



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

DECEMBER 2021

Taymouth Tidings



WELCOME!

Sunday Worship—9:30am

Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor

Sarah Schriber— Secretary, Heidi Smith— Music Director

Christine Callender-Clerk of Session, Carolyn Weston-Treasurer

Dawn Patrick—Financial Secretary and Christian Education Director

Floyd Roebuck-Youth Director, Paul Fortier-Custodian

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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.

We are here for you!

Join us for a

COOKIE WALK, BAKE SALE & CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE

Saturday, December 18, 2021
9:00am to Noon
First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth
12517 Morseville Rd., Birch Run, MI

Cookies are \$8.00 Large Container
and \$5.00 Small Container.

Masks are required.

Prayer Circle



To activate the church's
prayer circle please call
Cindy Rabe (989) 624-9274.

Prayer requests are
conveyed by telephone.

TEXTING AND EMAIL PHISHING SCAM

Recently Pastor Scott has been informed of someone using his name to send messages asking for favors. They were not sent by him and were not sent with his phone number or email addresses.

If you receive such a text or email from "Pastor Scott" please disregard it, and inform him either on his cell phone (559)816-9564, or on the church phone.

As we celebrate Christmas, you are welcome to donate a poinsettia or other floral arrangement in honor of a loved one.

Please drop off flowers in the Geneva room, during office hours.

There will be a sign-up sheet for the memorial names.



DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:30 a.m. Livestream & In-Person Service 10:30 a.m. Worship Committee 4:30 p.m. Christmas in the Country Service at St. Paul Church 5 p.m. Nativity Walk in Frankentrost <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	6	7 4:00 p.m. Rock Candy Making 7:00 p.m. B&G Meets	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 a.m. Livestream & In-Person Service <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	13	14 7:00 p.m. Session Meets	15	16		18 9:00 a.m. — 12 p.m. Cookie Walk, Bake Sale, and Christmas Marketplace
19 9:30 a.m. Livestream & In-Person Service During Worship— Noisy Offering & Children's Christmas Program <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	20	21 <i>Newsletter Items Due for January</i>	22	23		25  <i>CHRISTMAS</i>
26 9:30 a.m. Livestream & In-Person Service	27	28	29	30	31	1
					<i>NEW YEAR'S EVE</i>	<i>NEW YEARS DAY</i>



CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN

Living Nativity

On Sunday, December 5, 5:00pm, we will meet at the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Frankentrost to join the pilgrims on our way to Bethlehem to be counted! This visit will surely get you and your family ready for the Christmas Season!

Rock Candy Making

Please come and help us make Rock Candy! Tuesday, December 7. Beginning at 4pm in the Church Kitchen. The sale of the candy will be a fundraiser for Social Media upgrades. Youth Service hours available.



Children's Christmas Program

DECEMBER 19

Please join us during the Worship Service for special music performed by our children. Noisy Offering will also be collected.

ROCK CANDY FUNDRAISER

STARTING DEC. 12TH, Social Media will be selling Rock Candy on Sundays during Coffee Hour until it runs out.

\$3 FOR 1/2 LB.
\$5 FOR 1 LB.

PRE-ORDERS NOT AVAILABLE.
 FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.



THE MAGIC OF WONDER



Michigan has a rich history of magic. The American Museum of Magic is located in Marshall, Michigan. In this museum one can see what magic does for people's lives. There is an extensive collection of America's magicians and their personas within the museum's walls. South of Marshall there is the town, Colon, Michigan, which is referred to by some people as being the "Magic Capital of the World." I expect some folks may dispute the significance of Colon being the "Capital of Magic," but I wouldn't question it too much.

The reason for this is that ever since the latter part of the 19th Century and the early half of the 20th Century many traveling magicians would find respite during the summer months in south central Michigan between Chicago and Detroit along the railways. Michigan summers are cool and many magicians would congregate in Colon to work out their yearly acts. Their support and inspiration of one another created several manufacturing businesses like Abbott Magic Company in making magic become real.

