortly before a family retires for the evening, family members gather together to listen to the Bible, and to share prayers concerns. Questions like, “Is there anything special you want to talk to Jesus about tonight?” or “Whom do you think we should pray for?” helps us realize God’s greatness and presence, and helps us to empathize the needs of others. There is no substitute for daily devotions, whether we live alone as a family of one, or living together as a family with others. This Easter I would like to share a family devotional practice which involves reading and praying, and also the opening of plastic Easter eggs.

Beginning with Palm Sunday, one week before Easter, colorful plastic eggs called “Resurrection Eggs,” are filled with small objects or “reminders” of the last week of Jesus’ life. Such objects can include a cross for His crucifixion, a dime representing 30 pieces of silver for His betrayal, thorns from a rose bush symbolizing the crown of thorns, a nail representing the nail-prints of Jesus’s hands, some spices from the spice shelf representing the spices used to anoint Jesus’ body, a small pebble symbolizing the grave stone, and an empty egg for the empty tomb. Now, I have seen these same Resurrection Eggs being sold commercially in Christian book stores already pre-packaged into a convenient dozen which are filled with the above mentioned objects, as well as, other small objects such as a miniature toy donkey (Palm Sunday), communion chalice (Maundy Thursday), praying hands (Garden of Gethsemane), leather strip (Jesus’ Trial), dice (Gambling for Jesus’ Robe), toothpick (Roman Spear), and linen (Grave Clothes) to only name a few.

Once the eggs are filled with these representational items they are placed in an Easter basket. At the evening mealtime each family member selects an egg, opens it, and tells the significance of the item tucked inside. There is something about touching these objects and talking about them that makes this devotion real and in the present. By Easter morning I am prepared to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection.

Shalom,

Pastor Scott

APRIL 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1.	2. Session Reports Due.	3. 12:00 p.m. Bible Study.	4.	5.	6. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class.
		7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting.	6:00 p.m. Lenten Potluck. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study. 8:00 p.m. Choir.			
7. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 11:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting.	8.	9.	10. 12:00 p.m. Bible Study. 6:00 p.m. Lenten Potluck. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study. 8:00 p.m. Choir.	11.	12.	13.
14. Palm Sunday. Confirmation Sunday. 9:00 a.m. Special Session Meeting. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 11:00 a.m. Fish Fry Meeting.	15.	16.	17. 12:00 p.m. Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	18.	19.	20. 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt.
21. Easter Sunday. 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service/Holy Communion. 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast. 9:30 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.	22.	23. 1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting.	24. No Bible Study this week. Pastor at COM Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Choir	25. Newsletter Deadline.	26. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Fish Fry. 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Fish Fry.	27.
28. 9:30 a.m. Worship/Baptism. (Grace Schrubbe) 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 11:00 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting.	29.	30.				

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SESSION ROUND-UP:

- Training and Education presented by Rev. Kroener from the Office of the General Assembly regarding Ruling Elders: series for Spiritual Leaders.
- Meeting called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. Kroener. Moderator at 7:35 p.m.
- All members present, Sharon Peters excused. Quorum present.
- Accepted agenda as presented.
- Approved minutes of the January 8, regular session meeting and the special meeting of February 24.
- Regular session meeting in February was cancelled due to bad weather conditions.
- Accepted Treasurers report with a deficit of [\$4,528.41] for the month/year ending February 28, 2019, fiscal year 2019.
- **Building and Grounds:** waiting on final word on railing for front of church (steps). \$2,600.00 in bank for improvements. Deep fryer purchased and installed. Secretary's office and Sunday School room painted. Planning for a congregation work day in the spring. Dishwasher is in need of repairs.
- **Worship:** Approved purchase of 2 years of children's bulletin's, cost savings. Average attendance February 68. Good Friday service at Christ Lutheran, B.R. Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion, details are being worked out for special service. Palm branches to be ordered for Palm Sunday service. Lillies and Spring flowers to be donated by church families for Palm Sunday and Easter. Easter early service at 7:00 a.m. with brunch following and regular Easter service at 9:30 a.m. Both services will have Holy Communion served.
- **Christian Education:** Theme for Vacation Bible School will be "Super Heroes". VBS may be held at Christ Lutheran Church in B.R. Confirmation to take place April 14, during service. Easter egg hunt April 20th at 10 a.m.

Youth Sunday, May 19th. Graduates to be honored on Sunday, June 2. Christian Home Plate (baseball game) in Detroit is June 8th. Youth and their friends' admission are paid by the church. Adults pay their own way for tickets.

