



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

MAY 2022

Taymouth Tidings

WELCOME!

Sunday Worship—9:30am

Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor

Sarah Schriber— Secretary, Heidi Smith— Music Director

Christine Callender-Clerk of Session, Janette Gonzales-Treasurer

Dawn Patrick-Financial Secretary and Christian Education Director

Floyd Roebuck-Youth Director, Paul Fortier-Custodian

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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 for more information.

BULLETINS

For those watching from home, weekly bulletins are available on our website at taymouthchurch.com.

Call the church office for assistance or more information.

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!

Prayer Circle

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

Prayer requests are conveyed by telephone.

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FAMILY GAME NIGHT

COME OUT AND PLAY THE GAMES YOU KNOW AND LOVE!
LEARN NEW GAMES AND MEET NEW PEOPLE!

BRING YOUR FAVORITE GAMES AND SNACK FOOD TO SHARE

MAY 13TH
FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
(989) 624-9473 | WWW.TAYMOUTHCHURCH.COM
12517 MORSEVILLE RD. BIRCH RUN, MI 48415

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship Committee 12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	2	3 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds	4	5 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	6	7
8 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study MOTHER'S DAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9	10 7:00 p.m. Session Meets	11	12	13 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	14 1:30 p.m. Home Plate
15 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study Worship and Work Begins After Church YOUTH SUNDAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	16	17	18	19	20	21
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COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS

ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Martin's May 13th 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Fish Fry 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

It's \$15 and includes 4 pieces of Cod, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Mac & Cheese, Applesauce, and Bread.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BIRCH RUN

Little Tots Open M-F 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.
 Learning Spot

The Day Care Center is open for business! The LTLS provides care for children birth to age 12. They are still accepting applications for the program. If you or someone you know is interested you can call (989)443-3144.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

A BIG thank you to all those who volunteered to be coffee hour hosts in March.

Thank you to everyone who signs up to help make our coffee hours happen!



SUNDAY SHEPHERD & USHERS

In order to make each Sunday's worship a wonderful experience for all. We are in need of volunteers for ushering and Sunday Shepherd. Ushers pass out bulletins, collect the offering, get to ring the church bell, and light the alter candles.

The Sunday Shepherd oversees and monitors the safety of our congregation, and is responsible to call 911 in case of an emergency.

Interested in volunteering?
 Please see **Kerry Prout** for May



DIVINE MOTHERHOOD

The best depiction of an entity imparting divine wisdom is the silhouette of a mother holding a steaming hot tea cup or a coffee cup to her lips and looking at her child. Not a word said. Only the look. Divine wisdom is found in the look alone. A mother's look alone is a thousand sacred words multiplied by all infinity. This is divine wisdom. This is divine motherhood. This is God being present.

Women define what love is. Women perceive the embodiment of God's motherhood in the flow of life. Women are the sacred entity giving birth to love. Let us be thankful for the touch of a mother's love. Let us be thankful for the touch of any woman's love who embraces us as parent, spouse, child, and friend.

Mother's Day is a day to recognize all women who are the embodiment of God's divine wisdom. Mother's Day is our opportunity to contemplate God's motherly traits. God's feminine side is often depicted in words like care, comfort, and protection:

"How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing." (Matthew 23:37)

"I will fall upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs, and will tear open the covering of the heart." (Hosea 13:8)

"As an eagle stirs up its nest, and hovers over its young; as it spreads its wings, takes them up, and bears them a loft on its pinions..." (Deuteronomy 32:11)

Yes, God cares, comforts, and protects us. God always wants us to have the best in our lives.

God's best I discover is found through God's feminine side, a feminine principle called "Wisdom." In the Bible, wisdom is identified as a female noun. The Book of Proverbs personifies divine wisdom as that entity which existed before the world was made, it revealed God, and acted as God's agent in creation (Proverbs 8:22-31). Wisdom indeed dwells with God. It is God's motherly wisdom which invites us all to come to her table for a cup of hot tea and coffee, and of course, a bite to eat (Proverbs 9:1-12). The gift of wisdom is God's motherly love given to her children, you and me, and the whole world.

Let us be thankful for all the women in our lives who brings God's divine motherhood to light in holding a cup of hot brew to their lips while looking at us with care and compassion.

Now, I have always preferred my hot brew to be black, neither to be shaken or stirred; however, I have discovered God likes to shake and stir my steaming brews from time to time, especially, with the silent look. No words. Just the look.

Happy Mother's Day!

Shalom,
Pastor Scott

NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

SESSION MEETING: MARCH 8TH & APRIL 12TH

The following items were discussed and approved at March and April's Session meetings:

Kris Maurer asked to be put on the inactive list and was approved.

Thomas and Tiffany Fortier requested to transfer to First Presbyterian. We received a letter from First Presbyterian requesting transfer information. Transfer is approved.

