



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

JUNE 2024

Taymouth Tidings

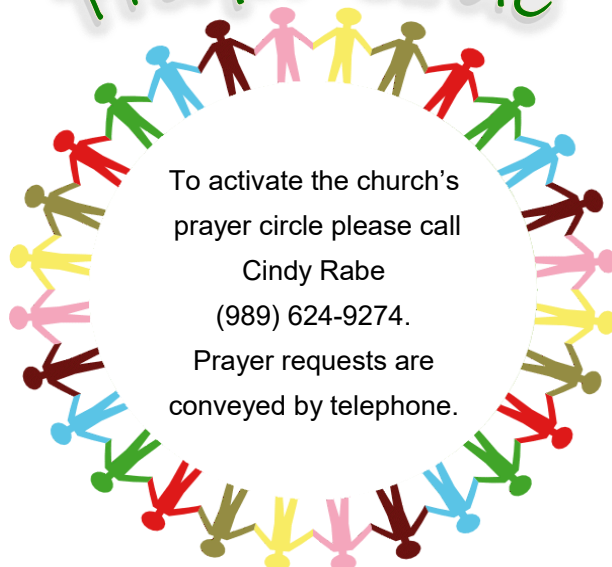


WELCOME!

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,
Heidi Smith- Musician, Ken Maurer- Custodian,
Lynn Hauk- Treasurer, Floyd Roebuck- Youth Director
12517 Morseville Rd. Birch Run, MI 48415
Phone: (989)624-9473, Website: www.taymouthchurch.com
Email: taymouthchurch@msn.com, Facebook: Taymouth Presbyterian Church

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 church's
prayer circle please call

Cindy Rabe
(989) 624-9274.

Prayer requests are
conveyed by telephone.



Community Vacation Bible School

July 22nd—25th, 2024

6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Ages Pre-K thru 5th Grade

Hosted by Christ Lutheran Church
8101 Poellet St, Birch Run

Together with First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth,
Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church,
Birch Run United Methodist Church
and the Burt Global Methodist Church.

Pre-register at: <https://birchrun.mycokesburyvbs.com>

Admission is Free!

For more information, please call 989-624-9473

Please join us for a **Baby Shower**

**Fundraiser for the Baby Pantry of
Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run**

Sunday, June 30
1:00 - 3:00 PM

RSVP Regrets only by June 14
to (989) 624-9473

**Instead of buying a card, buy a children's book
and sign it! See the back for gift suggestions.**

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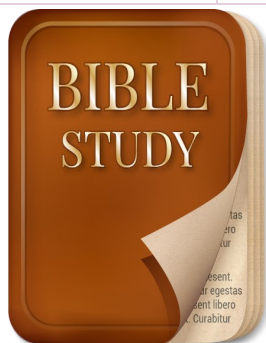
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>JUNE</div>			<div>Per Capita 2024- \$29.50 per member</div>			1
2 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Graduation Honoring & Muriel Lakey Scholarship Presentation 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	3	4 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	10	11 5:00 Audit 6:00 p.m. Car Show Meet 7:00 p.m. Session	12	13	14 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	15
16 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour Happy Father's Day 4th Sunday after Pentecost	17	18 12:00 P.M. FINANCE MEET NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	19	20 Emergency Planning Meet 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Home Plate
23 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 5th Sunday after Pentecost	24	25 CPR CLASS 5:00-8:00 P.M. BY RESERVATIONS ONLY.	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour Baby Shower Fundraiser 6th Sunday after Pentecost						



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Would you be interested in a Bible Study learning about the Book of Revelation? Session has had some discussion that if there is enough interest, we will begin to look at scheduling some time for this study. Please contact the office to get on a list, 989-624-9473. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for interested persons. Thank you!

MISSIONS

Women at Risk, May 4, 2024— Kathy Rogers has been the contact person for our church with WAR. Items to be sold were delivered to her home. The sale began May 4 from 10 am to 1 pm. Set up was the day before on May 3 at 4 pm. Members removed items from plastic bags. Jewelry such as pins, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, and key chains were set out on colored table cloths. Beautiful scarfs were displayed while ornaments were placed on a wire tree sparkling to catch one's eye for Christmas Decorations. Children's items were place on one table such at stuffed animals, little bags or purses.

