

# Taymouth Tidings



## “Look Around and Give Thanks”

*“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplications with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6)*

Give thanks to God in all circumstances. This includes giving thanks to God for the food we eat (Romans 14), for being delivered from the snares of death (II Corinthians 1), for being called into the Body of Christ (Colossians 3), for all humanity, especially, those in positions of rule and authority (I Timothy 2). The Apostle Paul indeed wants us to express our thanks fully to God.

What are we thankful for? Many years ago I came across a newspaper article entitled, “Look Around and Give Thanks,” which I would like to share with you. The newspaper source and date are unknown. The article reads:

*Joe grumbled as the alarm clock roused him from sleep in a comfortable bed. He made his way to the kitchen, stopping to turn the thermostat up to take the chill off the house. His wife and children were still peacefully asleep. Joe turned on the electric coffee maker and poured himself a glass of orange juice. He unbolted the front door and retrieved the newspaper from the drive way. Joe poured himself coffee and turned on the radio to hear the news. It was Sunday morning, so Joe’s family got a little extra sleep.*

*Sunday morning meant breakfast with the family. It was a hearty bacon and eggs meal, followed by the usual hassle for space in the bathroom and complaints about who used the most hot water. They all chose clothing from their ample closets.*

*In a short time, the family was loaded in the car and off to church. Joe and his wife went to the adult study class and the kids to their groups. Worship for the family followed. They prayed, sang songs of praise, listened to the Bible reading and proclamation from God’s Word.*

*Pretty typical American Sunday you say. Nothing—unusual here. Look again! How many blessings did Joe and his family enjoy on the typical day? This “normal” routine is a parade of small miracles. The house which he owns, a comfortable bed, ample food, clean water, the unviolated privacy of the home, a newspaper which is free to print anything, a radio newscast with no censorship, an automobile, freedom to read and study the Bible, unlimited freedom of worship and assembly, a place to eat, a television broadcast without interference from the government, plenty of good clothing, and work at a job of his choice.*

*If you think there is nothing very special about all this, think again. All are the stuff of mere dreams for hundreds of millions of people on this planet.*

*Most of all, Joe and his family have heard and accepted the good news of Jesus Christ. It never occurs to them that they are in the minority of the world’s population who have never had that privilege.*

It is a Season of Thanksgiving. Look around and give thanks.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

Shalom,

Pastor Scott

# November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3. Sacrament of Holy Communion. 10:30a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:45a.m. Sunday School. 10:45 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting.	4.	5. 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds.	6. 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir.	7.	8.	9.
10. 9:30a.m. Worship. 10:30a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:45a.m. Sunday School. 11:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting.	11. Veterans Day.	12. 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting.	13. 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	14. 6:30 p.m. Men's Group Meeting.	15.	16. 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. Church Family Game Night.
17. 9:30a.m. Worship. 10:30a.m. Coffee Hour 10:45a.m. Sunday School.	18.	19.	20. No Bible Study. Newsletter Articles Due. 7:00 p.m. Choir	21.	22.	23.
24. 9:30a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 11:00 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting.	25.	26. 1:00 p.m. PW Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at Burt United Methodist Church.	27. 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	28. Thanksgiving Day.	29.	30.

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of TAYMOUTH: SESSION ROUND-UP OCTOBER:**