Chris Wolf from the Presbytery is looking for a contact person for PW from each Church.

Spring Clean Up is May 15, 2022, after church.

Fish Fry is April 22, 2022, at 3pm.

Lakey Scholarship had 4 applicants. Approved to divide money evenly between them.

Waiting on information from DJ Tech for 2nd offer on Sound board and equipment.

Paul Fortier is retiring at the end of April.

Emergency/Disaster Planning meeting on April 24th.

Car Show is set for September 24, 2022.

NEXT SESSION MEETING:

MAY 10TH, 2022, AT 7 P.M.

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

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



ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS

Looking for old bed pillows, blankets, pillowcases, towels and dog food. To be given to the Saginaw Animal Shelter and/or Amazing Grace Animal shelter to put in the kennels to make the animals feel more secure.

Contact Janette at (989)751-2371 for pick up or give your donations to her



BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Since our last update, this committee has been busy. We started with issues with the church's hot water heaters (**thank you** to Ken and Jim), then "surprise" water in the church basement (the furnace room sump pump had to be replaced so **thank you** to Jim for his work and donation, as well as Paul for his efforts on cleaning up all the water), and we can't forget the ongoing outdoor spring prep work (**thank you** to Ken for all you've done at the church and manse with gutter cleaning, shrub/tree trimming, and servicing the lawn mowers). We don't want to overlook **thank you's** to Ken and Randy for replacing light bulbs near the church office, to Jim and Dennis for installing the A/C unit and getting rid of the bugs in Dawn's office, and Randy and Ken for problem-solving the outside sump pump warning light. There were also a few anonymous individuals lending time to raking stones out of the grass into the parking areas. That sure is a lot of **thank you's**; did I mention we've been busy?! :-)

I'm hopeful when this May newsletter is printed that the Spring weather finally decided to stick around (mid April had too many March-flashbacks for my liking, especially that white stuff on April 18). We now can focus on warmer-weather activities: May 15's "Worship and Work" and lawn mowing. If you are able to help out, please add your name to these sign-up sheets so we can all have a hand in maintaining the beauty of this property.

Do you want to get involved with all of this fun? Join our committee the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

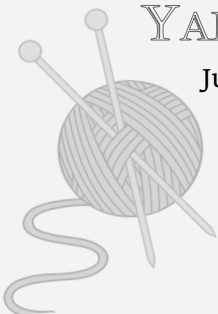
Kerry Prout
2022 Chair



YARN AND THREAD

Just a reminder about the cupboard in the Fellowship Hall. There are beautiful prayer shawls and lap robes. Share a joy or extend comfort to a loved one. These are for you to take.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Great job to our young people that welcomed in Palm Sunday with the annual palm march- Peter, Frances, Grace, Jaxon, Benjamin, Rowen and Brianna! You all did wonderful!

The Christian Education committee approved the purchase of two new highchairs for our fellowship hall. The new highchairs are washable, collapsible, and convenient for strapping in the smallest of our families.

May is Military Appreciation month! We continue to lift up in prayer our military buddies and all our past and serving military! Thank you to all our branches for your continued dedication to our country. Please show your appreciation by praying for or sending a card to our Military Buddies: Brooke and Jake Whalen, Sonny and Danielle Lewis, Waylon and Maryanne Stanley. May God bless and protect you all!

God Bless,
Dawn Patrick
CE Director

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

In honor of Military Appreciation month please send our military buddies a note of support and encouragement!

Brooke and Jake Whalen
153 Van Buren Rd.
Schenectady, NY 12302

Sonny and Danielle Lewis
358 Shepherd Trail
Aberdeen, NC 28315

Waylon and Maryanne Stanley
4211 Pine St. Unit 1
Fort Wainwright, AK. 99703





Thank you all who made Easter breakfast a success. From fruit slices to cake bakers to egg broilers.

Donations totaled \$135⁰⁰ for the sound board

Holly

THANK YOU:

- Rich and Carolyn Weston
- Kerry and Micah Prout
- Jeff Reed
- Terri and Andy Rudzitis
- Jason Reed
- Ken and Kathy Maurer
- Dawn Patrick
- Pastor Scott
- Eric Mahar
- Cindy and Jim Mahar
- Claude Tanner
- Caleb Billings
- Jackson Reed
- Ed Savage
- Dennis Neahusan
- Janette Gonzales

FOR ALL YOUR HELP WITH THE FISH FRY!

To all of the youth and adults who helped me unload the supplies from my car after the Easter Egg Hunt was finished.

To everyone who helped with the Fish Fry, and those who stopped in to make sure we had everything ready.

Special thank you to the cleanup crew. Thank you Ken for heading it as I had to work that day.

To the whole Congregation; it takes everyone to make this event a success. Thank you for a successful dinner.

