

# Taymouth Tidings

## “A Sabbath Healing”



In the Gospel of Mark (3:1-6), there is a story about Jesus healing a man with a withered hand. The healing story takes place on the Sabbath. Jesus infuriates the Jewish authorities to no end, because he broke the Jewish law of working on the Sabbath. I am glad Jesus broke the law. His healing action basically changed many cultural attitudes and priorities when it comes to helping and caring for people who are in desperate need. Jesus always addressed human needs whether the needs were physical, emotional, or spiritual. This past Sunday, August 26th, Jesus addressed a particular need of mine.

I may not have had a withered hand like the man healed by Jesus on the Sabbath; however, I did have an infected, angry “withered” gallbladder that needed to be removed from my body so I could be healed. Emergency surgery was in order and it took place during our worship hour this past Sunday morning. I experienced the healing touch of Jesus by way of the surgeon’s hands. The surgeon followed the example of Jesus and healed a man with a “withered” gallbladder on the Sabbath.

In our current 24 hours/7 days a week work society we sometimes forget what Jesus was trying to explain to his own cultural society about what a restricted holy day of rest meant, that being, regardless whether we work, play, or rest, we need to be sensitive to people’s needs spiritually, emotionally, and physically. The key is being a good neighbor like the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of Luke. I am thankful to all people who respond 24/7 to meet people’s needs.

Shalom,  
Pastor Scott

**PASTOR’S VACATION:** Pastor Scott’s vacation is from Sept 13-26, 2018. The Rev. Rey Mondragon (cell phone: 734.645.8991), Pastor of the Birch Run and Burt United Methodist Churches will be covering for Pastor Scott during his absence. Please telephone Pastor Rev. Rey Mondragon for pastoral care emergencies. His personal cell phone is (734.645.8991).

# September 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
IT'S BABY PANTRY MONTH.						1. Annual Report Deadline.
2.	3.	4. 7:00 p.m. B&G Meeting.	5. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	6.	7.	8. BBQ Chicken Dinner.
9. Sunday School Kick-off. 11:00 a.m. Cupcake Wars.	10.	11. 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting.	12. Pastor Training in Mount Pleasant.(All Day) 2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Church picture directory.	13. 6:30 p.m. Men's Group Meeting. 2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Church picture directory.	14.	15.
16. 10:45 a.m. Christian Ed. Meeting.	17.	18.	19. 7:00 p.m. Choir. No Bible Study.	20.	21.	22. 10:30 a.m. 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Comm. Meeting.
Noisy Offering.	24.	25. 1:00 p.m. PW Meeting.	26. 7:00 p.m. Choir. No Bible Study.	27.	28.	29.
23. 11:00 a.m. Missions Comm. Meeting.						
30. 11:00 a.m. 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Comm. Meeting.				Next Month. October 4-5 is Rummage Sale Days.		

## AUGUST SESSION ROUND-UP:

- Session Education was on "What is Stewardship? Our summer reading assignment. "Not Your Parents Offering Plate. What reaction do you have to Luke Chapter 19, Verse 1-10? How does it relate to you?"
- Meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. Kroener, Moderator at 7:40 p.m. Ten members present. Accepted agenda as presented with additional items that may come.
- Approved minutes of June 12, 2018 stated session meeting and June 22, 2018, special session meeting.
- Treasurers report accepted as printed, showing ending deficit of <\$5,879.41> for July 2018. Motion to purchase updated version of "Power Church".
- Child Protection Policy – Tabled changes on "A Child under Michigan Law". Pastor to review with Clerk of Presbytery.
- Buildings and Grounds: Purchased light for flag pole. Purchased and installed air conditioner for Pastor's office. Place metal behind kitchen range (requested by insurance).
- Missions: Sundae Sunday Sundae – Served approx. 75 people. Pie Auction August 19. Cupcake Wars to be held September 9, 2018 following worship serviced.
- Worship: June 2018 – 78; June 2017 – 82; July 2018 – 72; July 2017 – 74. Served 73 Communion on July 1, and on August 5, served 60.
- Vacation Bible School at First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth: "River Rampage" 19 attendees plus working participants. "River Rampage" will also be the theme for Sunday School this year. Planning a confirmation class for young people in addition to adult membership class.
- 150th Committee – 5K Run Participants and helpers needed for October 6 at Taymouth Township Park.
- Received "Grand Marshall" award for the, Birch Run, 4th of July parade float sponsored by Men's Club. Theme was "Honoring Our Church's Patriotic Call".
- Picture pictorial – September 13 and 14. This is for 150th anniversary book and "Celebration of the Future".
- Kathy Rogers ' Open House, "Celebration of Health and Hope", August 19th 2:00-4:00 p.m. Burt Opera House". Co-sponsored by the Taymouth Historical Society.
- Church Camp Out and Movie Night (August 24).
- BBQ Chicken Dinner (September 1), sponsored by Jeff Reed, tickets to be purchased in advance.
- Approved Pastor's vacation September 13th -26th, Nov. 23rd -29th; December 26th – Jan 1st.
- Approved Choir Director vacation for September 14th – 17th.
- Closed w/prayer at 10:05 p.m.
- Sharon Leach, Clerk of Session

