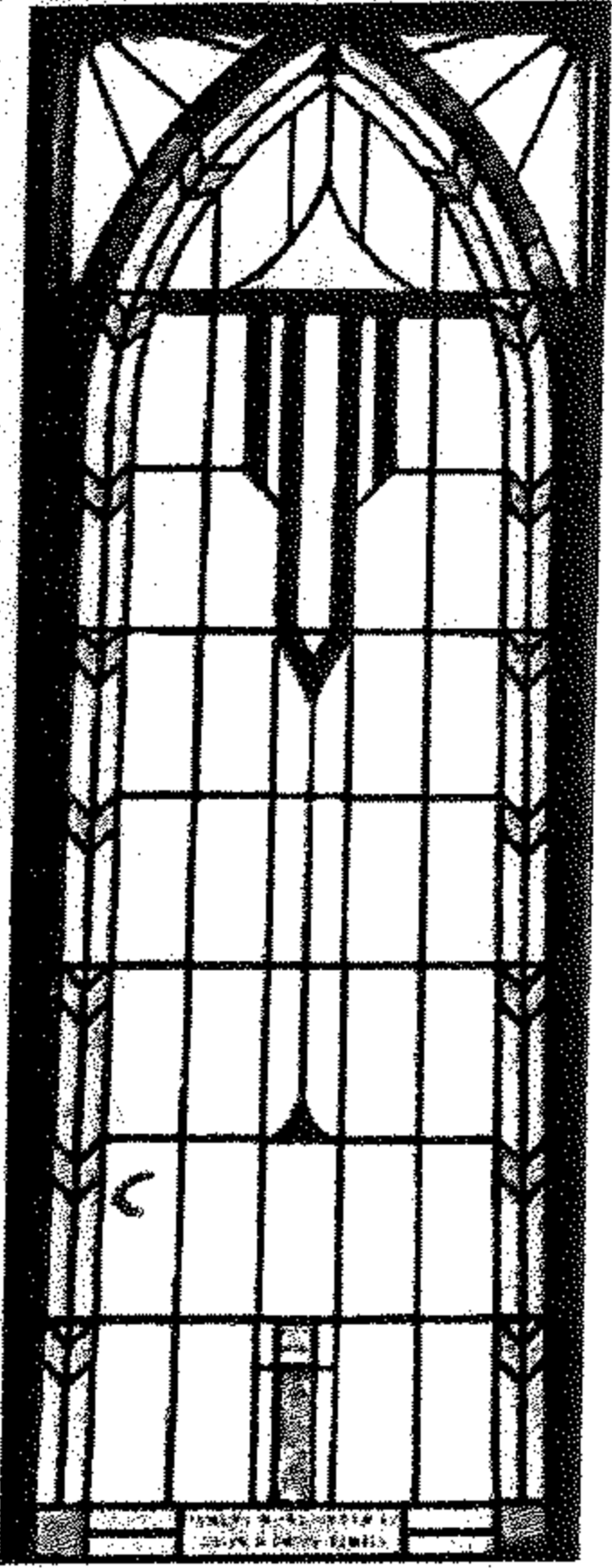


# Taymouth Tidings



## “Dynamite Faith”

I remember a 7th Grade English class assignment where I was asked to tell a story about a living relative. I took up the assignment wholeheartedly and talked to the class about how my Grandpa Word “Blew up Mountains.” You see, my grandfather worked on the railroad, and in his earlier years working for the Missouri Pacific Railroad in the 1920’s he blew up mountains to make railroad tunnels in the Southwestern part of the United States.

There were two relics in his garage that marked this era in his life. They were two small wooden crates marked “Danger—Explosives.” They were empty dynamite boxes. When he told me his story in the early 1970’s my imagination filled those boxes once more with TNT. He loaned me one box to show the class. It was amazing to share a living story of how one railroad worker shaped the landscape of America with one dynamite stick at a time.

I have always viewed Jesus’ words in Matthew 17:20 in light of my grandfather’s own story of blowing up mountains. Jesus said, “Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to here,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.” Jesus’s words are a challenge. They have always been a challenge for me. I have always asked myself do I have enough faith to move mountains?