- **Mission:** Two deliveries to the Food Pantry at Ss. Francis & Clare Parish. Secret Prayer Pal being held during Lenten period. Mission Marketplace approves for May5, 2019. July 7, will be the outdoor service with "Sundae Sunday". August 8 will be the Pie Auction. Mission Committee donated money and merchandise \$6,123.19 in 2018. Approved a custom jewelry Sunday following church service.
- **Member Care:** Preparing for Easter Brunch following early service.
- **Funeral Committee:** Reviewing present rules along with regulations on funeral services including luncheon fees and menu.
- **150th Anniversary Committee:** revising pictorial directory.
- **Men's Group:** Approved family game night for March 15th at 7:00 p.m. Approval given to participate in the Birch Run 4th of July parade.
- **Emergency and Disaster Committee:** reviewing proposal information form Presbytery.
- Pastor performed funeral service for Charles F. Strahm on March 9, 2019.
- Baptism for Grace Schrubbe, daughter of Megham and Marc Schrubbe to be April 28, 2019.
- Confirmation class to meet with Session on Sunday, April 14th before church service to be examined for membership.
- Baptism of Adam Smith, Youth to be Pam Sunday, April 14.
- Approved Pastor Kroener to attend "Mediation Skills Training Institute" for Church Leaders (May 13-17. Sterling Heights, MI.) Approved tuition and hotel to be paid out of Pastor "Continuing Education Acct.- {\$695.00}.
- Youth Triennium Event –Summer 2019, open to Senior High Youth. Would like to have some of our youth attend.

- Presbytery Meeting was held on March 2, at Kirkridge Presbyterian Church of Grand Blanc. Pastor and Lillian Ostrom attended. The Equipping time was led by "Elder, Martha Miller." It was titled "Equipping Leaders in the Small Church". "A leader sees more than others see before others seek."
- Committee Chairmen, please turn into Clerk, a summary of your monthly meeting and happening at Session Meeting.
- Adjournment with prayer at 8:45 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted,
- Sharon Leach, Clerk of Session.



Mission Committee has a list of agencies to receive funds from the "**LENTEN POTLUCK**". These are the agencies we choose, but they need to be approved by Session. Special Kids in Action (Mary Weiss), Celebrate Recovery, Cathy Chang (Missionary in Philippians), Brown Bag, and Matt Rogers. The sixth would be for the local churches (Ss. Francis and Clare, Christ Lutheran Church and the Methodist Church of Birch Run) to also receive funds. It will also be requested that for all the agencies, we do the matching funds like last year.

The "**SECRET PRAYER PAL**" is to continue until Easter. You may mail your secret prayer pal an Easter card to let them know you have been praying daily for them. You can either sign the card or leave it a secret, the choice is yours.

Remember the "**MISSION JOURNEY**" we did for the 56 days of Epiphany? The slips and money have been turned in and counted. There were 35 participating families for this event. And now--drum roll please! The total of money collected was \$1,925.05. This is fantastic! Half will go to the church and the other half to Brian's House, a hospice home. Here are a few tidbits of information from the sheets:

After adding the items, here are some of the totals of the congregation. We have 82 belts to wear, 639 cookbooks (guess that's why we like potlucks), 37,362 pictures on our phones (fond

memories), 421 blankets to keep us warm, 327 extra rolls of toilet paper (we don't want to run out of them), 2,280 pieces of jewelry (we want to look pretty), 413 jackets/coats, 542 pairs of shoes and 1,189 light bulbs. Thanks to all who donated to this event.

There is the "**COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE**" we are doing as a yearly event for each time we have communion. You are to donate something for the food pantry at Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church in Birch Run. Here are some of the suggested items that can use: Chicken soup, tomato soup, canned chicken, tuna fish, Ram noodles, juices, instant potatoes (box or pouch), scallop potatoes (box) Zatarain's rice and beans, Rice-A-Roni, peas, carrots, bread and eggs. The expiration date on all items need to be current.

Next month on Sunday, May 5, 2019 will be "**MISSION MARKETPLACE**". If you have a special talent and would like to share by donating something for this event, please contact a mission committee member to let them know. There will also be a dessert bar for your enjoyment. All proceeds will go to future mission work.

A notice about future events from Missions are the "**SUNDAE SUNDAY**" on July 7, 2019, which will be the outdoors worship service.

Also the "**PIE AUCTION**" will be on Sunday, August 18, 2019. A reminder that if you purchased one of the "Bakers Choice" pies last year you have until August 1, 2019 to redeem your coupon. Both of these events will be in the fellowship hall following morning worship.

