



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

JUNE 2025

Taymouth Tidings

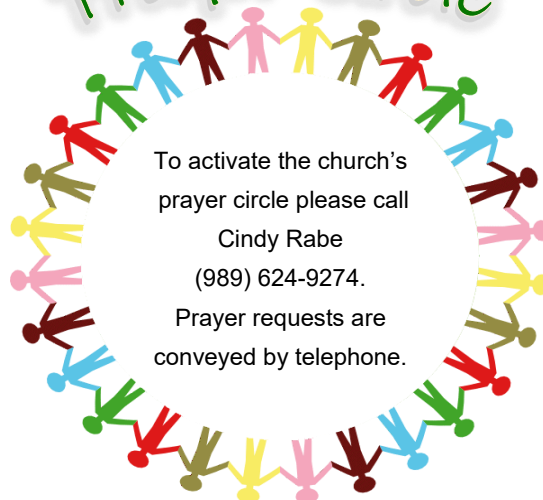
HAPPY
Father's Day

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, Lynn Hauk- Treasurer ,
Floyd Roebuck- Youth Director
12517 Morseville Rd. Birch Run, MI 48415
Phone: (989)624-9473, Website: www.taymouthchurch.com
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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 church's
prayer circle please call
Cindy Rabe
(989) 624-9274.
Prayer requests are
conveyed by telephone.

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Quilt show

Saturday,
June 7, 2025

10:00 am-
2:00 pm

Showcasing Community Quilters
All are welcome to display their talents!

Featuring:
Quilt of Valor
Quilted Hearts Quilting
Frankenmuth Area Barn Quilts
Children's Quilts for Charity

Raffle tickets and Lunch items
available for purchase.
Raffle proceeds go towards Quilt of Valor.
Lunch proceeds go to Taymouth Pres. Church

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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 - 9 p.m.
June 13
July 11
August 8
September 12
October 17
November 14

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 am. Worship Service Graduation Sunday 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 7th Sunday of Easter	2 7:00 P.M. GRIEF SUPPORT	3 6:00 p.m. B & G	4	5 12:00-6:00 PM SET-UP QUILT SHOW 6:00 PM- VIABILITY	6 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM SET-UP QUILT SHOW	7 10:00 am- 2:00 pm Quilt Show
8 9:30 am. Worship Service w/ Holy communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour Day of Pentecost	9	10 9:45 am Finance 5:30 pm Audit 7:00 pm Session	11	12	13 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	14
15 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour Trinity Sunday Fathers Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:30 a.m. Worship Service- 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	23	24 Newsletter Items Due	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	30		<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: blue;">JUNE</div>			



PAINTING PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Session approved the Building & Grounds Committee proposal to clean and paint the outside of the church building! The whole church will receive a good power wash and then four major sections of peeling paint will be sanded and painted to make it look new. The total cost for this project is \$7,200. Already, an anonymous donation of \$2500 has been given and \$2100 from B & G dinner profits this past year, will go towards the cost. We are asking for your help to donate towards the remaining \$2600. This is a much-needed upgrade to keep our property protected, preserved and looking great! The value in doing this for our church building far exceeds the cost and we are thankful for the great price we have received from the painter. Please contact Terri Rudzitis or Pastor Scott with any questions.

Thank you!!

“Road Trip”

During the Middle Ages, everyone knew that it had been in spring that the earth was first created. And so spring was a good time of the year to begin things, and a most fitting time to start out on a venture as holy as a pilgrimage to Canterbury.

Then too, with winter ending, it was a relief to be done with dark castles, too little heart, and a dull diet of light foods. It's little wonder that:

When in April the sweet showers fall

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Then people long to go on pilgrimages
And palmers long to seek the stranger strands
Of far-off saints, hallowed in sundry lands.
And specially, from every shire's end
In England, down to Canterbury they wend.
(Geoffery Chaucer, The Canterbury Tales)

Chaucer's fourteenth-century Canterbury Tales form the last of the medieval pilgrim literature with the pilgrimage itself serving as a framework story, which binds together twenty-nine individual derogatory tales/stories about the jobs and social positions of one another. It is out of the clashes of the personalities on the trip that the stories grow. And so it is that this literal pilgrimage mirrors the pilgrimage of human life. (John Gardner, The Poetry of Chaucer, 1977)