I have discovered faith for me is like a stick of dynamite. Listening to my grandpa talk about how he used dynamite to move mountains, I have always thought, “Wow, what a neat thing to do—to move and shape things.” Dynamite and faith are very powerful. Both have energy to create and destroy.

Jesus tells us we need to be a faithful people in order to move mountains for the Kingdom of God. I have discovered by listening to our Lord and Savior in Scripture and prayer that faith is a very, very powerful thing, and it must be handled with extreme care. Yes, faith like dynamite can destroy and create new things when it comes to moving mountains.

Shalom,

Pastor Scott

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Sacrament of Holy Communion. 10:30a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:45a.m. Sunday School. Yarn & Thread Group. 11:00a.m. Worship Committee. 11:00 a.m. Personnel Committee Meeting.	8 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.	9 7:00 p.m. Building/ Grounds Meeting.	10 Noon-1:00p.m. Bible Study	11 9 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Rummage Sale. 6:30 p.m. Men's Group Meeting	12 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Rummage Sale.	13 9:00 a.m. 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting at Claude Tanner's home.
14 Sacrament of Holy Baptism. 9:30a.m. Worship. 10:30a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:45a.m. Sunday School. Yarn & Thread Group. 1:00 p.m. Crop Walk.	15 Noon-1:00p.m. Bible Study.	16 7:00 p.m. Choir.	17 Noon-1:00p.m. Bible Study.	18 Newsletter Deadline 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Fall Harvest Dinner.	19 Newsletter Deadline	20
21 9:30a.m. Worship. 10:30a.m. Coffee Hour 10:45a.m. Sunday School. Yarn & Thread Group. 11a.m. Missions Committee Meeting.	22 1:00 p.m. PW Meeting. 6:00 p.m. VBS Meeting	23 Noon-1:00p.m. Bible Study.	24 7:00 p.m. Choir	25	26	27
28 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. 9:30a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. Yarn & Thread Group.	29	30	31			

## September Session Round Up

- Session Education continues to be on "What is Stewardship?"
- Meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. Kroener, Moderator, at 7:32 p.m. Ten members present. Accepted agenda as presented with additional items that may come before the Board.
- Approved minutes of August 14 stated session meeting.
- Treasurers report accepted as printed, showing ending deficit of <\$7,983.05>. for August 2018.
- Sexual Misconduct Policy change wording.
- **Finance:** Working on a balanced budget, depicting both income and expenses for next year to be presented at annual meeting.
- **Buildings and Grounds:** Septic tank cleaned at church and manse. Grab bars in lady's basement bathroom completed. Cracks in sidewalks repaired.
- **Missions:** Pie Auction-17 pies for a total of \$625.00. Cupcake War was won by Megan Schrubbe with Lemon Filled Cupcakes. \$148.00 raised from cupcake war for future mission projects.
- **Worship:** August 2017 attendance— 70; August 2018 attendance— 70. served communion for 60 in September. It was suggested that for one of the open vacation Sundays for Pastor that we invite "Halsey Old Timers" (musical spiritual praise group).
- **Christian Education:** Sunday School started with 6 children, September meeting to be held. Noisy offering to be collected September 16, with Children's sermon by Dawn Patrick.
- **150<sup>th</sup> Celebration:** Motion to cancel 5K run due to lack of participation. Money to be returned to donors and runners. Invitations to be sent to former Pastors, political leaders and distinguished guests for the October 29, church celebration and dinner.
- Elder Harold Irish resigned from Session effective immediately.
- Reviewed letter to be sent to members that have been inactive over several years by the following criteria: do not attend worship, do not participate in church functions and do not contribute financially, Session action has removed them from active membership. Individuals that have been removed can by letter or speaking with Pastor be reinstated with Session's approval.
- Approved Baptisms for September 30<sup>th</sup> –Johnathan D. and Brock J. Blessing (father and son; Courtney Blessing is wife and mother) and October 14<sup>th</sup> –Alicia Renee Kelly (daughter of Matt and Julie Kelly).
- Closed w/prayer at 10:05 p.m.
- Sharon Leach, Clerk of Session



