



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

JUNE 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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OUR VISION

Coming together and growing as a community of believers, glorifying and always being refined by God, reaching out in grace and love to the world.

OUR MISSION

FPCT is a community of grace and love in which each person's gifts, talents, and skills are welcomed and valued. We are a household of faith, a people gathered together to worship God, proclaim God's salvation, and to experience an eternal relationship with God.

INDOOR SERVICE FORMAT

Upon Arrival—Only the South and East Entrances will be used to enter the church. Depending on preference and total attendance, you will be ushered either to the Sanctuary or the Fellowship hall. Social distancing is in place in both areas. After the service, we ask that you wait to be dismissed. Hand Sanitizer and masks are available. Thank you!

MASKS  **ARE REQUIRED**

Mask and distancing requirements will be reviewed by Session at their June 8th Meeting. Say tuned to our website and Facebook page for changes!

BULLETINS

For those watching from home, weekly bulletins are available on our website at taymouthchurch.com.

*Call the church office for assistance
or more information.*

Church Office Hours

We are here for you!

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.

Sunday School

In-person Sunday School will be held in the Fellowship Hall following worship.



"THE RAZOR'S EDGE"

A couple of weeks ago, I had the pleasure and honor of participating in a Presbyterian ordination service. In my thirty-five years serving as a minister, this was my first participation in a pastor's ordination. The Rev. Kim Strunz asked me to give the "Pastor's Charge," a blessing for success in her future ministry. My blessing consisted of not being afraid to get hurt when you faithfully walk with God and talk about the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The contents of my particular blessing came from the ancient writings of Hindu scripture, which parallels Jesus' own concept in how to be in communion with God on a very narrow path. Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew (7:14), "For the gate is narrow, and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (NRSV). The Hindu scriptures say, "The Way is narrow, as narrow as a razor's edge." I shared with The Rev. Strunz that to walk with Jesus and talk about Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and Life is narrow— as narrow as a razor's edge. At least, this has been my experience in ministry for both clergy and laity.

I have found only a few people who can walk on ministry's razor-thin edge. Jesus himself warns us in his parables and teachings; there are numerous dangers upon our sacred journey. Those dangers cause many people to falter and stop traveling on their sacred narrow path. Many good people lose their enthusiasm for being Christian because they find the Way, the Truth, and Life in Jesus Christ too challenging. Jesus said, "Many are called, but few are chosen." (Matt. 22:14 (NRSV)).

Now, my personal take on these words of Jesus about a few being chosen is that only a few people choose to remain steadfast in their quest. Many people, clergy and laity, cannot endure the "magnetic forces" that can pull a sacred traveler off the razor's edge. (Hays, *The Planetary Pilgrim*, p. 229). In my sacred walk and talk with God, I can feel this deadly magnetic force's pull. It is a natural pull caused by Satan, who wants to throw us off the narrow Way.

While I can feel this force continuously just like the Apostle Peter did in his ability and inability to walk on water (Matt. 14:22-33), I recognize that to walk the razor's edge, I must have true grit not to be afraid in getting cut when I fall off the narrow, sharp, edge of the razor. Yes, I have fallen many times and have been cut every time. Having true grit also means not being afraid to climb back on the straight and narrow, again and again, walking and talking with Jesus. Our lives must reflect the Narrow Way of Jesus Christ if we are hopeful in changing ourselves and the world.

Hope and change occurs in Jesus' concept of forgiveness. To keep walking and talking with "Jesus on the narrow" is to experience forgiveness. Forgiveness is the resiliency to succeed in our spiritual journey. As my favorite spiritual director would say, "Success for the spiritual sojourner is not in never having slipped but in speedily springing back onto the Razor's Edge." (Hays, *The Planetary Pilgrim*, p. 255).

Have courage walking the Razor's Edge, and remember to be a coil of wire ready to spring and bounce back onto the razor's edge when you fall.

Shalom,
Pastor Scott

Muriel Lakey Scholarship

Congratulations to 2021 Muriel Lakey
Scholarship Awardees:

Sarah Schriber

Hunter Patrick

Adam Smith



*The Scholarship will be Awarded on
Graduation Sunday, June 6th.*

NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

SESSION MEETING: MAY 11TH, 2021

Men's Group checking to see if Birch Run is having a parade this year and if so, what the theme will be.

