



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

OCTOBER 2026

Taymouth Tidings



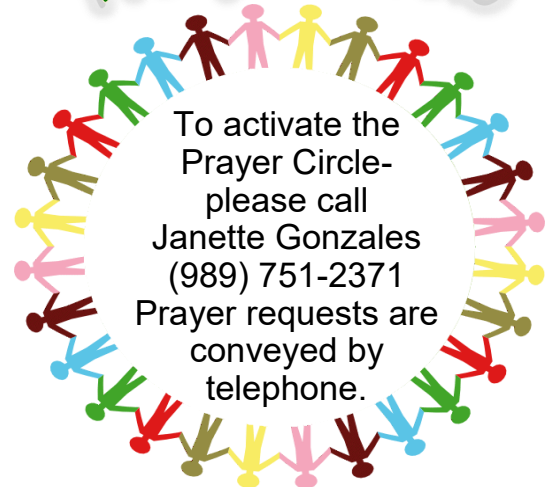
WELCOME!

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
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.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TAYMOUTH

12517 Morseville Rd, Birch Run, Mi 48415

PASTY FUNDRAISER

All sales are
Pre-order only.
Meat or
Vegetable.
\$8.00 per Pasty

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID BY:
Sunday, November 1, 2026

Orders are pick-up only at the church on
Friday, November 20, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. or
Saturday, November 21, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Pasty's will be uncooked and frozen. Bake at 350 for 1 hour.

For Information, 989-624-9473

email: taymouthchurch@msn.com

Remove bottom portion of flyer for your Pre-Order.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of Vegetable _____ Number of Meat _____

Paid by: Cash Check Amount Paid:

Please make checks payable to Taymouth Pres. Church

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1		1	2 5:00 pm. Dance Team	3
4 9:30 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 10:45 am. Worship Committee 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 19th Sunday after Pentecost	5	6 6:00 p.m. B & G	7	8 9 am-5 pm Rummage Sale	9 9 am-5 pm Rummage Sale	10
11 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 20th Sunday after Pentecost	12	13 9:45 am Finance 7:00 pm Session	14 5:00 pm. Dance Team	15	16 7:00 pm Game Nt.	17
18 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 21st Sunday after Pentecost	19	20 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	21 5:00 pm. Dance Team	2	23	24
25 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	26	27	28 5:00 pm. Dance Team	29	30	31



Our thoughts and prayers are with Donna Felton in the passing of her friend Bill Berg on Sunday, September 20, 2026. A Celebration of Life Service took place on Friday, September 25. We are very sorry for his passing and ask that God be with Donna and all the family at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to Ducks Unlimited or the Toni and Trish House.

Confirmation Class All youth 8th grade and older are invited to participate in the Confirmation Class offered Saturday, November 7th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Learn about our faith and church! Please see Pastor Scott or Dawn for more info.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Congratulations Brock Blessing on receiving your Bible on Kick-Off Sunday!

Youth Group and Sunday School began the new season with learning how to share the love of Jesus with others. "The Great Commission" from Matthew 28:19-20 is our new year theme. Please continue to pray for our youth!

Dawn Patrick, CE Director

MISSIONS

North Elementary School Supplies fundraiser brought in **105** items to help supply the classrooms!! **"A big thank you to all who donated school supplies to North Elementary. This will help teachers supply students with tools to aid them in their learning experience. You have been a part of this. Thanks again."** Bev Robertson, Chair

"Let's Go Eat"

Do you like to eat? Do you enjoy fellowship? **"Let's Go Eat"** has been introduced as a monthly gathering at a pre-selected location and date for all to join in and appreciate good food and time together. The first date was Wed. Sept. 30th, 12:00 p.m., at the Habachi Grill Buffet- 3022 S. Linden Rd., Flint, Mi. 48507. Just show up if you can, everyone is invited. In case of bad weather, contact Carolyn Weston at 989-798-0212 or Terri Rudzitis- 989-798-4733.

The next date will be November 4th.

“Never Stop Forgiving”

I would like for us to think about something very important. In fact, what I want us to think about is one of the most important things in the whole of the Christian faith. It is something God gave to us, and it is something God wants us to give to others. What I am talking about is forgiveness. We deal with it every week when we say the Lord's Prayer. “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.” Simply put, in Jesus Christ, God has forgiven us, and God expects us to forgive others.

Now of course, it is not as simple as that. For when we talk about forgiveness, we have to understand one thing from the start. And that is, forgiveness does not come naturally. If we are hurt by someone, our natural tendency is to get angry and to inflict our anger upon that person. In the natural world, if an animal is hurt in the wild, its instinct is to fight back and to protect itself. In human society (including the church), we have a whole set of rules in how to cope appropriately with our anger with one another.