CONFIRMATION CLASS:

On Saturday, April 6th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m. Pastor Scott will be leading a Confirmation Class for Sr. High level youth (8th-12thgrades) at the church. The youth will explore and learn about the meaning of church membership, and the different aspects of our Presbyterian heritage, history, theology, the Bible. Pizza will be served for lunch. These youth who wish to join the church will be confirmed on Palm Sunday, April 14th, during worship. Contact Pastor Scott or Dawn Patrick for more information.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

“No matter what the circumstances or our lives, there is a constant temptation to remain busy all the time. We’re so busy that even our holidays – times set aside to take a break and enjoy each other – can sometimes be even more stressful than our regular routines! (Luke 22: 14-20) Jesus was on his way to the most important week and task of his life, yet he purposely set aside time with his friends to rest and remember all God had done for them. Jesus calls us to rest and remember, too – to focus on what is truly important and to let God fill us with all that we need!” (Excerpt from Rolling River Rampage.) May we all find rest to remember the Last Supper and how much Jesus loves us!

- “We rest in God’s love.”

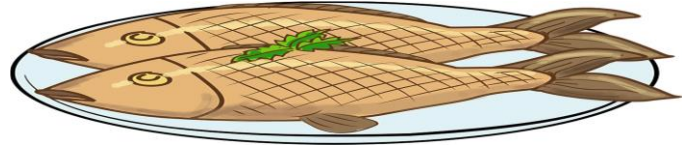
Dawn Patrick.



LENTEN SERVICES AND POTLUCK SUPPER:

All are invited to attend Wednesday nights Lenten Service/ Devotional Study entitled, "Behold the Man." This study will reflect upon Jesus' humanity, and upon our own humanity. Our church's Lenten tradition begins with a potluck supper beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by the study beginning at 7:00 p.m. From March 6th - April 10th. See you on Wednesday nights for fellowship, prayer, and study.

THE GIRLS OF GRACE: Will be presenting their 14th Annual Worship Concert, "Words of Life," at The Temple Theatre in Saginaw, MI (201 S. Washington St.) on April 6th & 7th, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. Call for reserved tickets: Toll free - 877-754-7469 or (989) 652-0770.



FISH FRY

All You Care To Eat

Friday, April 26, 2019.

The First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

Prices:

Serving Times: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

0-5 years old – free

6-12 years old - \$5.00

Adult Dine In - \$11:00

Take Outs: \$10:00

Now accepting: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover.

Dine In - Dinner Includes: Beverage, Cole slaw, Rolls, French Fries or Baked Potato, Fried Fish, Pies and Cakes.

Handicap Access Available.



STEAK FRY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND:

Saturday, May 25th. 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Beginning in May meal Tickets will be on sale at the church office. Contact Pastor Scott for more information.



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

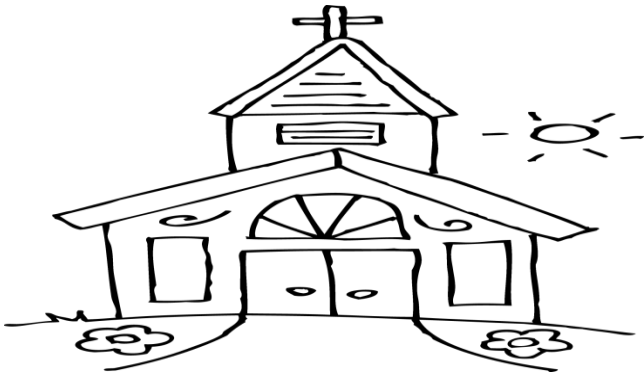
Saturday, April 20th, at 10:00 a.m., Church Fellowship Hall.

Bring a basket and your excitement for a Fun-filled morning!!! Egg finding, crafts and a special visit from the Easter Bunny.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS:

Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 1:00 in the fellowship hall. This will be the first meeting for 2019. Hope to see you there.



BUILDING & GROUNDS NEWS:

We have been blessed with a beautiful Church building and we are even more blessed by all the many hands that come together to maintain our house. Many projects have been taken care of or handled the last few months. Thank you to Holly Wendzik for mopping, Ken Maurer for installing new “used” fryer, Randy Patrick for repairing a light in Pastor’s office, Paul Fortier, Jim Maher, and Ed Savage for waxing the fellowship hall floor, Melissa Peters for painting the Sunday School Room, Jim and Sharon Peters for painting supplies for classroom, Randy Schermerhorn for painting the Secretary’s office, Mike and Anita Gilbert for providing painting supplies in that room, Paul Fortier and Ken Maurer for repairing broken pipes and Paul Fortier for replacing worn out faucets in the furnace room. Thank You to all who have helped with snow removal this past winter.

Did you know that we have a library? Two bookcases are full of all kinds of reading from Christian authors. They are located in the corner room by the elevator. Please help yourself on the honor system to then return what you have finished reading. You may also want to take advantage of the cozy “reading” chairs just waiting for you to relax in them. Enjoy!