Another reason why I would not question Colon as being the "Magic Capital of the World" is that there are some 28 famous magicians including Harry Blackstone, Sr. (1885-1965) buried at Lakeside Cemetery in Colon. I think when you have that many magicians congregating in one place to find their final resting place I feel a community has the right to claim itself to be "The Capital of Magic" worldwide.

Traveling Michigan's roadways, one can find the wonderment of magic in Michigan's nature and history including the First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth. I have always felt our church is a magical place to experience God's grace, ever since 1868. Come and ponder the wonderment of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Here in our sanctuary resides God's magic of wonder, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

I want to thank all our church "magicians," young and old alike, especially, Elizabeth Roebuck, Dawn Patrick, Barb McIntosh, Hunter Patrick, Peter Roebuck, Francis Roebuck, and Nellie Roebuck for bringing the wonderment of Advent's, Christmas' and Epiphany's magic together to create our sacred space to worship God, "Immanuel—God with Us," in Jesus Christ.

Shalom,
Pastor Scott



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

SESSION MEETING: NOV. 9TH

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

Online giving is currently being researched.

Friday night, Game night returns January 2022.

Chimney covered at Manse. Ken Jones will do snow plowing in parking lot.

Grant \$1,400.00 for Sound system approved by Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation.

NEXT SESSION MEETING:

DEC. 14TH, 2021, AT 7 P.M.

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

For a complete list of all items discussed at the Session meeting, please contact the church office or the Clerk of Session.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

A BIG thank you to all those who volunteered to be coffee hour hosts in November and December!

We're on the look out for our January Coffee Hour Hosts.

Thank you to everyone who signs up to help make our coffee hours happen!



SUNDAY SHEPHERD & USHERS

In order to make each Sunday's worship a wonderful experience for all. We are in need of volunteers for ushering and Sunday Shepherd.



Ushers pass out bulletins, collect the offering, get to ring the church bell, and light the alter candles.



The Sunday Shepherd oversees and monitors the safety of our congregation, and is responsible to call 911 in case of an emergency.

If you are interested in volunteering at all, please see **Sharon Leach** for December.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A few of our Bible Friends made their stage debut! If you missed it, don't worry, they will be back soon! They were so excited to talk about what they have learned and yes, they were a little bit nervous! Thank you to Floyd and Elizabeth for all the stage work and script writing. Thank you to Piggy, Dove, Donkey and Lamb Lamb for showing us how to live out the Greatest Commandment!

December is a special month for celebrating Jesus's Birthday! Please join us at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Frankentrost at 5:00pm on Sunday, December 5 for a pilgrimage through Bethlehem. Listen to the Shepherds message, the sounds of the village, the prophets, and the wonder of Christ's birth. This is a very special start to Advent.

On Tuesday, December 7, starting at 4:00pm, we will be making Rock Candy in the church kitchen and you are all invited to help! Christian Education will be selling the candy as a fundraiser towards the Sound System upgrade. Please help out if you can!

The Children's Christmas program will take place during the worship service on Sunday, December 19. A Noisy offering will be collected and the annual candy bags will be given out.

Finally, are you looking for a gift for that Hockey person in your life? The Youth Group will be having an outing to go see the Red Wings on their Faith Night, Thursday, January 13. A concert and testimonial will begin at 6:00pm with the game at 7:30pm. Reservations and payment are due by December 15 to Floyd Roebuck.

Thank you all for your support and help throughout this year! May you be blessed with a very Merry Christmas!

God Bless,
Dawn Patrick
CE Director

MISSION COMMITTEE



I apologize for telling everyone the deadline for the Shoeboxes to be returned was Nov. 29th. It actually has a firm date of Dec. 5th, as they have to be delivered to the various agencies Dec. 6th.

