



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

JULY & AUGUST 2026

Taymouth Tidings



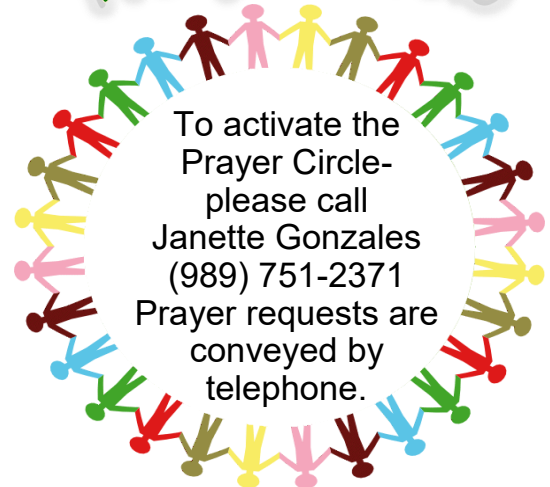
WELCOME!

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,
Lynn Hauk- Treasurer , Floyd Roebuck- Youth Director
12517 Morseville Rd. Birch Run, MI 48415
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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. (Holidays hours do vary).**

Prayer Circle



To activate the Prayer Circle-
please call
Janette Gonzales
(989) 751-2371
Prayer requests are
conveyed by
telephone.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

In an effort to save on postage and printing, please let us know if you are willing to enjoy the monthly Newsletter from our website at taymouthchurch.com, or if you would like to remain on the mailing list for a paper copy. You may respond with your request by email at taymouthchurch@msn.com or leave a message on our phone-(989) 624-9473. If we do not get a response from you, we will remove your address from our mailing list. **Thank you!**

MISSIONS

The Women At Risk (W.A.R.) pop-up pantry raised \$833.61 in product sales for the benefit of domestic and global human trafficking. The amount raised will sustain an individual for a little over 83 days in one of the partnering international safehouses! Thank you all for your support!

CHURCH VIABILITY COMMITTEE

**VIABILITY, THE ABILITY TO
CONTINUE AS INTENDED,
TO BRING PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST.**

The committee met on June 4th to discuss how best to implement the Five-year Strategic Vision Development plan. Copies of the plan are available from the church office or in the Fellowship Hall.

Chair- Richard Leach



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY			1	2	3	4 
5 9:30 am Outdoor Worship Services w/ Holy Communion 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 6th Sunday after Pentecost	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 7th Sunday after Pentecost	13	14	15	16 7:00 p.m. VBS Set-up	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 8th Sunday after Pentecost	20 6:30 PM VBS	21 6:30 PM VBS	22 6:30 PM VBS	23 6:30 PM VBS	24	25
26 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 9th Sunday after Pentecost	27	28	29	30	31	

God Bless America

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST						1
2 9:30 am Worship Services w/ Holy Communion 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 10th Sunday after Pentecost	3	4 6:00 p.m. B & G	5	6 6:00 p.m. Viability Meeting	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 11th Sunday after Pentecost	10	11 9:45 am Finance 7:00 pm Session	12	13	14	15
16 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 12th Sunday after Pentecost	17	18 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	19	20	21 6:30 PM CAMP OUT MOVIE NT.	22
23 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 13th Sunday after Pentecost	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 14th Sunday after Pentecost	31	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0f0ff;"> <p>WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAM TO FACEBOOK, 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS. Bulletins are available at taymouthchurch.com.</p> </div>				

“America the Beautiful”

Katherine Lee Bates, who was teacher and head of the English department at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, wrote the original lines of “America the Beautiful” in 1893, while teaching summer school in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where the Rocky Mountains and Pike’s Peak had especially impressed her.

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freed beat across the wilderness! America! America! God men thine ev’ry flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees, beyond the years, thine alabaster cities gleam—undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

This national hymn does more than inspire us to praise our great nation, writes hymnologist Kenneth Osbeck, it inspires us to pray for our great nation. He writes, “Each stanza is completed with an earnest plea for God’s grace, God’s healing, and God’s refining until we as a people achieve true brotherhood, law-abiding control, and nobility.” (Osbeck, *Amazing Grace*, p. 159, 2002).

Ms. Bates’ deep spiritual and religious beliefs called for this nation to reflect godly living. She writes, “We must match the greatness of our country with the goodness of personal godly living. If only we could couple the daring of the Pilgrims with the moral teachings of Moses, we would have something in this country that no one could ever take from us.” (Osbeck, p. 159, 2002).

As we venture out this summer with our vehicles, campers, and tents, to picnic, camp, hike, swim, or just sit at home in our backyards grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, let us all pray Ms. Bates’ hymn calling for our nation to renew its relationship with God.

I genuinely want to thank Mr. Osbeck for his devotional and historical insight into one of our national hymns which this pastoral perspective draws its contents from. Mr. Osbeck encourages all of us to open our hymnals and pray for our nation with sacred hymns!