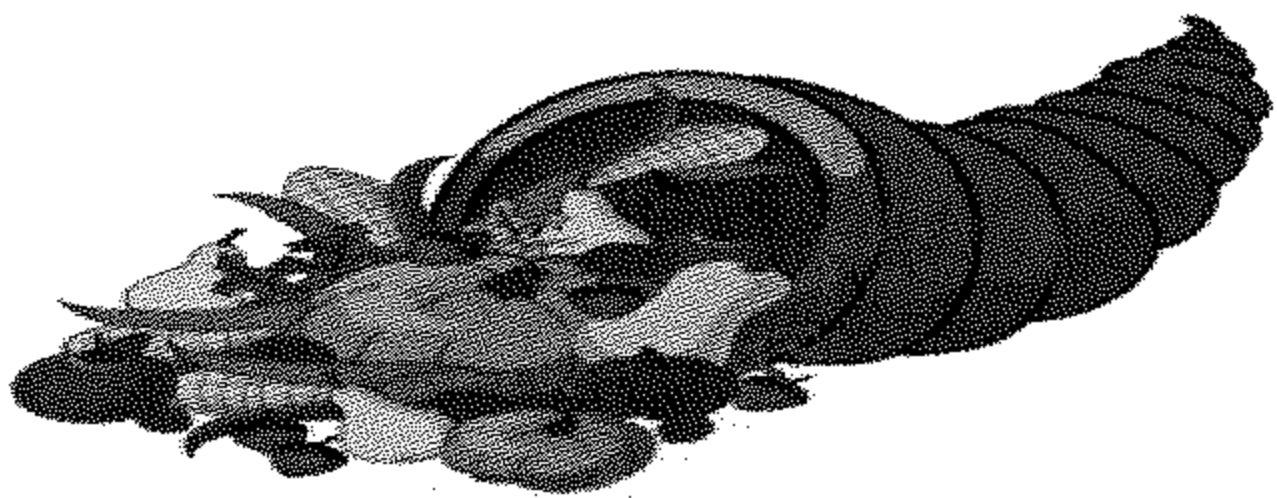
## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Mark Your Calendars for October 28<sup>th</sup>.  
**CELEBRATE THE PROMISE- 150  
years celebration.**