Many thanks to Kathy Maurer and Janette Gonzales that took care of the purchases, accounting such as taxes, etc. The square was used to record credit card sales. The amount goes directly to WAR. We do not make money off this event. However, it is a very worthwhile organization as it rescues women from horrific situations. Each customer filled out an order form with name, address, phone, and email, hostess (TPC), and date. For each item sold, the price tag is removed and placed on the form. Donations are kept separate so tax is not included.

The total number of items sold was \$1,110.83. A great big thank you to all who worked on the sale and those who made purchase to make our event a success.

Beverly Robertson, Missions Chair

“Big Heart Farms...Where God’s Fruit Grows!”

These past months I have come to know what the fruit of the Spirit is and is not. Our Sunday School children on Youth Sunday, sang a song, “Fruit of the Spirit,” telling us the fruit of the Spirit is not coconuts, bananas, watermelons, lemons, cherries, grapes, oranges, strawberries, pears, apples, or pineapples. Rather, the Spirit’s fruit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Also, as dramatized by our church’s puppet ministry, I have come to understand the essence of what it means to live out or to live by the Spirit’s fruit from Farmer Brown, Farmer Dan, and their fellow farmers on Big Heart Farms such as Farmer Stingy, Farmer Grumpy, Farmer Worry, Farmer Mean, Farmer Unfaithful, Farmer Harsh, Farmer Hungry, Farmer Impatient. As Farmer Brown said at the conclusion of the play, “All a person needs to do is to act like Jesus.”

I must say, it is not always easy to act like Jesus, and yet we are asked to do so. God wants us to portray and depict a Christ-like persona. I can relate to all the different farmers’ personas working on Big Heart Farms. There are times I possess the best of what Farmers Brown and Dan tells us to do—be like Jesus; and yet, Farmers Stingy, Grumpy, Worry, Mean, Unfaithful, Harsh, Hungry, and Impatient enter my thoughts and get the better of me.

Sadly, this is a constant battle within me. Some days are better than others. I have discovered no one is perfect. Yet, as I mature in my faith walk recognizing my imperfections towards perfection, my sinfulness towards holiness, I know the Holy Spirit leads me, guides me, controls me, directs me, teaches me, and prays with me to be like Jesus Christ.

Truly, this is a formidable faith development process. It is a real humbling spiritual walk. I recognized the Holy Spirit’s presence towing my soul saying, “God forgives you. God loves you. Now, let us try this again—living a Christ-like life—expressing the fruit of the Spirit by keeping in step with the song, “Fruit of the Spirit,” as the farmers sing and dance down on Big Heart Farms.”

Like our Sunday School children did, please sing and dance with me: “Fruit of the Spirit is not a coconut (raise up your right arm); Fruit of the Spirit is not a banana (raise up your left arm); Fruit of the Spirit is not a watermelon (raise up your right leg); Fruit of the Spirit is not a Lemon (raise up your left leg); Fruit of the Spirit is not a cherry (raise up both hands); Fruit of the Spirit is not grapes (hug yourself with both arms). Chorus: Because the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

Thank you, Christian Education Director, Christian Education Committee, Church Youth, and Sunday School Children for teaching me the fruit of the Spirit and showing me how to live by the Spirit.
Shalom, Pastor Scott



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session, following items were discussed and approved at May's Session meeting:

