



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

**APRIL 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 , Floyd Roebuck- Youth Director  
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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*



*First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth*

**HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday (March 29), 9:30 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday (April 2nd), 7:00 p.m.  
w/ Holy Communion**

**Good Friday (April 3rd), 7:00 p.m.  
Community Service at  
Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run**

**Easter Morning Services (April 5th),  
7:00 a.m. with Holy Communion  
8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. with Holy Communion**

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**EASTER LILIES & SPRING FLOWERS**

Please help us beautify our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Bring your Lilies or spring flowers to the church during Holy Week and no later than Saturday afternoon on April 4th, to allow time for the sanctuary to be arranged for our morning Easter Services. Flowers may be dropped off Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday during Holy week from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Flowers will be placed in the Geneva room prior to Easter. Please label your flowers with your name so church staff can identify your flowers and let us know if your flowers are given in memory or in honor of loved ones. Thank you!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
<h1>APRIL</h1>			1	2 7:00 P.M. MAUNDY SVC. W/ HOLY COM- MUNION	3 7:00 PM GOOD FRI- DAY SVC. AT CHRIST LUTHERAN	4
5 7:00 am & 9:30 am Worship Services w/ Holy Communion 8:30 am Breakfast No Classes  Resurrection of the Lord	6	7 6:00 p.m. B & G	8	9	10 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	11
12 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour, Sun- day School and Youth Group  2nd Sunday of Easter	13	14 9:45 am Finance 7:00 pm Session	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour, Sun- day School and Youth Group  3rd Sunday of Easter	20	21 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour, Sun- day School and Youth Group  4th Sunday of Easter	27	28	29	30		

*thank you*

## MISSIONS

Can you guess how much candy is in the jar? Each guess will require a donation of \$1.00. Whoever comes the closest to the amount without going over wins all the candy! Good luck!

Session approved the distribution of monies earned from various Mission events throughout the past year. The following are the recipients: The Market of St. Charles- \$500, Sleep in Heavenly Peace- \$350.00, Amber Reinick House- \$175, and Inter-Varsity Fellowship (Matt Rogers)- \$175.

Collection received of \$103 from the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper is designated for the Panther Pack Café. Additional monies raised next (Candy Jar), will also be applied to the donation for the café.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of Missions!  
Beverly Robertson, Chair



**WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAM TO  
FACEBOOK, 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS.**  
Bulletins are available at [taymouthchurch.com](http://taymouthchurch.com).

## 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*



## “A Reasonable Doubt”

Suppose you attended a funeral of a friend. Let's say it was a close friend whom you had known for a number of years. You attended the funeral and viewed the dead body in the casket. You went to the cemetery and witnessed the casket lowered in the ground. You accepted the fact your friend was dead. Suppose a few days later several people told you they had seen your friend alive. How would you respond?

You would certainly think it was impossible. It must be a joke or a case of mistaken identity. It is simply impossible for someone who is dead and buried to come back to life. We would only believe such a story if we were offered positive proof. We would believe only if we went to see it with our own eyes. We would probably insist on touching the person to make sure he or she was real.

When we put ourselves in the shoes of the Apostle Thomas (John 20:19-29), we can easily understand his unwillingness to believe the report Jesus is alive. On the basis of his skepticism, he has been called “Doubting Thomas,” and generally looked down upon as a person whose poor example should not be followed. But I think tradition has been unfair to Thomas. He has been unjustly burdened with a bad reputation simply because he was reluctant to believe a very unbelievable story. Surely Thomas' reaction to this news was no different than ours would be under similar circumstances. His doubt was reasonable. He wanted tangible evidence. He wanted to see for himself before he made a decision.

I think we should give poor Thomas a second chance. If we make the effort to get to know him better, we might discover a greater respect for him. Perhaps we will also find that we have a lot in common with Thomas. We may even gain the courage to take our own doubts out of the closet and really look at them.

Thomas has been judged unfairly. He offers us a good example of being honest with our doubts and of making a personal investigation before coming to a conclusion. Most of us have thought about our doubts with a sense of shame. When we have a doubt that means our faith is weak and we don't really trust God, as we should. We lock our doubts away in a closet within ourselves and we feel guilty and afraid. We are afraid to confront our doubts because our entire faith may crumble.

We learn from Thomas creative doubt is always a part of growing faith. When we confront our doubts and deal with them honestly, we are brought into a deeper and fuller understanding of God. Like Thomas, we come back again and again, to declare with increasingly stronger faith, “My Lord, and my God!”

During this Easter Season, let a reasonable doubt strengthen your faith.