Shalom, Pastor Scott



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NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

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

- Approved the Infinity Dance Co. to use our facilities for their class for the 2026-2027 season. They will be here on Wednesday night beginning this fall.
- Checking account balance currently stands at \$28,237.87 and the savings account balance stands at \$40,241.87; this includes other savings. Muriel Lakey scholarship was moved to checking for the scholarship presentation.
- Solar panels are up and helping the cameras stay charged.
- Viability committee is looking at sign advertisement, social media advertisements, and more.
- Approved Torrese Billings to help with sound for the outdoor service in July.
- Bingo at Birch Run Fields approved for June 28th.

Next meeting August 11, 2026.

**For a complete list, please contact the church office or the Clerk.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Church Clean-Day is scheduled for September 20th. A potluck will be included.
- Thank you to everyone that have been fixing things around the church and working hard on the lawns.
- This past year, Jim and Cindy Maher, retired from working the Rummage Sale. I am looking for a couple or more people to help from start to finish. This fundraiser is the one of our biggest to help with Building and Grounds needs. Please help!
- Huge THANK YOU to all the Building & Grounds team– you are all awesome!!

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair



Our thoughts and prayers are with Leanne Grover and family, in the passing of her grandson Aiden Sanocki on June 5, 2026. A service took place at the O'Guinn Family Funeral Home on Wed. June 10th. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. We are very sorry for his passing and ask that God be with all the family during this time.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mark your calendar for Vacation bible School! We will be hosting from July 21-23, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. "Follow Jesus" is the theme.

Dawn Patrick, CE Director

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

A BIG thank you to those who have volunteered to be coffee hour hosts! *If you would be interested in hosting, we can show you how!*



PER CAPITA

The rate for 2026 is \$35.00 per member. Thank you to all who have contributed to this obligation.

MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

	Received	Needed	Difference
Quarter 1, 2026			
	\$32,274	\$31,264	(+) 1,010
April	\$10,986	\$10,632	(+) 354
May	\$10,825	\$10,632	(+) 193



Event Planner Responsibilities

At the May 12th, 2026, regular stated meeting of Session, a new guideline for event planning was accepted. Anyone who has an idea for an event (e.g. dinner, tractor show, fundraisers, etc.) will be asked to follow the guidelines and assume responsibilities for the event. Communication with Pastor and the Administrative Assistant is a priority. A copy of the "Event Planner Responsibilities" is available in the church



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth
CAMP OUT

FAMILY ACTIVITIES | MOVIE | POTLUCK

AUGUST
21

6:30 P.M.

All are welcome for this night of fun in the great outdoors.
Join us for the bonfire, potluck, movies, popcorn, and more!
Bring a chair and a dish to pass!

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Sunday,
September 13,
2026

FALL KICK-OFF

*Noisy Offering
Sunday School
Bible Presentations*

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Church of Taymouth

FAMILY GAME NIGHT'S

COME OUT AND PLAY THE GAMES YOU KNOW AND LOVE!
LEARN NEW GAMES AND MEET NEW PEOPLE!
BRING YOUR FAVORITES GAMES AND
SNACK FOOD TO SHARE.

Friday's 7-9 p.m.
January 9
February 13
March 13
April 10
May 8
September 11
October 16
November 13

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2026

HUGE COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth
12517 Morseville Rd., Birch Run
5 Miles West of Birch Run and Half Mile South of the Taymouth Fire Hall

Thursday Oct. 8th
9am - 5pm

Friday Oct. 9th
9am - 5pm

KITCHEN ITEMS DECORATIVE ITEMS CLOTHING OF ELECTRONICS
SHOES PURSES LINENS ALL KINDS BOOKS

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT FIND!

Donations accepted from Sunday Oct. 4 - Wednesday Oct. 7

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Community Vacation Bible School

July 20th– 23rd, 2026

6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Ages Pre-K thru 5th Grade

(Teen Helpers Welcome!)

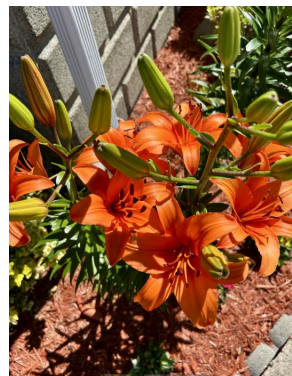
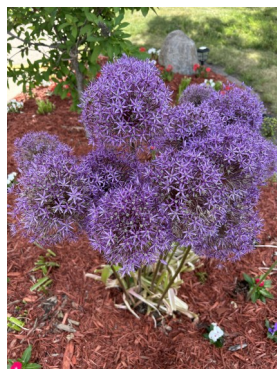
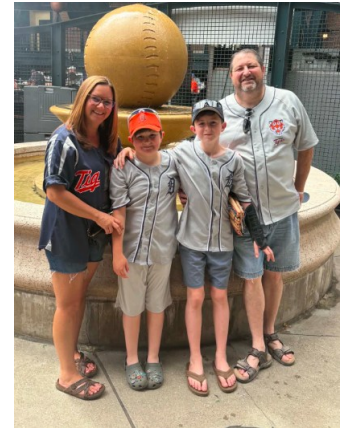
**Hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth
12517 Morseville Rd., Birch Run**

**Together with Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church,
Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run,
Birch Run United Methodist Church
and the Burt Fellowship Church.**

Admission is Free!

For more information, please call 989-624-9473

Generosity: Time, Talents, Resources



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Wishing you a blessed summer!

My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.

EXODUS 33:14



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