Building and Grounds waiting on Consumers to see when power lines to Manse can be buried.

Presbytery never received the Grant request that was sent in. Working on getting plans together for a proposal about the Sound system to see if the remaining funds could be set aside to help offset cost.

Committees need to review the Emergency checklist and see what they need to do and request updates if necessary.

At the June meeting, reviewing guidelines for church services and events.

Presbytery Lay Preaching classes set to go through Alma college. Would be 4 classes.

NEXT SESSION MEETING: JUNE 8TH, 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.*

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 7:00 p.m. B&G Meeting	2 3:00 p.m. VBS Meeting @ Ss. Francis Catholic Church.	3	4	5
6 Livestream & In-Person Service w/Communion 9:30 a.m. 10:15 Worship Committee <i>GRADUATION SUNDAY</i>	7	8 6:00 p.m. Dinner Committee Meeting 7:00p.m. Session Meeting	9	10	11	12
13 Livestream & In-Person Service 9:30 a.m.	14 <i>FLAG DAY</i>	15	16	17	18	19 <i>JUNETEENTH END OF SLAVERY IN THE U.S.A. 1865</i>
20 Livestream & In-Person Service 9:30 a.m. 10:15 Member Care Meets <i>FATHER'S DAY</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26 12:30 p.m. Home Plate
27 Livestream & In-Person Service 9:30 a.m.	28	29	30	1	2	3

Birch Run VBS 2021

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

All are to gather at Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church to join the Knights of the North Castle on a Quest to be Strong in the Lord!

*When : July 19-22
6:00-7:30 p.m.*

RSVP only:

To register a child or as a volunteer. Please go to:

birchrun.mycokesbury.com



PASTOR SCOTT'S VACATION June 23rd-29th



The Rev. Sue Trinklein, of the Christ Lutheran Church, Birch Run, will provide emergency pastoral care coverage for the church while Pastor Scott is on vacation.

PASTOR SUE'S CELL-PHONE NUMBER IS (989) 928-6845.

Thank to everyone who came for Youth Sunday. We hope you had a lot of fun, and it was good seeing everyone. Thank you!

- Youth Group

Thank you!

COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BIRCH RUN

Little Tots Open M-F 6 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Learning Spot

The Day Care Center is open for business! The LTLs provides care for children birth to age 12. They are still accepting applications for the program. If you or someone you know is interested you can call (989)443-



HOME PLATE 2021

Program and Baseball Game
JUNE 26TH AT COMERICA PARK
Detroit Tigers and Houston Astros

Join the Youth Group on their trip to Comerica Park. There will be a pre-game program at 12:30 p.m. followed by the 4:10 p.m. game.

In attendance are Tigers pitchers Matt Boyd, Daniel Norris, Michael Fulmer and Spencer Turnbull, third baseman Jeimer Candelario, catcher Grayson Greiner, and retired Tiger Frank Tanana. The program will include several of these athletes speaking about their careers in professional sports and their faith in Jesus Christ.

**For more information or to order
your ticket please see Floyd Roebuck**

MISSION COMMITTEE

At our April meeting we were able to plan for a few 2021 events (all based on Covid)

The Community Food Bank is an ongoing project to help with the needs of the area by adding your donations to the items in the basket at the top of the south entry stairs any Sunday or during office hours.

Now through July 4 we will be accepting donations for the Hope & Care project with items being delivered to the Saginaw City Rescue Mission. Items such as: body wash; shampoo; shaving cream for men and women; tooth paste and brushes; hair brushes and combs; a towel; a washcloth; nail clippers, a nail file; tissues; and masks. All items are to be full size. Please NO aftershave or mouthwash due to the alcohol content.

Kick Off Sunday Sept 12, we will be auctioning off approximately 8 box lunches to serve 4 people each to raise funds to support ongoing missions.

Peace Offering will be collected September 3 thru Oct 3. Our 25% will be given to Kim Weston in the on-going fight against human trafficking.

We plan to have the Women At Risk (WAR) items for sale in the Spring of 2022 before Mothers Day.

Mission Marketplace Cookie Walk will be December 18 with auction items on December 19.

Other fundraisers will be addressed as we progress through the year. We thank you in advance for your support, it makes the Mission Commission a success.

Any questions please call me at 989 751 2371.