- We received a thank you note from the Taymouth Fire Department for the money donated to them.
- Game Nights on May 10, 2024, had 14 people visit and play games.
- Muriel Lakey Scholarship Committee met and voted to split the scholarship between the 2 candidates that have applied. Each will receive \$632.71. Thank you Hunter Patrick and Kerri Prout for applying. Scholarships will be awarded on June 2, Graduation Sunday.
- Funeral Committee served about 100 for Beverly Lee's funeral. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped.
- Approved Building and Grounds Comm. to Pre-sell Pasties. Ordering will begin in September for \$8 a pasty. Money from the fundraiser will go to the General Fund. See Terri Rudzitis or Carolyn Weston for details.
- Approved Emergency and Preparation Response Planning Committee to hold a CPR/AED class in Fellowship Hall. Date and time TBD.
- Missions made \$1,110.83 for W.A.R. and this was enough to house 3 women for 3 months.
- Member Care is hosting a Baby Shower for the Baby Panty of Birch Run Christ Lutheran Church on June 30th. More details to come.
- New door sign is up for May and June. Next meeting May 14, 2024.
- **For a complete list, please contact the church office or the Clerk.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- We will be having a Pasty Fundraiser this fall and will start taking orders in September with a deadline of Oct. 18. All orders have to be pre-paid. We will be asking for donations of product to help with costs. Pick up dates will be Nov. 8 or 9. Help is needed!
- Thanks to the ones who have helped clean the church and brought food for the potluck.
- Thank you for all the painters! We will still need more help starting again in Sept. with the Fellowship hall. Please help so we can do this in just one day!
- Thank you to all the mowers and planters! Please adopt-a-garden to make our church beautiful!

Thank you!

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair



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!*



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Membership with First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth is for anyone who acknowledges Jesus Christ as their Lord and 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.

**WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAM TO
FACEBOOK, 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS.**

Bulletins are available at
taymouthchurch.com.

MEMBER CARE

Reach Up, Reach Out, to Reach all!

Best day ever, April 28, with Bingo at Birch Run Fields Assisted Living. Residents totaled 14, 6 joined us for Bingo. Pop and chocolate are always a hit. Marge and Cindy furnished cake and ice cream.

There are all new children's books in the Lending Library, along with DVD's. Please go check them out.

We will be hosting the 2nd Annual Baby Pantry Shower on June 30th. Shower items will go to Christ Lutheran Church Baby Pantry. What a fun way to collect items. Invitations will be mailed to all ladies of our church. Items can be new or gently used. Rummage sale items are a great resource. Wish list includes: Diapers sizes 5 and 6 only, Wipes, Potty chairs, seats for babies, Jumpers, Onesies all sizes, Toys, shampoo, lotion, body wash, high chairs, ride on toys, saucers, Bumbo seats, receiving blankets and clothes for infants to toddlers. Instead of buying a card with your gift, bring a book and sign it please.

Don't forget the beautiful prayer shawls and lap robes in the Fellowship Hall cabinet. Extend comfort or celebrate a joy!

Thank you! Holly, Chair of Member Care

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Great job puppeteers! Jack, Kylie, and Carissa were wonderful performing for the puppet show on April 28! Thank you to Floyd and Elizabeth for all their hard work with skit prep, set up, and helping!

Thank you to Ally, Kylie, Carissa, Jaxon, Peter, Nellie, Kathryn, Rowen, Grace, Benjamin, Tobeigh, and Frances for all doing a fantastic job for Youth Sunday! Fruit of the Spirit was so much fun learning this past year and we hope you all learned along with us!

Vacation Bible School planning is under way. This year, Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run will be the host of the community VBS. The theme of Camp Firelight will take place Monday, July 22nd thru Thursday, July 25th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Together with Christ Lutheran Church, Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church, Birch Run and Burt Methodist Churches, we are planning a great learning, creating, and growing in faith event for all kids' pre-school thru 5th grade. Don't forget to mark your calendar!

Sunday School and Youth Group are now in recess for the summer months. We will reconvene on Kick-Off Sunday, September 8 with Bible Presentations and Noisy offering.

The ninth Fruit of the Spirit is Self-Control— *“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.”* James 1:19.

Blessings, Dawn Patrick, CE Director



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TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

Cost Per Person is \$45.00, Reserve your space and Pre-pay with Checks made out to Will Barnum. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, June 16.

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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 7:00 - 9:00 pm
June 14
July 12
August 9

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CAMP OUT

FAMILY ACTIVITIES | DRIVE-IN MOVIE | POTLUCK

AUGUST 16

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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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TAYMOUTH PRESENTS 4TH ANNUAL

CAR, TRUCK, TRACTOR & MORE SHOW

2024 SEPTEMBER 28 10 AM-2PM

OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES OF ALL AGES!