### **MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Hope everyone got to enjoy the days of summer spending time with family and friends.

The **Second Annual Pie Auction** was held on Sunday, August 19, in the fellowship hall following the morning worship. Once again Scott Peters did a great job as auctioneer for this event. The auction is a good time for friendly bidding and fellowship.

A thank you goes to the missions members, Miss Jane, Barb McIntosh, Carolyn Weston, Jason Reed and Peter Roebuck for making pies for this event. Without your willingness to make the pies, the auction would not be able to happen. We must not forget the buyers of the pies as they are also an essential part of this event. With the combined effort of everyone, Missions received \$625 to give to areas of need.

A new items was added this year as a "Bakers Choice" pie. If you purchased one of these tickets, just see a mission member when you are ready to receive your fresh baked pie.

The month of **September** we are doing the "**BABY PANTRY**" drive. The Baby Pantry is a combined mission with Christ Lutheran Church, Birch Run and Burt Methodist Churches and ourselves. This is open to local families in need of baby supplies. Those in need may contact (989) 624-9378 for the day and time the pantry is open or to schedule an appointment to receive needed items. There is a display area at the South entrance where you may drop off packs of diapers and/or wipes.

Don't forget the "**CUPCAKE WAR**" on Sunday, September 9, 2018. The event is also the start-up of Sunday School. The war is open to anyone who would like to bake and decorate 24 cupcakes. The person who sell all their cupcakes first is the winner. This is another friendly competition between the bakers. There

are some very interesting and creative cupcakes. Who will be this year's winner, someone new or a prior winner?

You may mark your calendars with upcoming event we will be hosting. There will be the VA items in **October**, Shoe Boxes in **November** and the Holiday Treats and Cookie Walk in December. More information of these event will be coming soon.

Missions is very thankful for the dedication of the church family to help with providing assistants to those in need.

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### **TAYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**NEWS:** The monthly meeting for September will be held in the fellowship hall on September 25, 2018 at 1:00 in the afternoon. Meeting are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 in the afternoon. We are always looking for new members.

The **RUMMAGE SALE** will be on Thursday, October 4 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm and on Friday, October 5, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. We are always is need of some extra helping hands with set up and also the tear down.

### **5K COLOR RUN/WALK: CANCELLED.**

Not every idea is golden.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of registrations, we are going to have to cancel the Color Run/Walk on Saturday, October 6th. Thank you for those who have sponsored and signed up. We will be returning your money. Thank you for your support. Any questions please contact Kathy Maurer 989.295.6198 or email [kathymaurer@ymail.com](mailto:kathymaurer@ymail.com).

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### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Rolling River Rampage was a great adventure! We had four nights of learning and playing with Mr. Paddles and Mr. Beaver. The average attendees for the first three nights was twelve and then nineteen young people joined in for the fun on the fourth night. Thank you to all the adult helpers from our church and the Methodist church. Thank you to all our Youth helpers- Hunter, Logan, Adam, Nathan, Ally, Iza, Jimi, Paige, Dylan, and Zoe. Thank you to the Taymouth Township Fire Department! Finally, a great big THANK YOU to all our participants!!!

Summer is wrapping up and we welcome everyone back at Kick-off on Sunday, September 9. During the worship service, we will be presenting another beautiful bible! Congratulations Bella Polega! Then join us for all sorts of activities and fun!



**The Next Noisy Offering:** will be collected on September 16 and a Christian Education meeting will take place following worship service this day as well.

Sunday School will continue with the theme of Rolling River Rampage and memorizing the verse from Isaiah 43:2 – When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

I am so excited for the New year! See you all soon!

Welcome Back!

Dawn Patrick

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**Mark your calendars for October 29th**

**CELEBRATE THE PROMISE- 150 years celebration.**

Our 150 years celebration is coming up. A meaningful worship will be followed by a soup potluck. Bring your favorite. Rolls, crackers, muffins will be provided along with beverages and of course a birthday cake. Invite your friends and family for a special celebration of 150 years. More information to come in the October newsletter.