JANETTE GONZALES
CHAIRPERSON



BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to mow, and everyone who has been tending to our flower beds! Everything looks gorgeous!

If anyone would like to sign up to help please contact Gary Brabant or the church office.

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 duty.

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 **Rob Minard** for June.

REACH UP REACH OUT TO REACH ALL!

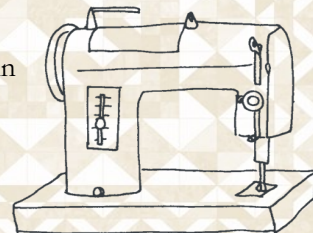
Save the date, September 18, 2021, from 10:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. We will be hosting a Quilt Show.

We have as many talented quilters in our church. It's time to showcase their beautiful talents.

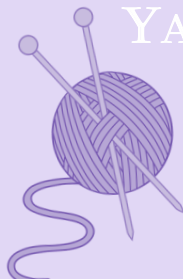
We are also welcoming quilters from Christ Lutheran Church, Ss Francis, Claire Catholic Parish, Birch Run, and Burt United Methodist Church.

More information will be available in upcoming newsletters.

MEMBER CARE



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.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thank you to Nathan Callender, Ally Callender, Kylie Gammons, Calob Billings and Logan Patrick for participating in the worship service on Youth Sunday, May 23. You all did a wonderful job and we look forward to next year!!

We will be honoring our College, High School, and Eighth grade Graduates on Sunday, June 6, during the worship service. Please come and support these hard working young people!

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 19 thru the 22! A full four nights of fun and learning about the Knights of North Castle and the quest for the King's armor. Ss Francis and Clare Catholic Church will be hosting along with Burt and Birch Run Methodist, the Christ Lutheran Church, and Taymouth. We will be in charge of snacks this time and providing "Knights" for security.

Please consider making a monetary donation towards the purchase of snacks.

God Bless,
Dawn Patrick
CE Director



Stewardship

Dear Church Family and Friends!

The Presbyterian Foundation has selected Ten Scriptures for Stewardship to help all churches and encourage congregations through this time. The scriptures help us to reflect on stewardship, generosity and gratitude. Each newsletter, we will highlight a new scripture.

From Exodus 16:11-16, 31 (God provides manna to the Israelites in the wilderness) *The Lord said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God." That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning, there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: Each one is to gather as much as he needs. Take and omer (about two quarts) for each person you have in your tent."*

The provision of manna to the Israelites wandering in the wilderness is a reminder that God provides abundantly for all of us. The details in this story of "meat at night and bread in the morning" and the delicious description of the manna offer a unique perspective that God doesn't just give us the bare minimum, but provides abundantly. Likewise, we are called to share in our response to God, not just offering the bare minimum, but offering our best!

Session and the Finance Committee have approved to try – "Adopt-a-bill". The idea is pretty simple and just like the title, you can help with church expenses by selecting a particular expense to "adopt". The bill can be adopted for a 1 month, 3 month, 6 month, or longer period of time. There are many different types and amounts to choose from. Also, the person adopting a bill will receive credit on their giving statements. Please call the church office at 989-624-9473 when you are ready to adopt. Thank you to all that have already participated!

Thank you all and God bless,

Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary



DINNER COMMITTEE

We met after church on May 16, 2021.

Terri and Andy Rudzitis joined me. I asked them to think about what kind of dinner we could do. I told them that I thought a Lasagna or Spaghetti dinner would be nice to re-establish our dinners this year.

The next Sunday, I was told that another Congregation member thought a pasty dinner sounded good and I have also heard that people would like to have the Harvest Dinner. I am uncertain of these only because of the cost and amount of people they will require.

Either way we will be in need of some volunteers. What I would like to see this year is that we start simple. We should have a Baked Lasagna or Spaghetti dinner. We should make the first one take out only and see how it goes. We will need to ask Don's, Meijer's, and Riverside, etc. for Donations towards our dinner to help offset the cost. Then we can purchase what else is needed. It would be first come, first serve and when we are out, we are out.

I would like to meet on June 8, 2021, at 6 pm. This would be just before the church session meeting. We will discuss the details and start the plans. I would like to have this in August or September.

Many Blessings,
Christine Callender
Dinner Committee Chair

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. Call the Birch Run United Methodist Church at (989) 624-9340 for hours of operation. 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.



Happy 
Father's
Day



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