- Session Education presented by Rev. Kroener on "A Monthly Series for Serving Faithfully, regarding ruling elders. "I Shall Not Want". Redefining stewardship for a congregation typically does not occur overnight. Break the ties of fear and scarcity. Note the tense of Psalm 23. The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He leads. He prepares. These are words that speak of a present-tense God, a God of the here and now.
- Member Excused: Bonnie Pratt. Quorum was present. Present also Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary.
- Approved minutes of the September 10, 2019 regular stated session meeting.
- Treasurers report was explained by Tiffany Fortier and the problems that are generated when not using a fiscal accounting year – January thru December.
- Budget is generated using 12 months-fiscal year and needs to use the 12-month period when building budget, so dollar amounts are correct.
- Unanimous decision was made not to present budget at the annual meeting in November. Budget will be presented in January 2020 for fiscal year 2020.
- Accepted Treasurers report with a deficit of \$8,271.43.
- Reviewed list of members who have not been active or contributing financially to the church. Letter to be mailed to those whose membership status has changed from active to inactive.
- Buildings and Grounds: Lights have been ordered for outside area. Thank you to those who have helped to keep the outside yard/premises looking refreshed. Thank you to those who helped Paul polish the fellowship hall floor. We can be proud of what our facilities look like year around.
- Mission: Items delivered to Mustard Seed House. They will be starting construction on a new addition to the shelter. Baby Pantry donation request taking place this month. VA Hospital month of October. Shoeboxes in November and our popular Cookie Walk and Holiday Treats, December 21. Received Thank you from Kim Weston for \$200.00 towards her Mission trip. Thank you to everyone who took part in the annual rummage sale both set up/clean up, etc.
- Christian Education: Bay Shore Presbytery Wide Retreat attended by Regan and Jack Kribs. Sharon Peters was a chaperon and Pastor Scott a leader. Fall Festival returning, October 27. Youth hosting pancake breakfast, December 22. Sunday School began on Sept. 8 and will continue Sunday morning following church service.
- Worship: Would like to schedule music concerts and ways to raise money discussed. Possibly promote a Christian music dinner concert. Average September attendance 73. Participants for Communion in September 65 and October 70. Discussed ways to learn the hymn of the month. Discussed ways to use Elders and Lay Leaders in Sunday Worship.
- Personnel: Reviewed Pastor terms of call and employee wage recommendation. Pastor and Dawn left room, Sharon Leach, Clerk proceeded as Moderator and Christine Callender assumed duties of Clerk.
- Committee recommended that the Pastors call for year 2020, remain the same as in 2019. Employees could receive up to a 2% raise after the review of the budget at year end.
- Request that Financial Secretary and Christian Education Director be allocated as one job for pay/budget purposes. Committee recommends that job stay separated for pay and job purposes.
- Member Care: Preparing for annual meeting brunch. Brunch to be served following church service.
- Social Media & Communication Outreach. Repeater worked excellent for Harvest Supper.
- Youth Group will host pancake breakfast following Children's Christmas Program on December 22.
- Funeral Committee has added relish tray or vegetable tray to its menu for funeral dinners.
- Emergency & Planning Committee: Needs to have a follow up meeting on how the Emergency/Disaster Planning is going to come together for implementation in January 2020.
- Pastor and Elder Lil Ostrom attended Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant, MI on September 17th.
- Sharon Leach
- Clerk of Session

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** will be held Sunday, November 3, 2019 immediately following worship service in the Fellowship Hall. A continental breakfast will be served by the Member Care Committee. In addition to the regular business conducted at the annual congregational meeting the Session wants to bring the following additional agenda items for the congregation to vote on: 1. To formally change the annual congregational meeting from the month of November to the month of January starting next year; 2. To decide to fully participate in next year's Lenten suppers and devotional studies with other community churches (i.e. Christ Lutheran Church, Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church, and Birch Run & Burt United Methodist Churches); and 3. To install the front door decorative panels onto the church's west front door entrance.

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**MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS:** Missions collected diapers and wipes for the **BABY PANTRY** in the month of September. These items were delivered to Christ Lutheran Church in Birch Run who is the center for distribution. We have collected over \$110.00 of items. If you know of someone in need of this pantry, they can contact (989) 624-9378 for the day and time the pantry is open or schedule an appointment. Thanks to all who donated to this cause.

The **SHOEBOXES** are available for you to pick up. The empty boxes are in the fellowship hall. See elsewhere in this newsletter for a list of suggested items.

The year is going by so quickly. It time to start getting prepared for The **HOLIDAY TREATS and COOKIE WALK** that will be on Saturday, December 21, 2019. Make your calendar for this date, as it is also open to the public. If you have a special item or two you would like to share for this sale, please feel free to let any mission member know. We are always looking for items for this sale.