## CELEBRATE THE PROMISE

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TAYMOUTH THE PICTURE

#### "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

Mrs. Rachel Johnson from Birch Run created this chalk drawing back in 1933, it is the only one of three that she created that is still in existence. Most of us in the present church family have been looking at that picture all our lives and we see Jesus knocking on the door of that structure, our heart. There are hinges on the door but no latch; the door can only be opened from the inside. We each need to open the door and invite Jesus into our heart. The building in the picture appears to be shabby and uninhabited surrounded by weeds; a heart without Jesus. John 15:5 states "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing". In the picture Jesus is wearing a Purple Robe to show royalty, a Crown as King-of-King and a halo to prove his deity. He appears as Jesus standing firmly on earth, looking directly into the eyes of all who look at the picture waiting to become your Lord and Savior. Thank You Rachel Johnson for your vision and talent.

The next 150<sup>th</sup> will be the church directory with family pictures. This will be a quality publication with pictures of the church special areas, people and events. This publication will add a look at the history and church memberships of this era for many years to come; please make the effort to take part in this.

## CHURCH COMMEMERATIVE

**PLATES:** We have 68 church plates sold and the committee has ordered 82 plates, there will be several plates in stock for late orders and special events.

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### **ADULT "Sack Lunch" BIBLE STUDY**

Next Bible study will be held January 10, 2018.

Invite a friend! Bible study will be held **every Wednesday from Noon-1:00pm.** Bring your sack lunch and study the Bible with Pastor Scott.

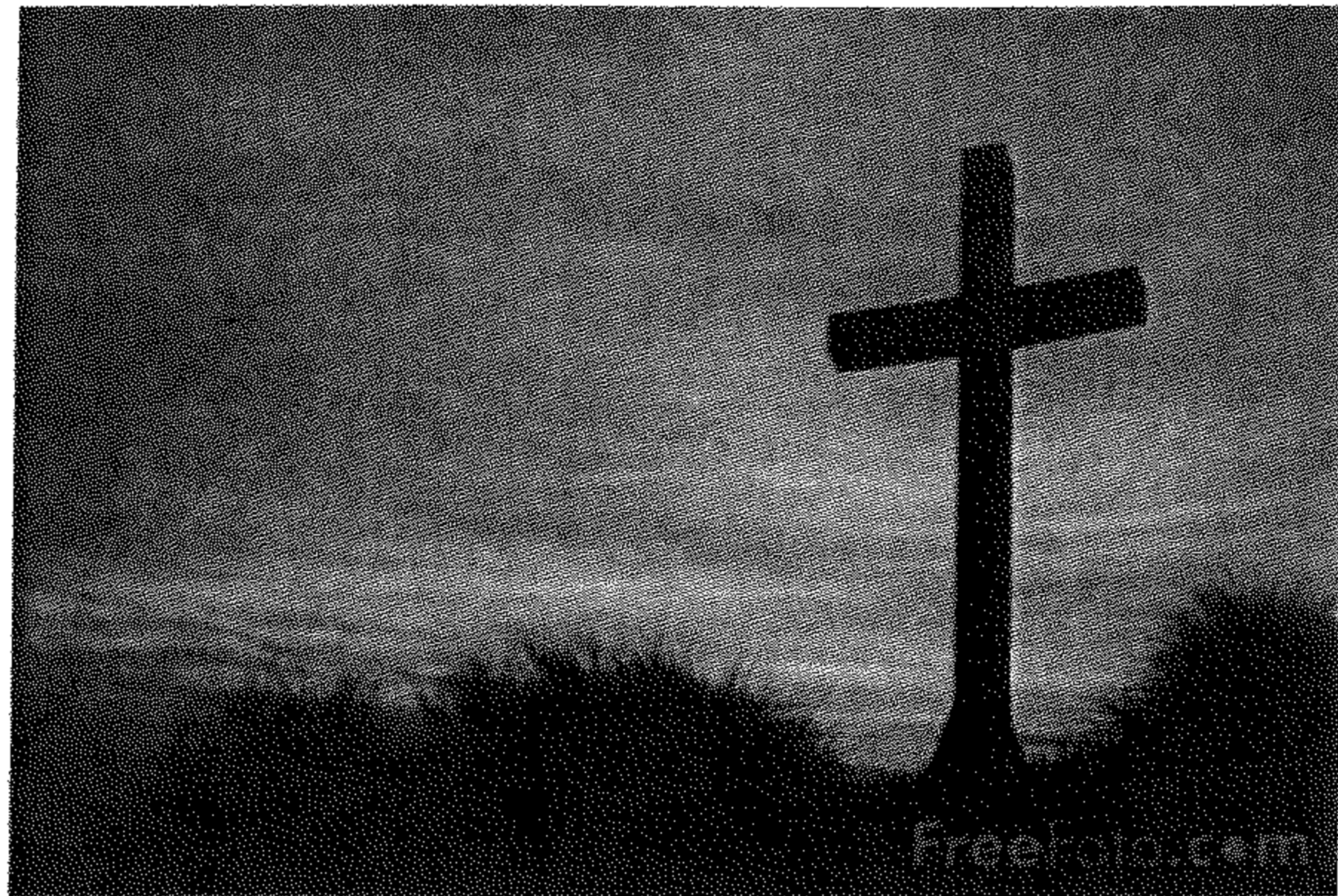
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## *Prayer Circle*