REGISTRATION FROM 9AM-12PM
TWO 50/50 RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWINGS
AWARDS GIVEN BASED ON SPECATOR VOTING
VEHICLE ENTRY FEE: MINIMUM \$15.00 DONATION

Food Trucks, Concessions, and Family Fun!
Face Painting and Kids Games with Prizes.

VENDOR MARKETPLACE

\$10 for a Space. Available on first come first serve basis.
Contact the Church office to reserve your spot!

EVENT LOCATION: 12517 MORSEVILLE RD. BIRCH RUN, MI 48415
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PER CAPITA

Thank you all that have made their contribution to the Per Capita commitment for this year. As of the middle of May, we have received \$1,930.27 of \$3,098 needed. If you have not had the chance to contribute, you still have until December 31. The rate for 2024 is \$29.50 per member.

WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

PER CAPITA has been part of our funding history for over 150 years. When presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly meet, they are conducting the legislative and judicial business of the church and incur necessary expenses. There are also some necessary administrative expenses involved which enable these ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions to be performed. Historically, per capita has been used to fund these. Importantly, per capita funding enables governing councils to make decisions regarding distribution of mission dollars without itself being funded by those same dollars.

The whole church shares in these expenses since everyone who is a member shares in the benefits of this system of church government. Per capita provides for the financial participation of all local churches as part of a connectional and representative church, thus providing for unity and mutual responsibility within the church.

HOW IS PER CAPITA CALCULATED?

The Per Capita Apportionment in the Presbytery of Lake Huron is based on a portion of certain salaries and expenses which are part of the operating expenses of the Presbytery.

Per Capita is the cost of being a Presbyterian, and if each member pays the per capita amount above his/her pledge or regular giving, pressure on the local budget is reduced.

Paying per capita is similar to:

- contributing one's dish to a potluck meal
- paying to be connected to the internet
- paying for the benefit of utilities, like electricity, gas, water
- pitching in with others to pay for gasoline on a road trip

In order to keep presbytery's per capita rate from escalating the per capita portion of the budget is subsidized with a distribution from Presbytery's investments.

WHERE DO OUR PER CAPITA DOLLARS GO?

The amount that is set for per capita apportionment is a calculation based on the number of church members and the budget established annually by each governing body. At the presbytery level per capita pays for a number of items including:

- the mortgage payment on the presbytery office
- the office of the Stated Clerk including his salary and that of the Recording Clerk
- salaries of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and the Administrative Assistant
- insurance coverage, legal counsel, annual audit
- costs associated with operating the presbytery office meeting costs for our standing units

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

The first quarter contributions were not able to meet the budget needs of the church. A tough decision was then made by Personell Comm. and Session to lay-off or make all support staff volunteers. While this was not a decision that was easy to make, it will hopefully alleviate some stress on being able to pay all our bills.

The Finance Comm., with some additional members, will be meeting again on June 18, at 12:00 noon, to begin discussing budget changes. Winter months always trend downward in giving and upward in some of the costly areas such as Consumers.

Last year the Finance Committee set a goal of stabilizing the check book with a balance of \$12,000 for three months in a row. An added cushion would be helpful in slower months. Unfortunately, this has not been able to occur and then led partly to the current situation.

We are, however, always trying to reduce costs and save in all areas possible of the budget. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated! We have already received some extra and wonderful monetary gifts and appreciate any amount you can contribute.

As a reminder, church finances "ride the waves" and is in no way a reflection on our overall ministry! We are strong and blessed in so many ways and will continue to Praise God through all the ups and downs! May we all be faithful and willing to help fulfill God's plans for our ministry!