The Cookie Walk and Mission Marketplace both open to the public on Saturday December 18 are fast approaching. Our crafters are busy stocking up on items to sell (do you have any to donate?) We thank you all for making this event a success each year. We love the excitement that comes with the auction on Sunday December 19th.

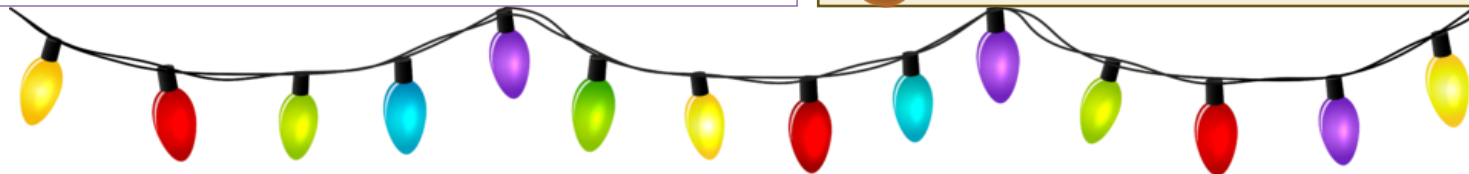
The months of January and February we will be hosting a Pre-Lent Pantry Food Fight. It will be much like the Penny War with the North against the South side of the sanctuary. Designated items will be asked for each week and if by chance someone should choose to sabotage the opposite side, it should be interesting. Of course, all the items are to be donated to the Ss. Frances and Clare Food Pantry. There will be bonus points for special items and the opportunity to donate cash for the Pantry to purchase fresh items such as Milk and eggs.

On April 30th there will be plenty of items to choose from the Women At Risk Display just in time for Mothers Day.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with blessings to abound.



BLESSINGS,
JANETTE GONZALES
CHAIRPERSON



TAYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Christmas in the Country

December 5, 2021
at 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a Christmas celebration at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cook Cemetery. Enjoy special music, Christmas carols, and a visit from Santa.

Please bring 2 cans of food to donate to Birch Run Care. A free will donation will be accepted to go towards the restoration of the church. Refreshments will be provided.



ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS

Looking for old bed pillows, blankets, pillowcases, towels and dog food. To be given to the Saginaw Animal Shelter and/or Amazing Grace Animal shelter to put in the kennels to make the animals feel more secure.

Contact Janette at (989)751-2371
for pick up or give your donations to her



YARN AND THREAD

Just a reminder about the cupboard in the Fellowship Hall. There are beautiful prayer shawls and lap robes. Share a joy or extend comfort to a loved one. These are for you to take.



Holly

PER CAPITA

Near the close of the year, we begin looking at our finances and budget. One of the largest portions to take care of is the Per Capita. As of this printing, we have collected \$2,188.84 needed of our total due \$3,911.36. Balance remaining to collect is \$1722.52. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making your per capita contribution by December 31.

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, such as 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 end of the budget year is fast approaching and the Finance Committee will be working on the new budget and preparing for a new year. I would like to first say THANK YOU to all of you that have been so faithful and giving throughout this year! We are blessed to be able to pay our bills and gather in our beautiful church.

However, at the end of November, our budget was -\$4487.96 behind. Would you consider the Church first in your prayers and then second in your end-of year giving? It would be great to be able to start out the new year without adding to our deficit. The staff, session, and committee members will continue to work on behalf of you and the whole Church to be financially responsible with all the giving! We appreciate all of you and thank God for all our blessings!

Merry Christmas!

Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD ITEM ASSISTANCE

Sarah's Closet: Our mission provides adult clothing for men and women! Clothing items include: shoes, socks, dresses, pants, shirts, coats, and undergarments. Located at the Birch Run United Methodist Church (989) 624-9340; 12265 Church St, Birch Run.

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.

Sweet Pea's Pantry: hosts food distribution on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 9-11a.m. 108 W. State St., Montrose. Located in the back of the Strong Inspirations Building. (810)350-2254 sweetpeapantry.org

Old Town Christina 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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