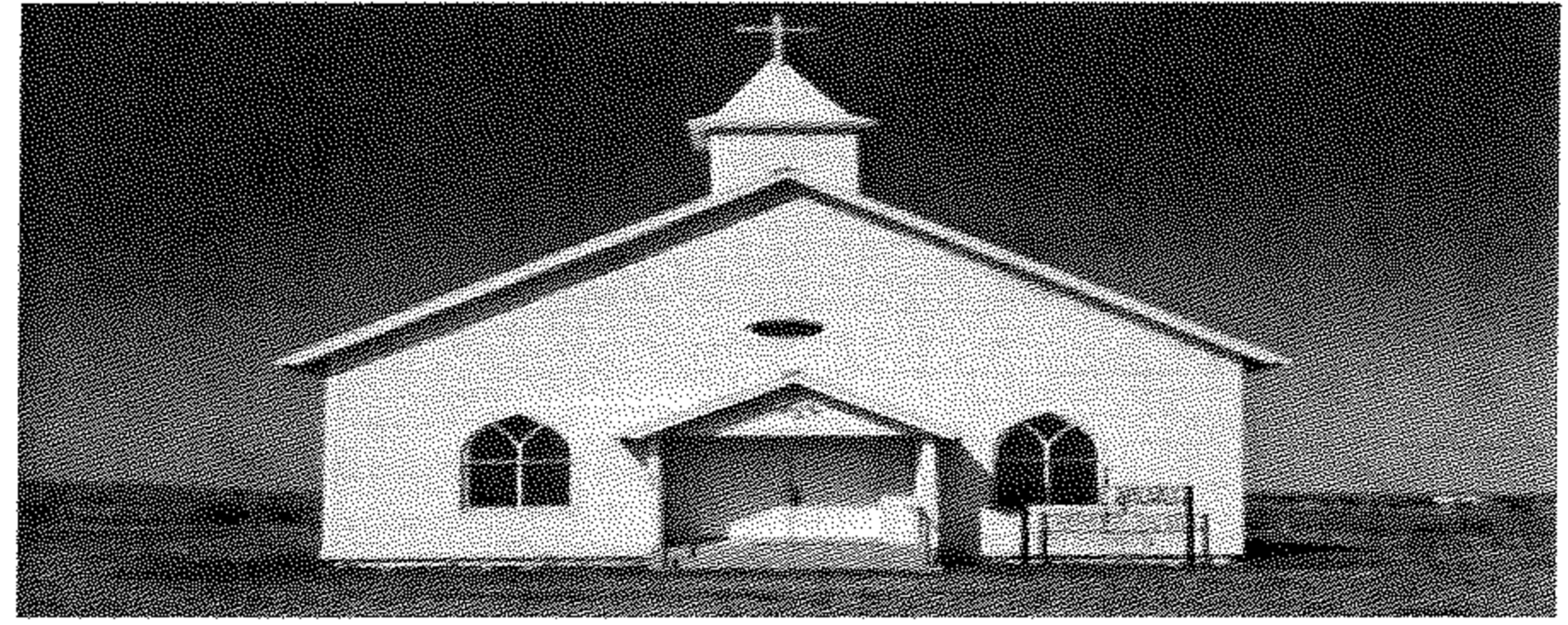
150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration,  
Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>: The Rev. Dr. Dan  
Saperstein, Executive Presbyter of Lake  
Huron Presbytery, and The Rev. Raafat  
Zaki, Synod Executive of the Synod of the  
Covenant, are tentatively scheduled to be  
our guest speakers during worship  
service. Following worship will be a  
luncheon and the cutting of the church's  
anniversary cake in the fellowship hall.  
Invite your friends and family for a special  
celebration of 150 years.

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## HARVEST SUPPER



**HARVEST SUPPER** will be held  
Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00  
pm. Cost is \$11.00 for adults; \$5.00 for  
children (6-12), kids (5 & under) free,  
and take-outs \$10.00 each. The "All  
You Care To Eat Supper" includes:  
Roast Beef/Pork, Mashed Potatoes and  
Gravy, Squash, Vegetables, Cole Slaw,  
Rolls and Home-made Apple and  
Pumpkin Pie. If you are able to donate  
a pie(s) please sign up on the  
attendance pew pads and indicate the  
flavor of pie (Pumpkin & Apple Only)  
and quantity. You may also contact the  
church office to sign up for pie  
donations. For those who wish to make  
pies there are tin pie pans on the  
microwave in the kitchen. Jeff Reed is  
asking for a donation of 200 lbs. of  
carrots for the Harvest Supper. Please  
let Jeff Know if you are willing to donate  
carrots.



### **"CELEBRATE THE PROMISE" FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TAYMOUTH THE PICTURE**

#### **"THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"**

Mrs. Rachel Johnson from Birch Run  
created this chalk drawing back in 1933,  
it is the only one of three in existence.  
Most of us in the present church family  
have been looking at that picture all our  
lives and we see Jesus knocking on the  
door of that structure, our heart. There  
are hinges on the door but no latch; the  
door can only be opened from the  
inside. We each need to open the door  
and invite Jesus into our heart. The  
building in the picture appears to be  
shabby and uninhabited surrounded by  
weeds; a heart without Jesus. John 15:5  
states "I am the vine; you are the  
branches. If you remain in me and I in  
you, you will bear much fruit; apart from  
me you can do nothing". In the picture  
Jesus is wearing A Purple Robe to show  
royalty, a Crown as King-of-King and a  
halo to prove his deity. He appears as  
Jesus standing firmly on earth, looking  
directly into the eyes of all who look at  
the picture waiting to become your Lord  
and Savior. Thank You Rachel Johnson  
for your vision and talent. The next 150<sup>th</sup>  
will be the church directory with family  
pictures. This will be a quality  
publication with pictures of the church  
special areas, people and events. This  
publication will add a look at the history  
and church memberships of this era for  
many years to come; please make an  
effort to take part in this.

## MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS:

For the month of September, Missions collected diapers and wipes for the **BABY PANTRY**. Items we collected will be delivered to Christ Lutheran Church in Birch Run who is the center for distribution. If you know of someone in need the of baby items, they can contact (989) 624-9378 for the day and time the pantry is open or schedule an appointment. Thanks to all who donated to this cause.

The **CUPCAKE WAR** was held on September 9, 2018 was part of the Sunday School start-up. The winner of this years war was Megan Schrubbe with her Lemon Filled Lemon Cupcake. Congratulation Megan! The money raised this years was \$148 which will go to future Mission donations.

The month of October we will be collecting items for the **VA HOSPITAL**. There is a suggested list of items needed that is attached to this newsletter. Remembering our Veterans is an important part of our lives. Without their services, where would we be today?



### Items Needed for VA Donations:

**Dental Service Items**--Battery Powered Toothbrushes, Oral Rinse (non-alcoholic), Henry Schein Dental Tablets (quantity 40), Henry Schein Efferdent Tablets (quantity 90), Oral Sore Ointment

### Home Basic Primary Care--

Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Toilet Paper, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo

**Optometry**--Over the Counter Reading Glasses: 150, 175, 225 & 250 Added power (can be purchased at Dollar Stores)

**Pharmacy**--Large 4X a Day, 7 Day Pill Boxes

**Primary Card**--Digital Thermometers (you can get these at Dollar Stores)

**Social Work**--Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Napkins, Cleaning Supplies, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets, Bar Soap, Razors, Shampoo/Conditioner

**Craft Items**-- i.e. Glue, Leather, Wood, Paints



Although it is just October, Mission Committee is getting ready for their Shoeboxes for Saginaw project that is in December. This is the 7th year we have participated in this project. I am including the information in this month's newsletter so as you are shopping you may want to pick up items for your box.

More information and due dates will be included in the November newsletter. Any questions, contact KathyRogers:[klrog2001@yahoo.com](mailto:klrog2001@yahoo.com) or call 624-5700.



### **Shoeboxes for Saginaw:**

The Shoe Box Saginaw – Women to Women project began several years ago with a simple email message to friends and has since become an annual tradition. Shoeboxes will be collected and distributed to agencies in our community who provide services and programs to women. Boxes will be 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. This is a simple request to fill a shoebox with new personal items and small gifts for women.

**Suggested items for the shoeboxes:** personal items such as 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, gift card, scarf, bracelet, and the list goes on. 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.

**Shoeboxes will be available in Fellowship Hall in early November.** Each box has a list of items that can be put in the box. **All items must be new.**

After you have filled your box, return it to the table.

Mission Committee will wrap them and take them to the place where they will then be delivered to the various agencies.

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### **TAYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS:**

The monthly meeting for October will be held in the fellowship hall on October 23, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon. We are always looking for new members.

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## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Sunday school is officially under way! We are heading "up" river learning what it means to have the Lord by our side through everything in life.

There are times in life that we are reminded that not everyone has it easy or "normal". We need to pray for others as much as ourselves.

With that in mind, we are sending cards and goodies to our friend Xavier, who is now battling cancer for the third time, to let him know how much we are praying for him. He is not able to go to school or hang with friends because of this horrible disease. His family is asking for cards and things to help cheer him up and encourage him to keep fighting! If you would like to add something to our box, please let me know.

Also, you can send him cards at:  
CS Mott Children's Hospital  
Xavier Escamilla Saldana 7E  
1540 E Medical Dr  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

The next Christian Education meeting is To Be Announced. All are welcome!