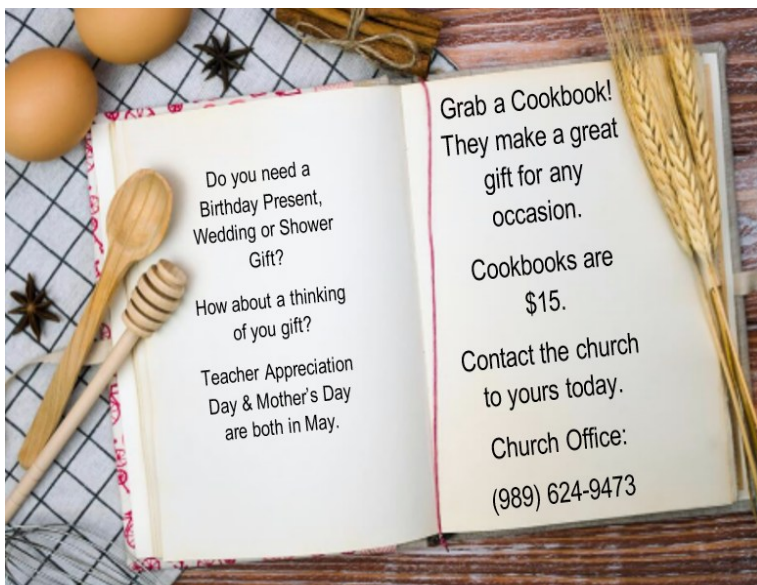
Again, forgiveness does not come naturally. Like anything that does not come natural; we have to work on it. We have to work on it by practicing our Christian faith. And forgiveness is one of those things that we need to spiritually practice. In the beginning of the 18th chapter of Matthew, a question was asked by Jesus' disciples, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” (v. 1). Throughout the 18th chapter Jesus depicts what it means to be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. He tells his disciples becoming like and receiving children, resisting temptation, searching for the lost, and practicing forgiveness will enable a person to become the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Of all those things mentioned by Jesus, the one we have the hardest time with is the last one—forgiveness. Peter even interrupts Jesus and asks, “How many times shall my brother/sister sin against and I forgive him/her?” (vs. 21). Jesus basically answers Peter and tells him (including his disciples and us the church) that no one should ever put a limit on forgiveness, “One should never stop forgiving.”

Now that is quite a statement! “Never stop forgiving.” You may ask, “Even if my friend keeps hurting me the same way, each time s/he asks for forgiveness I should give it to him/her?” Jesus would say, “Yes, that is right.” And you may ask, “What kind of crazy person would do that?” The answer is God. God is the kind of person that would do exactly that. God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. God forgives us over and over—even the same sins—and Jesus is telling us to do the same. Shalom, Pastor Scott



**Forgive
as God has
forgiven you**
Colossians 3:13



PER CAPITA

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

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.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Thank you to all the cleaners and the lawn mowers.
- The Rummage Sale is coming in October. Please save your treasures.
- Pasty Sales coming. Please help sell to raise funds for upcoming projects at church.

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Are you able and willing to share your gifts to contribute to the care and concerns of our church? The Nominating Committee will be searching for those individuals that can be a part of our Session. Session is the governing body of the church, meets once a month for 11 months a year and makes the decisions that matter to all of us. Please contact Judy Robertson- Chair, Dick Leach, Cherie Miller, or Ken Maurer for more information.

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!*



MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received	Needed	Difference
Quarter 1, 2026 \$32,274	\$31,264	(+) 1,010
Quarter 2, 2026 \$30,319	\$31,896	(-) 1577
July \$17,593* *Contributions include "once-a-year" donations.	\$10,632	(+) 6,961
August \$11,639	\$10,632	(+) 1,007

PER CAPITA

The rate for 2026 is \$35.00 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 COMPUTED? 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 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.





First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth *158th Birthday Celebration* *October 2026*

**Please help us celebrate our
birthday the whole month long!**

We would appreciate your help re-stocking our most used supplies for the church as birthday gifts. Please bring unwrapped gifts to the front of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings for the celebration. Each Sunday is assigned its own supply suggestions.

The following is an idea list for your consideration:

October 4th: Stamps, Heavy Duty Paper Plates

October 11th: Toilet Paper, Kleenex*

October 18th: Coffee-Regular and Decaf, Stamps

October 25th: Copy Paper**, Clorox Wipes, Napkins

*Type of Kleenex: unscented, lotion free.

**Type of Copy/Print Paper: Letter-8.5 in x 11in, 20 lb, 92 brightness.

Generosity: Time, Talents, Resources



SHOEBOXES FOR SAGINAW

Once again Taymouth Presbyterian Church will be participating in Shoeboxes for Saginaw. This is our 15th year of helping women. Last year over 30 boxes were filled by the women in our church and were given to women in the Saginaw community who may not be as fortunate as we are, are unemployed, or may be experiencing difficulty in their life and find they are lonely or hurting from life's challenges. Some of the agencies that receive the shoeboxes are: The Salvation Army, Emmaus House, East Side Soup Kitchen, McNally House, Ascension House (Emerson House), Rescue Mission, Underground Railroad and many others.

PLEASE NOTE: THE TOPS OF THE BOXES NEED TO CLOSE. YOU ARE ALL SO GENEROUS WITH LOTS OF WONDERFUL ITEMS, BUT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO CLOSE THE BOX AND WRAP IT.

What you pack into your shoebox can be as unique as you are but please make sure the items are **NEW** and have some gift appeal to them. **NO PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS. AVOID BULKY ITEMS SUCH AS SHAWLS OR TOWELS.** Here is a list that will help you. **Do Not** feel that you have to provide all of these items. **Some suggestions** for the shoebox: full size bottle of shampoo, brush, comb, toothbrush & paste, deodorant, nail file, perfume, lotion, watch, small notebook & pen, book, hat, gloves, socks, non-perishable candy, small sewing kit, calendar, Kleenex, coin purse, bracelet, scarf.

The deadline for shoeboxes returned will be Nov. 22nd. The deadline for shoeboxes will be Nov. Nov. 30th. Do not wrap the box. Mission Committee will do the wrapping.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kathy Rogers at (989) 624-5700 or klrog2001@yahoo.com.



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