Shalom, Pastor Scott



## BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Thank you Megan for the great job keeping the church cleaned!
- Spring cleaning and yardwork will be scheduled soon.
- Thank you to everyone who helped shovel the snow and salt the sidewalks this past winter.
- Thank you to Andy Rudzitis for fixing the broken drawer handle, Rick Hauk for raking the stones, and Jim Maher for repairing the loose door trim.
- There are still beef pasties for sale at \$8.00 each. As well as flour for \$5.00 a bag. Help us reach our goal of \$3000 in sales!
- This past year, Jim and Cindy Maher, retired from working the Rummage Sale. I am looking for a couple or more people to help from start to finish. This fundraiser is the one of our biggest to help with Building and Grounds needs. Please help!
- 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



Our thoughts and prayers are with Debbie Minard and family, in the passing of Deb's Father-in-law James Minard on January 24, 2026. Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will take place on Sat., April 18<sup>th</sup> at Tawas Area Presbyterian Church. Visitation from 10-11 am and the Service at 11:00 a.m. We are very sorry for his passing and ask that God be with all of the family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Jo and Dale Glaser and family, in the passing of Dale's mother Helene Glaser on Sat., March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The Funeral service was held at the W.L. Case Funeral Home on Wed., March 11<sup>th</sup>. Helene will be deeply missed and we ask that God be with all of the family at this time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy Irish and family, in the passing of Kathy's husband Harold on Thursday, March 19, 2026. Funeral Service took place on Thurs., March 26<sup>th</sup> at Taymouth Presbyterian. Harold will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. We are very sorry for his passing and ask that God be with all of the family.

## 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.

## CHURCH VIABILITY COMMITTEE

VIABILITY, THE ABILITY TO  
CONTINUE AS INTENDED,

TO BRING PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST.

The committee presented a Five-year Strategic Vision Development plan to Session at the March meeting. The plan was accepted and recognized as having the information needed to be implemented for church growth. The Session will now be discussing and presenting ideas for our congregation to participate in the vision of our church.

Copies of the report are available on the bulletin table and downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. A HUGE THANK YOU, to the committee for all their hard work on this report!

Chair- Richard Leach



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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.**  
**January 9**  
**February 13**  
**March 13**  
**April 10**  
**May 8**  
**September 11**  
**October 16**  
**November 13**

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**DETROIT Tigers**

**HOME PLATE 2026**  
**AT COMERICA PARK**  
**Saturday, June 6**

COST: \$43.00 Per Person  
 Pavillion Seats, Lower Deck  
 Church Youth Members are Free

Program time: 10:00 a.m.  
 Game Time: 1:10 p.m.  
 Tiger's Opponent: Seattle Mariners

For more information and to purchase tickets-see Floyd Roebuck.

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
 "The Greatest Commandment", Matthew 22:37-39.

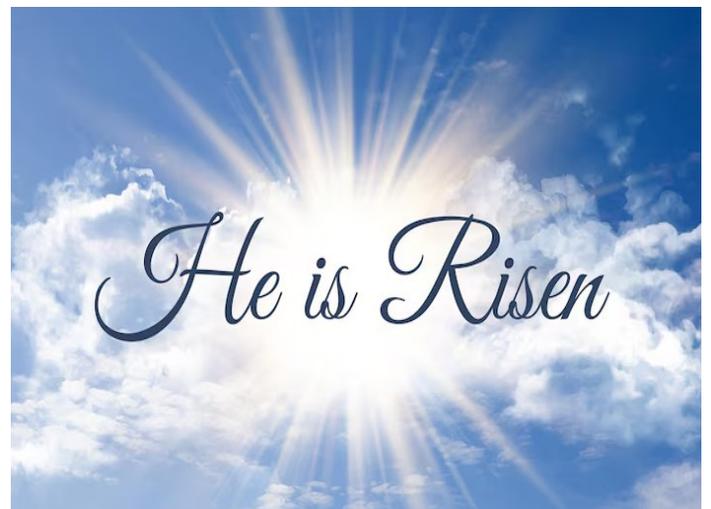
We were able to honor Grace Schrubbe on Sunday, March 8th, for Girl Scout Sunday! Way to go Grace!

Thank you to all the Youth that helped usher and handle coffee hour on Feb. 22nd. You all did a great job!

Congratulations to Jaxon Reed on being confirmed with the church on Sunday, March 29th! Congratulations Jaxon!

Youth Sunday will be on May 17th with a Noisy Offering.

Dawn Patrick, CE Director



**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.

**MONTHLY GENERAL FUND**

Received	Needed	Difference
January \$9,122	\$10,000	(-) 878
February	\$10,632	(+) 1,711
*Not included are Missions or Special Projects.		

# SAVE the DATE!!

On Saturday, May 2nd, Mission Committee will be sponsoring a Women at Risk pop-up boutique from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.. This supports the organization that protects vulnerable women. WAR provides safe places to heal from abuse, trafficking, exploitation, and more. Their passion is to empower survivors to live and work with dignity and hope. WAR programs and partnerships span the globe, reaching over 40 countries, including the United States. Each month, additional projects and partnerships are formed, increasing the ability to offer the rescued and at-risk a "hand-up" instead of a handout.

The pop-up boutique always has a variety of items: jewelry, scarves, blown glass ornaments, and children's items and more. Join us as we support this great organization. Every \$300 in sales supports a woman in a safehouse for one month.



*It's YOUR Time to Make a Difference!*

Event:

**Women At Risk— W.A.R.**

Location:

**Taymouth Presbyterian Church**

12517 Morseville Road, Birch Run

Date:

**Saturday, May 2nd**

Time:

**10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

JOIN US TO...

**LEARN** about domestic and global human trafficking and the risks women are facing today. **CREATE** circles of protection around women and children. **SHOP** beautiful jewelry and other hand-made gifts crafted by rescued and at-risk women. **RESTORE** women and children to lives of dignity and worth.

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# Generosity: Time, Talents, Resources





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