Many months ago, Cindy Rabe organized a "Prayer Circle". 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.

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**PER CAPITA AMOUNT:** This year's Per Capita apportionment is \$26.94 per member per year. Please use the designated envelope marked "Per Capita Apportionment" to pay this amount. The per capita apportionment is used to support the workings and ministry of the Presbytery of Lake Huron, and the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



**IN MEMORY OF: Robert Fedder  
(August 18, 1940-August 29, 2018)**

On Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 11:15 a.m., Robert T. Fedder. Was called home to be home with our Lord, with Chris his loving wife by his side. If you knew Bob you would never forget him, from the meat market he ran and then catering business, and always helping out around the church. From singing in the choir, to helping with the fish fries, to the harvest supper. He helped upgrade our kitchen through the years, to our current kitchen we have today. I remember working at the catering company and Bob come storming in he had just come from the church where a bunch of people were working on cleaning up the church or some other project, what ever it was, it really was not supposed to take too long to do. So, no one thought to have lunch brought in. "We got to make these people lunch", so we whipped up a roster full of sloppy joes. Within an hour he was back over to the church with the sloppy joes, buns, chips, and lemonade. That is just one story I will never forget.

Bob and Chris gave me my first job, which turned out to be a whole lot more. They became my family as well. They became Mom and Dad and they referred to me as son. I worked for them about a total of 25 years right up until the end when Bob's health got too bad that they had to move to Virginia so their daughter Heidi could help take care of Bob. A Memorial service was held for Bob on September 8, 2018 at Salem United Methodist Church, Gloucester, VA. Bob's cremains were buried.

At the request, in honor of Bob's life memorial donations can be made to the Salem United Methodist Church, 11408 Salem Church Road, Gloucester, VA 23061. Cards can be sent to: Chris Fedder, 8298 Hamilton Dr., Gloucester, VA 23061-5297.

## **NEW POLICY FOR CHURCH FUNERAL DINNERS**

At its monthly meeting in March, 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.

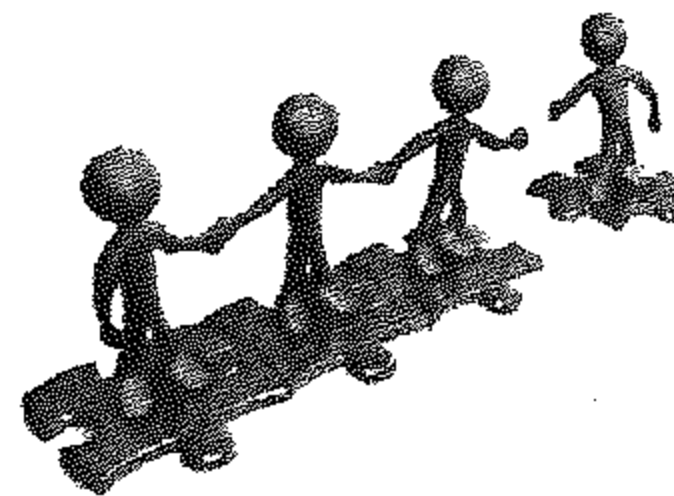
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## PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN:

- ☞ 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



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.

**SEASONAL VOLUNTEERS:** Mowing the church and manse yards. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the kitchen bulletin board OR contact the church office. THANK YOU for your STEWARDSHIP!

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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

Dawn Patrick, Christian Education Director • Floyd Roebuck, Youth Director

Heidi Smith, Music/Choir Director

Anita Gilbert, Church Secretary • Paul Fortier, Custodian

Sharon Leach, Clerk of Session • Janette Gonzales, Treasurer & Bookkeeper

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