Isaiah 43:2 – When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

God Bless!  
Dawn Patrick

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## Men's Ministry

Men's Group Meeting October 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

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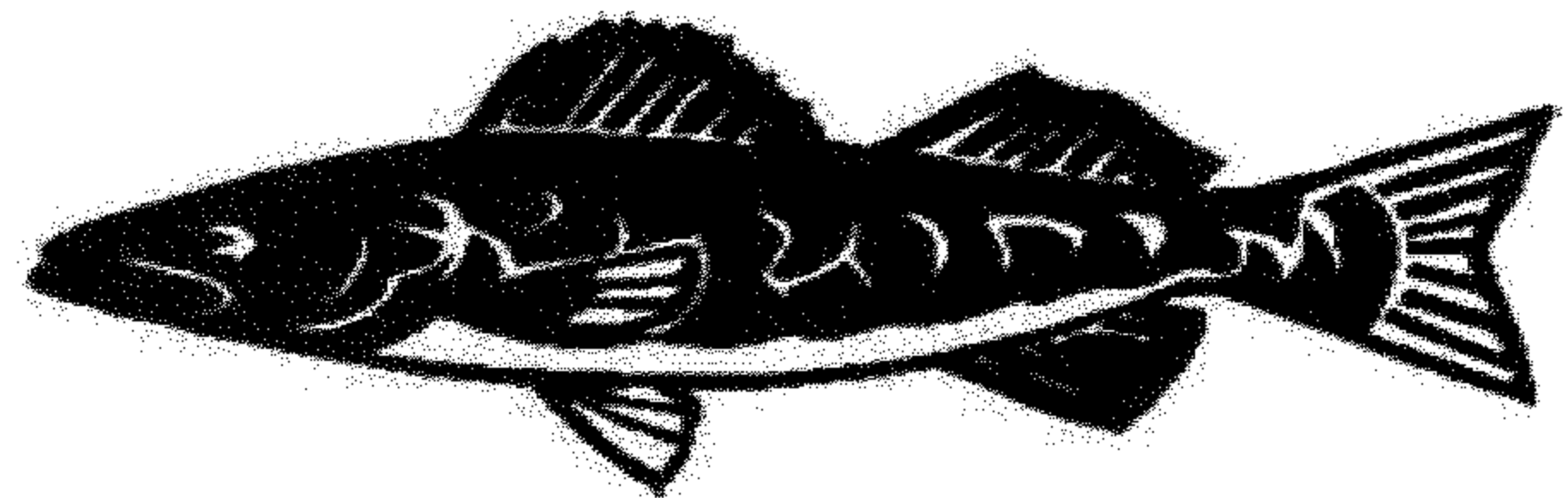
### **CROP HUNGER WALK:**

Hello Families! I need to know if there are any youth interested in walking and raising money for the Crop Walk on October 14. The Mission committee is willing to donate some money to get the youth to the goal of \$250.00 or more. Please let me know as soon as you can!  
Thank you!  
Dawn



Prayer Circle Cindy Rabe has organized a "Prayer Circle" for anyone interested. The prayer request information is conveyed by telephone and your prayers at home would include these special intentions. If you have a special prayer request for yourself or a loved one, or if you would like to join the circle, please contact Cindy at 624-9274, or you may call her cell phone if unable to reach her at home, (989) 798-5797.