Bible Study



ADULT “Sack Lunch” BIBLE STUDY:

Bible study will be held **Wednesdays from Noon-1:00pm, except on the fourth Wednesday.** On the fourth Wednesday there will be no Bible Study, because Pastor Scott attends the Commission on Ministry meeting at the Presbytery Office. Please bring a sack lunch and study the Bible with Pastor Scott. Invite a friend. During the Season of Lent, the Bible study will focus on Paul’s Letter to the Philippians. The study is entitled “Because of this I Rejoice.”



PRAYER CIRCLE:

Cindy Rabe has organized a "Prayer Circle" for anyone interested. The prayer request information is conveyed by telephone and your prayers at home would include these special intentions. If you have a special prayer request for yourself or a loved one, or if you would like to join the circle, please contact Cindy at 624-9274, or you may call her cell phone if unable to reach her at home, (989) 798-5797.



CHOIR NEWS:

Do you like sing in the shower or going down the road in the car? Then you have the skills we are looking for. Come and join us on Wednesday evenings @ 7:00 p.m. to put your skills/talent to work. Please see Heidi our Church's Choir Director. Please note that choir practice during Lent will be starting closer to 8:00 p.m.



OLD SCRAP DRIVE:

The church will be collecting any old scrap from now until June 8, 2019. Any metal you may have sitting around your house, yard, or elsewhere that you need to clear? All scrap Metals, Tin, Steel, Aluminum, Old Appliances, Batteries, Motors, Water Heaters, and more. If you have any you would like to donate please contact Jason Reed at 989.522.4950. Thank you.



NEW POLICY FOR CHURCH FUNERAL DINNERS:

At its monthly meeting in March 2018, the Session adopted a new funeral lunch/dinner policy. The new policy states that there will be a \$3.00 charge per person for a funeral meal to be served to them. This charge is to take effect immediately. This charge will hopefully cover the cost of food, and paper products (e.g. napkins, plates, cups, and plastic eating utensils) used for the meal.

Also, the Session approved upon the recommendation of the church's Funeral Committee (Sharon Leach, Chair; Cindy Maher, Meal Coordinator; Kay Blessing; Bonnie Pratt; Jeff Reed) that a standardized menu be used in preparing the funeral meals. The menu will basically consist of ham and other major food dishes designated and assigned by the funeral meal coordinator, Cindy Maher, and to be cooked in the church's own kitchen. Desserts will be donated by church members and friends. Cindy Maher will contact individuals to make desserts. Hopefully, by preparing the funeral meals in the church's kitchen with a designated work crew, the church will become more efficient in utilizing its resources in the areas of manpower and kitchen facility. The purpose of this new policy is to help cover the cost of the meal, and to streamline the food preparation process. Please know that when a funeral lunch or dinner is being served in the church's fellowship hall there is a janitorial fee of \$50.00 to be paid by the family to the church.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Sharon Leach (989) 295-1116, Chair of the Funeral Committee, and Clerk of Session.

ABOUT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Membership with First Presbyterian church of Taymouth is for anyone who acknowledges Jesus Christ as their Lord and accepts him as their 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. Please contact Pastor Scott about membership classes.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN:

- ☞ You or a member of your family is (or when you know of someone in the congregation who has been) hospitalized, ill, injured, suffering hardship or is in distress;
- ☞ You need to schedule/reschedule a committee or church group meeting;
- ☞ You have important news or information to share with the whole church family (births, marriages, deaths, new addresses or phone numbers, employment, etc.);
- ☞ You need to submit information for a worship bulletin, newsletter, or the website;
- ☞ You have information related to meetings, special mailings, or church activities;
- ☞ You have information related to community events and happenings that might be relevant to the life and ministry of the congregation.

THANK YOU!

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES –

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We have several needs each Sunday morning. Throughout the year we are in need of the following:

Ushers: If you haven't ushered before but would like to help, let the office know and we'll pair you up with someone who has done it before.

Coffee Hour Hosts/Hostesses: We need Coffee Hour hosts/hostesses for upcoming Sunday mornings. Being a host/hostess entails arriving to church before worship to start the coffee and then being present after the service to socialize. We have several ladies who are willing to show anyone the ropes. The coffee hour sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

Flower Donations for the Sanctuary: Currently, all dates are open on our flower calendar which is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. If you would like to furnish flowers for our sanctuary on a Sunday morning, please sign the chart. Your flowers, given in celebration, honor, or memory of someone or a special event, will enhance our sanctuary and be greatly appreciated by those in attendance at that worship service.

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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.

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Sunday Worship – 9:30am

Sunday School – 10:45am

Adult “Sack Lunch” Bible Study – Wednesdays Noon-1:00pm

Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor

Sharon Leach, Clerk of Session - Tiffany Fortier, Treasurer

Anita Gilbert, Church Secretary - Heidi Smith, Music/Choir Director

Dawn Patrick, Christian Education Director & Financial Secretary

Floyd Roebuck, Youth Director - Paul Fortier, Custodian

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