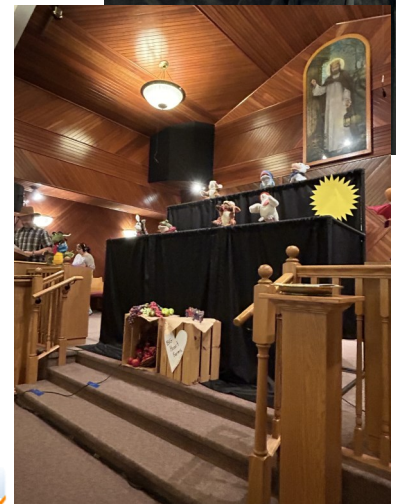
Please let us know if you have any concerns or ideas that can be discussed at our next meeting. The Finance Committee members are Lynn Hauk, Terri Rudzitis, and Judy Robertson.

Blessings! Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary

MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received	Needed	Difference
January \$10,456	\$13,000	(-) 2,544
February \$ 8,656	\$13,000	(-) 4,344
March \$12,781	\$13,000	(-) 219
April \$10,052	\$13,000	(-) 2,948

Life at Taymouth!



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD ITEM ASSISTANCE

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 pick up. 1311 North Michigan Ave. Saginaw MI 48602

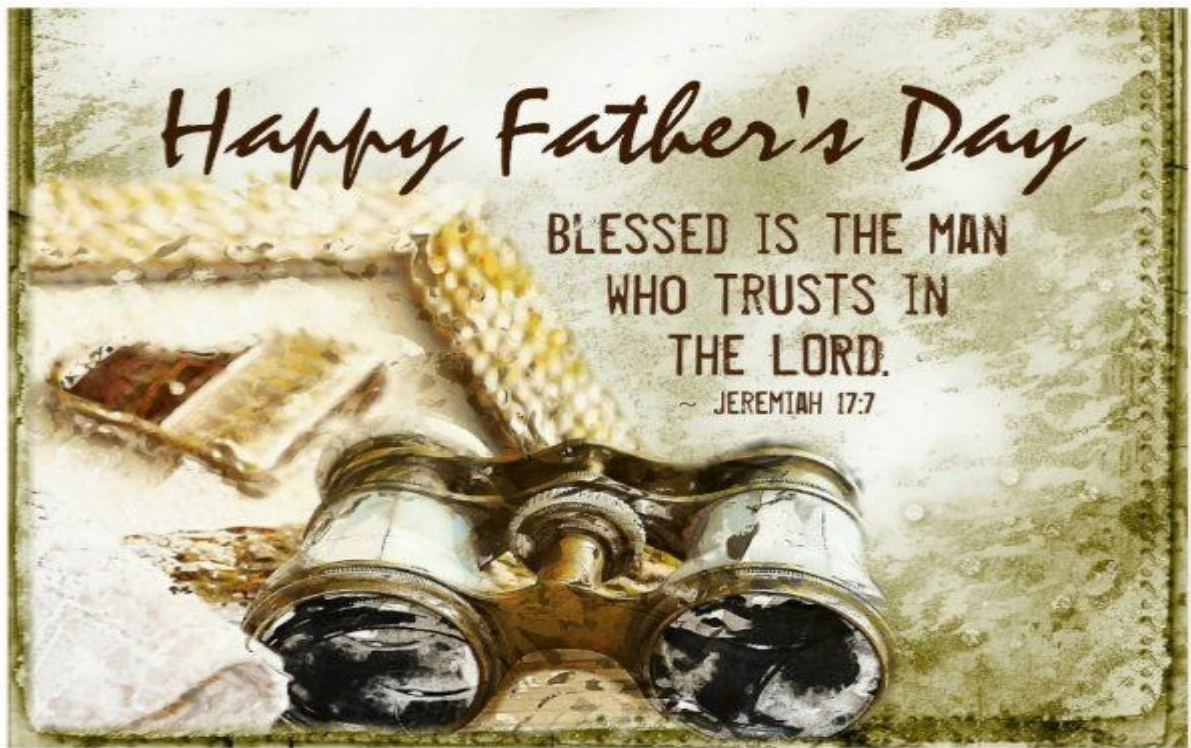
FOOD PANTRIES

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.

Birch Run Taymouth CARE Program: is part of the Community Education at (989) 624-6229

Old Town Christian 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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