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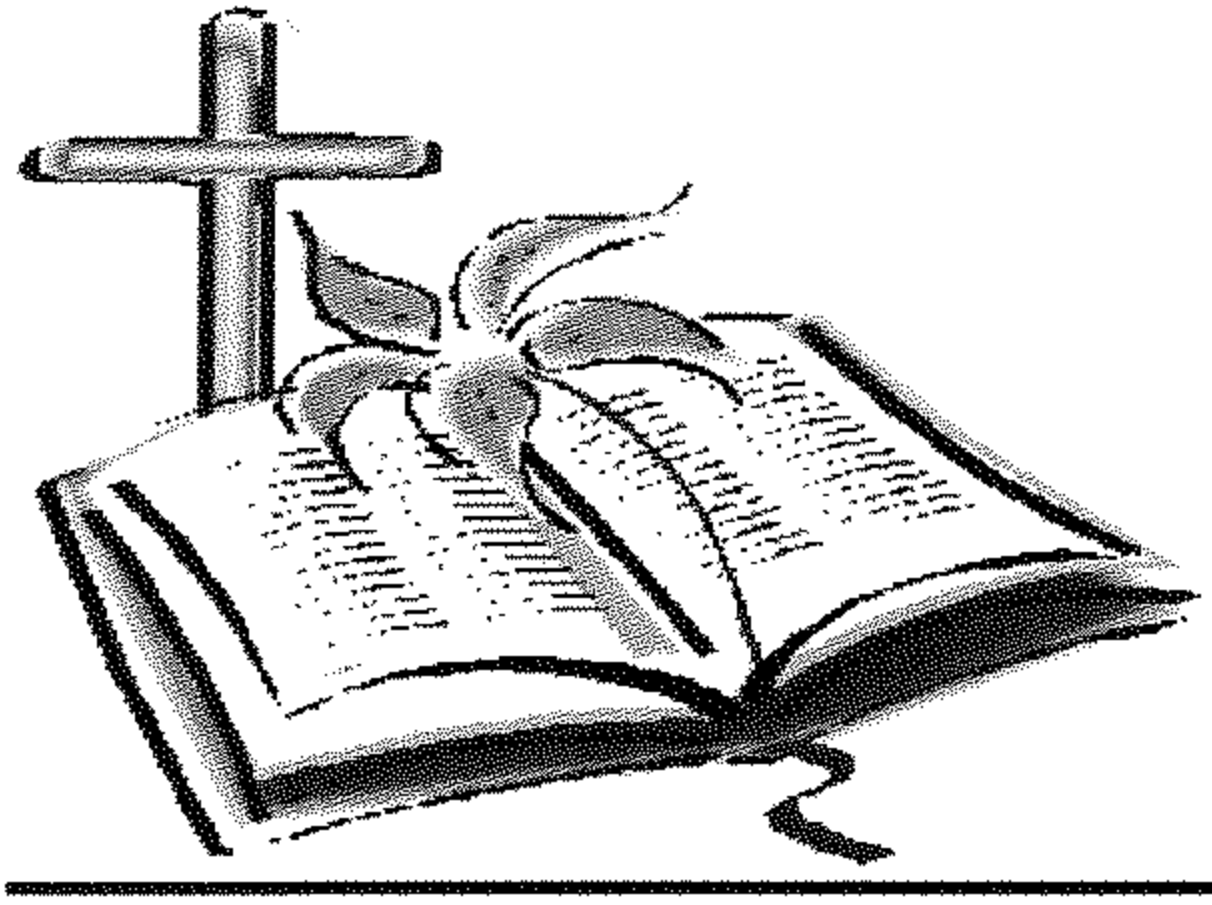


**Second Presbyterian Church of Saginaw Township:** located at 2665 Midland Road, will be holding its semi-annual Fish Fry Dinner on Friday, October 19, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The dinner includes all you can eat fish (fried Pollock), potatoes, coleslaw, bread, beverage, and dessert.

The cost of the all you can eat dine-in experience is \$11.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5-11, and free for children younger than 5 years old. Take outs are available for \$10.00.

If you have any questions about this press release please feel free to contact me via email or phone at (989) 781-1218 or the Church office at (989) 792-1023.





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## **ADULT "Sack Lunch" BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION.**

Bible study will be held **every Wednesday from Noon-1:00pm**. Bring your sack lunch and study the Bible with Pastor Scott. Invite a friend!

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**PER CAPITA AMOUNT:** This year's Per Capita apportionment is \$26.94 per member per year. Please use the designated envelope marked "Per Capita Apportionment" to pay this amount. The per capita apportionment is used to support the workings and ministry of the Presbytery of Lake Huron, and the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

## **NEW POLICY FOR CHURCH FUNERAL DINNERS**

At its monthly meeting in March, the Session adopted a new funeral lunch/dinner policy. The new policy states that there will be a \$3.00 charge per person for a funeral meal to be served to them. This charge is to take effect immediately. This charge will hopefully cover the cost of food, and paper products (e.g. napkins, plates, cups, and plastic eating utensils) used for the meal.