I discovered my “pilgrimage of human life,” my “road trip,” is “Pentecost,” the fiftieth day of the season of Easter. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people. Pentecost represents the culmination of the church's seven-week celebration of Christ's resurrection. As the Lord's Day is sometime called the “eighth day” of creation, Pentecost is a day of new creation—all things transformed and made new by the Word and Breath of the living God. On the Day of Pentecost we give particular thanks for the gift of God's Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ's mission throughout the world. (p. 344, Book of Common Worship, 2018)

I believe we all have a great amount of generous stories to share with one another and with our neighbors about God's Holy Spirit touching our lives. These sacred stories impact our very lives with an attitude for gratitude. During the Season of Pentecost, I invite you to take a holy “road trip” travelling with the Holy Spirit in your “pilgrimage of human life.” Please tell your stories about Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to friends and strangers alike, to transform our community and world to become a better place where peace, harmony, and love reigns.

“Shalom”, Pastor Scott



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

The following items were discussed and approved at May's Session meeting:

- We talked about updating our Mission Statement with active language but simplifying it.
- Our April bills are always high for this quarter as most of the yearly bills come out this time of year. No money moved into the savings account this month. Finance and Personnel have been having active conversations about staff salaries with Session.
- Audit Committee will be meeting on June 10, 2025, to review the books.
- Building and Grounds have been busy this month. Check with them to see all the good things they have been up to. Approved the outside of the church to be painted. See Bulletins for more details.
- New ideas coming for our birthday month of October.
- Racism Policy to be approved and implemented by August session meeting.
- Next meeting June 10, 2025.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Thank you to everyone for helping clean the church! Your help is appreciated especially in the summer as some of our regulars will be gone on vacations. If you are interested in helping, meet on Tuesday mornings at 9am. It takes about 1 hour.
- Thank you to all the cleaners and mowers!!
- Thank you to Rick Hauk, Jim Maher, Andy and Terri Rudzitis, Dennis Neahusan, and Pastor Scott for all their hard work on painting the manse!! There is still some areas needing paint and new dates will be coming soon. If you can help, let us know.
- Thank you to Pete McIntosh for working on the wood doors.
- Thank you to Jim Maher, Andy Rudzitis, and Rick Hauk for installing air conditioners.
- A new Pastie Fundraiser will be coming in the fall with delivery in November.
- The church garage will be cleaned out this September.
- Huge THANK YOU to all the Building & Grounds team who work so hard to keep things working and looking great!!!

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair

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.

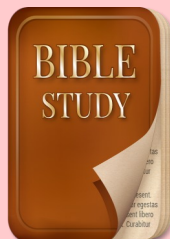
COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

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



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Dates are under consideration for a future Bible Study! Stay tuned as Pastor works out his scheduling.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thank you to Peter, Bri, Jaxon, Rowen, Jack K., Benjamin, Grace, Tobeigh, Frances, Nellie and Kathryn for doing such a great job on Youth Sunday! We are so thankful for all of you!

Noisy Offering collected \$196.00-Thank you!

Thank you to all the wonderful help from the Christian Education Team this past year as we divided the children up into two groups. Floyd, Elizabeth, Marc, Megan, and Olivia all stepped in to work with the children whenever needed! I appreciate you all!

Next up is VBS on July 21-24 at the Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church. Please see the flyer for all the details!

"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you" Psalm 56:3. Dawn Patrick, CE Director

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

Bulletins are available at taymouthchurch.com.

NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

We have been blessed to welcome three new members and a re-affirmation membership. The following questions were asked of Donna Felton who re-affirmed her membership in January 2025.

Welcome Donna!

1. What led you to start attending this church?
"It was time to start coming again."
2. When were you Baptized?
"I was Baptized as a teenager in the early 1950's at Washington Ave. Presbyterian Church."
3. What church background do you come from?
"My family and I attended the Washington Ave. Presbyterian Church for many years. I used to sing in the choir."
4. Are there any specific areas of your faith that you feel particularly passionate about?
"I have always been passionate about my faith! I truly believe in God and Jesus."
5. What are some of your hobbies or interests outside of church?
"I love my antiques and appraising them."

PER CAPITA

The rate for 2025 is \$30.69 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

MISSIONS

Calling all crafters and those that can create items or make homemade treats for sale. All donations are welcome! **MISSION MARKET PLACE** is coming up on November 15th and 16th. This will give you some time to think about what you want to contribute. Items will be available for Christmas shopping. Your help will provide funds to bless others.