Any items you wish to provide for the sale should be delivered to the church on Friday, December 20. Happy Baking.

Missions has been discussing ideas for the year 2020. Look in next month's newsletter for information regarding the upcoming projects.

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**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Will be held on Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. Come and Sing! Make a joyful noise to the Lord! All are welcome! Please contact our Choir Director, Heidi, for more information on how to join the choir. Thank you.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS: SHOEBOXES FOR SAGINAW**

Once again Taymouth Presbyterian Church will be participating in Shoeboxes for Saginaw. This is our 8<sup>th</sup> year of helping women. Last year over 30 boxes were filled by the women in our church and were given to women in the Saginaw community who may not be as fortunate as we are, are unemployed, or may be experiencing difficulty in their life and find they are lonely or hurting from life's challenges. Some of the agencies that receive the shoeboxes are: The Salvation Army, Emmaus House, East Side Soup Kitchen, McNally House, Ascension House (Emerson House), Rescue Mission, Underground Railroad and many others. Boxes will be available November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

What you pack into your shoebox can be as unique as you are but please make sure the items are NEW and have some gift appeal to them. NO PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS. Some suggestions for the shoebox: Full size bottle of shampoo, brush, comb, toothbrush & paste, deodorant, nail file, perfume, lotion, watch, small notebook & pen, book, hat, gloves, socks, non-perishable candy, small sewing kit, calendar, Kleenex, coin purse, bracelet, scarf.

**Sunday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday to return them.** Mission Committee will wrap the boxes and deliver them to the Saginaw Shoebox coordinator after Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kathy Rogers at (989) 624-5700 or [klrog2001@yahoo.com](mailto:klrog2001@yahoo.com).

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**MEN'S GROUP:** Please reserve the date of Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M-9:00 p.m. for a Church **Family Game Night** sponsored by the Men's Club. Bring your favorite games and enjoy a great night of fun and fellowship with other members of our church. Snacks are welcome as are friends or family. The more the merrier. Any Questions, speak to Rob Minard at (989)777-6789.

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

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Thank you to our Military Buddy Sonny Lewis and his wife Danielle, for taking the time on their vacation to visit with our congregation and Sunday school kids on October 6<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate all you do for our country! Please keep all our Military Buddies in your prayers! Fall Festival returned with a bang! We had so much fun with the games and trick-or-treating.

Thank you to all who came out and to the Youth Group helpers! We are already looking forward to next year!

The third beatitude is:  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. (Meekness is trusting God will take care of you, no matter what. So you stand up for what is right, and you don't seek revenge.)

"Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" Psalm 34:14b

God Bless!!  
Dawn Patrick

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**Ss. FRANCIS & CLARE'S COMMUNITY FOOD**

**PANTRY HOURS:** Monday (9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.), Wednesday (1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.) or by appointment (please call 989-624-9098). The Food Pantry is located at the Catholic Church on 12157 Church Street, Birch Run, MI

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**SUNDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING:** The Church's Worship Committee and Pastor Scott is hosting and leading a weekly prayer meeting on Sunday Nights, at 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. The intention of the prayer meeting is to gather as a community of faith and simply uplift our concerns, needs, issues, joys, thankfulness, and praises in prayer to God. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Scott at (989) 624-9473. Members of the Worship Committee are: Sharon Peters, Chair; Heidi Smith, Choir Director and Organist; Lillian Ostrom, Jason Reed, Nancy Fortier.