Also, the Session approved upon the recommendation of the church's Funeral Committee (Sharon Leach, Chair; Cindy Maher, Meal Coordinator; Kay Blessing; Bonnie Pratt; Jeff Reed) that a standardized menu be used in preparing the funeral meals. The menu will basically consist of ham and other major food dishes designated and assigned by the funeral meal coordinator, Cindy Maher, and to be cooked in the church's own kitchen. Desserts will be donated by church members and friends. Cindy Maher will contact individuals to make desserts. Hopefully, by preparing the funeral meals in the church's kitchen with a designated work crew, the church will become more efficient in utilizing its resources in the areas of manpower and kitchen facility.

The purpose of this new policy is to help cover the cost of the meal, and to streamline the food preparation process.

Please know that when a funeral lunch or dinner is being served in the church's fellowship hall there is a janitorial fee of \$50.00 to be paid by the family to the church.

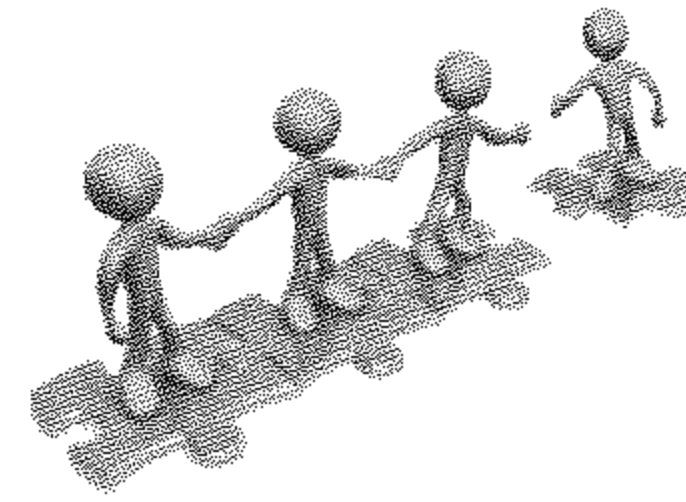
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Sharon Leach (989) 295-1116, Chair of the Funeral Committee, and Clerk of Session.

## **ABOUT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

Membership with First Presbyterian church of Taymouth is for anyone who



acknowledges Jesus Christ as their Lord and accepts him as their 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. Please contact Pastor Scott about membership classes.



We have several needs each Sunday morning. Throughout the year we are in need of the following:

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### **PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN:**

- ☞ You or a member of your family is (or when you know of someone in the congregation who has been) hospitalized, ill, injured, suffering hardship or is in distress;
- ☞ You need to schedule/reschedule a committee or church group meeting;
- ☞ You have important news or information to share with the whole church family (births, marriages, deaths, new addresses or phone numbers, employment, etc.);
- ☞ You need to submit information for a worship bulletin, newsletter, or the website;
- ☞ You have information related to meetings, special mailings, or church activities;
- ☞ You have information related to community events and happenings that might be relevant to the life and ministry of the congregation.

THANK YOU!

**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Ushers: If you haven't ushered before but would like to help, let the office know and we'll pair you up with someone who has done it before.

Coffee Hour Hosts/Hostesses: We need Coffee Hour hosts/hostesses for upcoming Sunday mornings. Being a host/hostess entails arriving to church before worship to start the coffee and then being present after the service to socialize. We have several ladies who are willing to show anyone the ropes. The coffee hour sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

Flower Donations for the Sanctuary: Currently, all dates are open on our flower calendar which is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. If you would like to furnish flowers for our sanctuary on a Sunday morning, please sign the chart. Your flowers, given in celebration, honor, or memory of someone or a special event, will enhance our sanctuary and be greatly appreciated by those in attendance at that worship service.

**SEASONAL VOLUNTEERS:** Snow removal of church sidewalks & entries. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the kitchen bulletin board OR contact the church office. THANK YOU for your STEWARDSHIP!

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Sunday Worship – 9:30am

Sunday School – 10:45am

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Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor

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Anita Gilbert, Church Secretary • Heidi Smith, Music/Choir Director

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