Beverly Robertson, Chair

MEAL TRAIN

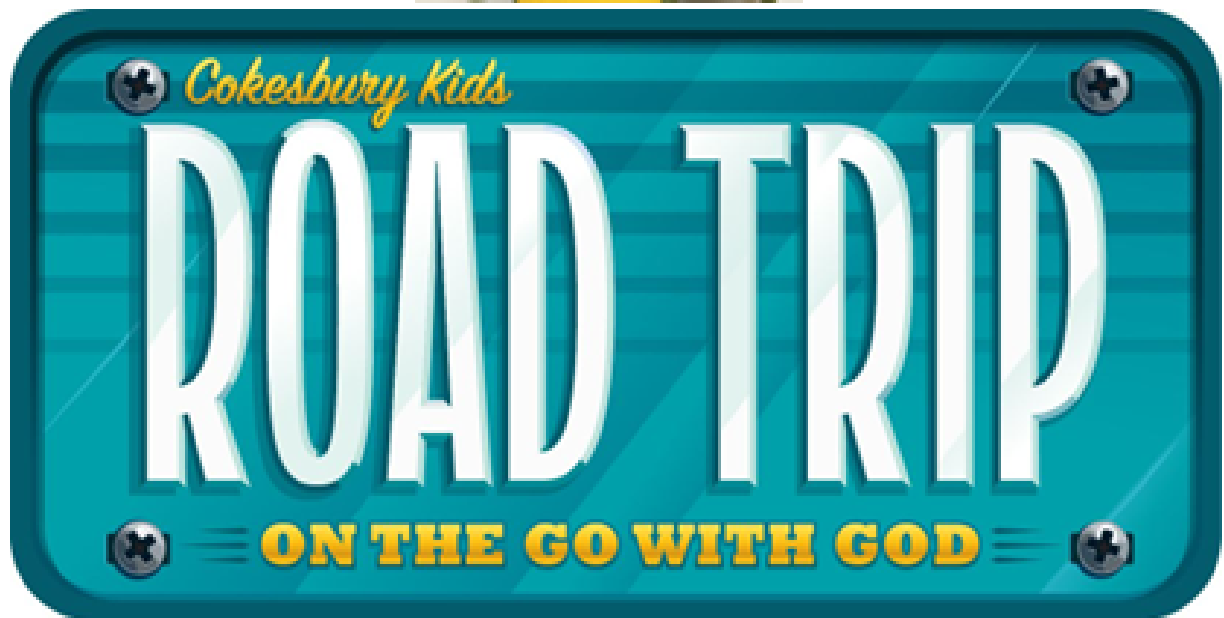
This wonderful outreach to our church family is in need of a new coordinator. Please let the church office know if you would be interested. This program organized willing participants to provide meals to those who may be injured, healing from surgery, sick, etc.. We THANK Carolyn and Rich Weston for giving of their time to this loving program for many years!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A new gathering for anyone experiencing loss or grief in any form and for any reason is invited to attend this group on the first Monday of the month at the Christ Lutheran Church in Birch Run from 7:00- 8:00 pm. This is open to anyone who would like to talk about what they are experiencing and receive support through listening, information and prayer. For more information, please call the Christ Lutheran Church at 989-624-9378.

MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received	Needed	Difference
January \$11,455	\$10,000	(+) \$1,455
February \$8,061	\$10,000	(-) \$1,939
March \$14,620	\$10,000	(+) 4,620
April \$10,067	\$10,000	(+) 67



Community Vacation Bible School

July 21st—24th , 2025

6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Ages Pre-K thru 5th Grade

(Teen Helpers Welcome!)

Hosted by Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church
12157 Church St., Birch Run

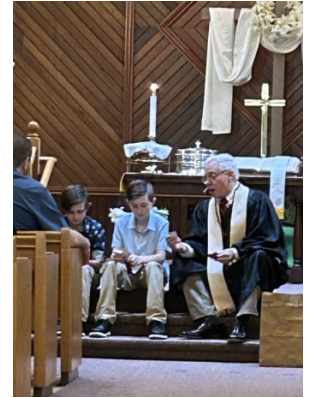
Together with First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth,
Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run, Birch Run United
Methodist Church and the Burt Fellowship Church.

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

Admission is Free!

For more information, please call 989-624-9473

Generosity: Time, Talents, Resources





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