Our profit this year was \$2052.83. 10% will be donated to the youth group, as throughout the week many helped in various ways.

Next year's Fish Fry is already in the planning stages. Lunch will be added back. Tentative date is April 28, 2023.

CHRISTINE CALLENDAR

DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIR

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

Did you know? We have many members that give to church through donations of products, stamps, giveaways in our church name, etc. Most of your donations can be recorded on your giving statements as well. All your donations are so very much appreciated! Thank you!!!

We would like to welcome Terri Rudzitis and Kathy Maurer to our money counting team. Thank you to Rob Minard who will be leaving the team to direct Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings. Thank you also to Christine Callender who had been a part of the team before she took on the Social Media role. Our church family is blessed to have all you partake in this very important function!

Blessings to you all,
Dawn Patrick,
Financial Secretary

MONTHLY GENERAL FUND BUDGET

RECEIVED	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Jan. \$9,814	\$9,670	(+)144
Feb. \$7,730	\$9,920	(-) \$2,190
March \$9,452	\$9,920	(-) \$468
April \$11,237	\$9920	(+) 1,217

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD ITEM ASSISTANCE

Sarah's Closet: Our mission provides adult clothing for men and women! Clothing items include: shoes, socks, dresses, pants, shirts, coats, and undergarments. Located at the Birch Run United Methodist Church (989) 624-9340; 12265 Church St, Birch Run.

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 pickup. 1311 North Michigan Ave. Saginaw MI 48602

FOOD PANTRIES

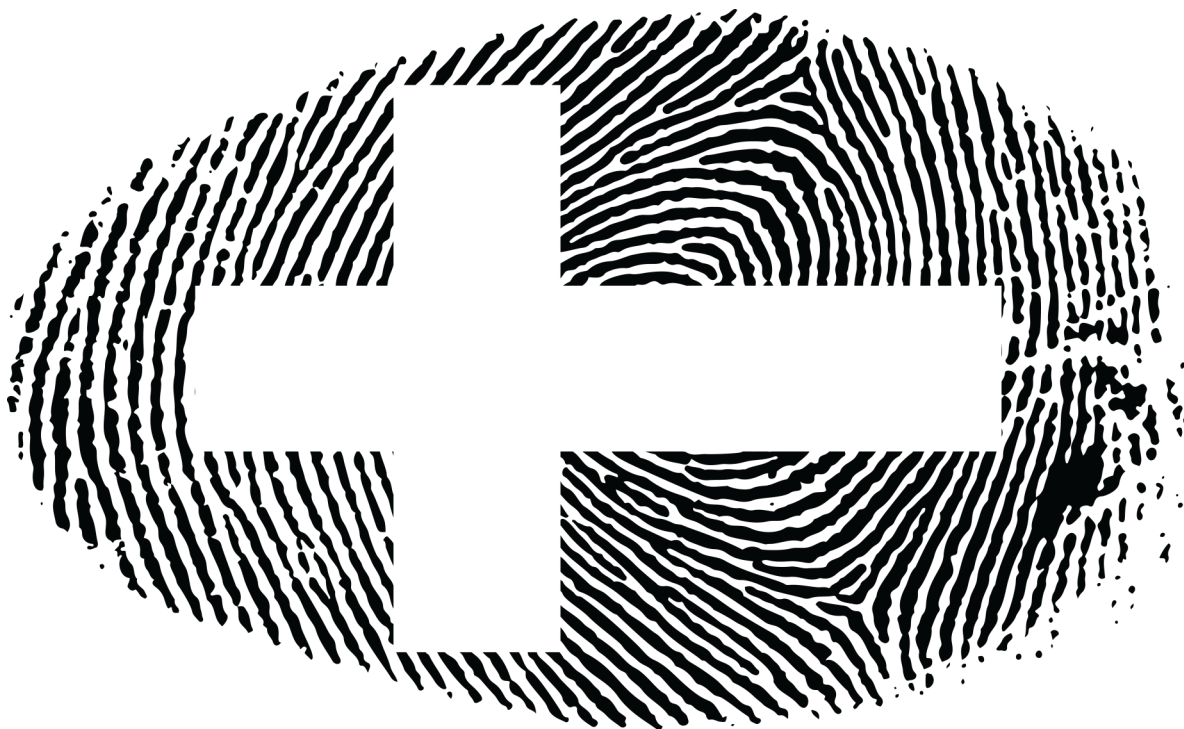
Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church: is host to a Community Food Pantry. Hours are, Mon. 9:00-11:30 am, Wed. 1:00-3:00 pm, or by appointment. (989) 624-9098 12157 Church St., Birch Run.

Sweet Pea's Pantry: hosts food distribution on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 9-11a.m. 108 W. State St., Montrose. Located in the back of the Strong Inspirations Building. (810)350-2254 sweetpeapantry.org

Old Town Christina 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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