**HEAVENLY HOPE INTERNATIONAL MISSION**

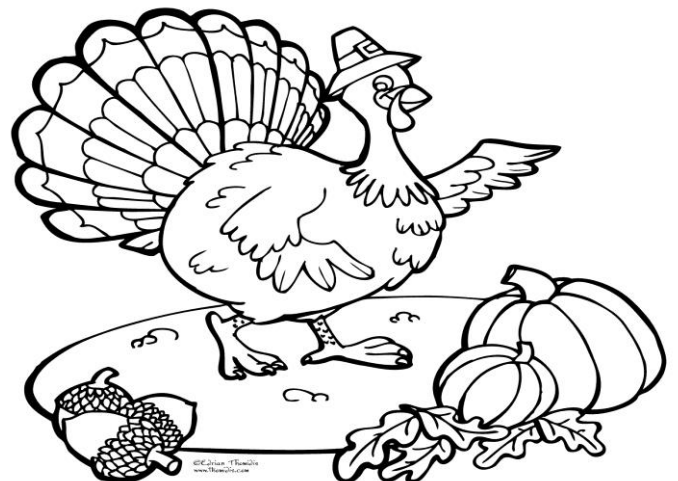
**TRIP:** Kim Weston, daughter-in-law of Richard and Carolyn Weston, will be present for worship on November 17<sup>th</sup> to speak to the congregation about her upcoming mission trip to India. Our church by way of the Mission Committee and the Presbyterian Women have supported Kim and her mission work with Heavenly Hope International (501c3 ministry) in combatting human trafficking in Detroit, MI. Now, Kim has been given the opportunity to take her mission work to India in order to work with other Christian ministries and community organizations to provide inner-healing support to the trafficked, exploited, and the oppressed of India.

During her mission trip, Kim will assist in planning and hosting two inner-healing conferences to church and community leaders who minister to victims and survivors of India's red-light districts, India's sex trade. Heavenly Hope International provides victim advocacy and community resources to cities in the United States like Detroit, MI and Kansas City, MO, as well as, to countries like India and Israel. If anyone would like to give a donation to Kim's missionary work please use a pew envelope and mark it "Donation for Heavenly Hope International."

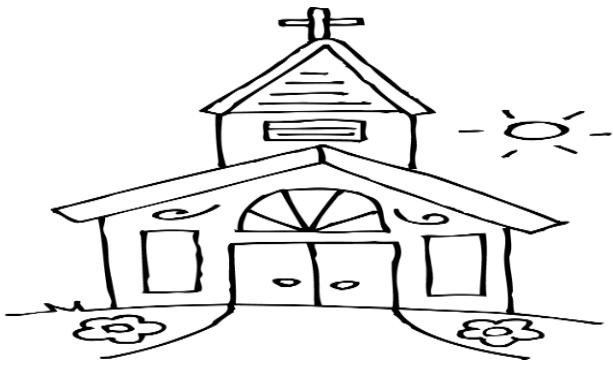
Please welcome Kim Weston to our church on November 17<sup>th</sup> who will be giving us "Minutes for Mission" about her upcoming trip to India.

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**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** will be held on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., at Burt United Methodist Church, 12799 Nichols Rd, Burt, MI.







## **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Thank you to all our helpers for working with the flowers and lawn care. The church grounds have never looked better! We are blessed to have talented and giving people in our church that work continuously to make it presentable. If you are interested in helping in some way, contact Gray Brabant. Extra help is always appreciated. Thank you!

**THANK YOU** to Pete McIntosh for his wonderful craftsmanship on the new railing installed this past month! The railing looks like it was meant to be there from the very beginning. It is beautiful! Pete donated his time and talents. The cost of the railing was paid by the Jerry Gonzales Memorial. Thank you to Jerry's family for this gift.



**THANK YOU** to the Roebuck, McIntosh, and O'Connell families for their hard work and dedication this past year beautifying our church grounds. Your time and talents are so very much appreciated! Memorials from Diane Prout, Jerry Gonzales, and Marjory Cairns helped with monetary donations.



## 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!

### *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.

## 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.

### **SNOW REMOVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

There are still empty dates that need someone to clear the manse and church grounds. Please consider signing up on the kitchen bulletin board. Preference is to have areas cleared of snow on Thursday or Friday of the week so as to not interfere with events on Saturday and to have the parking lot looking its best for Sunday worship. If you have questions, please contact Ken Maurer at 274-5618.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Week of:

Nov. 24 – Dec. 1

Dec. 1 – Dec. 8

Dec. 8 – Dec. 15

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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

*After-Hours Pastoral Emergencies:* Pastor Scott Kroener

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