



# First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

## APRIL 2025

### Taymouth Tidings

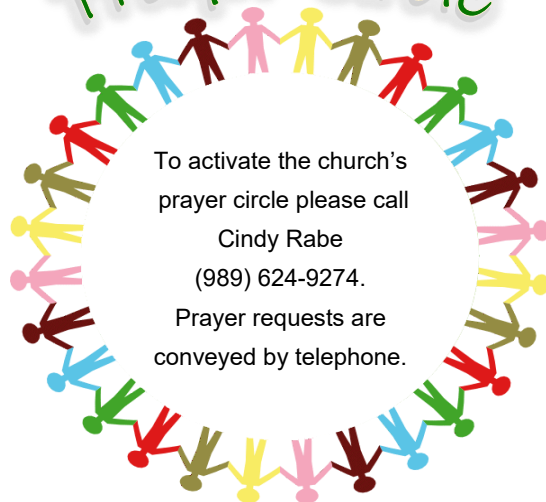


## WELCOME!

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,  
Heidi Smith— Musician, 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



To activate the church's  
prayer circle please call  
Cindy Rabe  
(989) 624-9274.  
Prayer requests are  
conveyed by telephone.

## 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 19th, 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!



He  
is  
Risen

MATTHEW 28:6

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>APRIL</b>		1 6:00 p.m. B & G	2 6:00 p.m. Lenten Pot. At Taymouth	3	4	5
6 9:30 am. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour Sunday School & Youth Class  5th Sunday in Lent	7 7:00 P.M. GRIEF SUP- PORT	8 9:45 am Finance 7:00 p.m. Session	9 6:00 p.m. Lenten Pot. At Birch Run Methodist	10	11 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	12
13 9:30 a.m. Worship Service— Palm Sunday 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School, Youth Class  Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17 7:00 p.m. Holy Comm. Service Maundy Thursday	18 5:00 pm. Family Event & 7:00 p.m. Good Friday at Burt Methodist	19
20 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:00 Easter Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Holy Communion at Both Svcs. No Classes or Coffee Hour  Easter Sunday	21	22  Newsletter Items Due	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School, Youth Class  2nd Sunday of Easter	28	29	30			

## MISSIONS

Thank you to Ken and Christine Neitzke from The Market in St. Charles for visiting and sharing their ministry with us on Sunday, March 23. Monies raised from the Ash Wednesday potluck totaling \$196.00 was donated to The Market. The Market provides over 1800 people with much needed fresh produce and food products throughout the week. For more information, please call: 989-277-8082.

Beverly Robertson, Chair

The Game of “When will Jack Rogers see his first Robin in 2025” started Feb. 10, 2025 and ended when Jack saw a Robin on March 18, 2025 at 8:05 am. We were able to raise \$75 from the entries and donations go toward Camp Fish Tales. With a couple really close guesses, but the one who didn't go past the date and time was Mary Jo Glaser. She and Jack both received a nice supply of chocolate to enjoy over the next few weeks. Thanks to all who participated with this “fun-raiser”. Looking forward to more fundraisers in the upcoming months.

Camp Fish Tales is a year-round independent non-profit camp, conference, and retreat center. This barrier-free camp, for people of all ages and all disabilities, is located on 67 acres between Linwood and Pinconning.

This camp generally highlights a positive experience for providing a safe and fun camping environment specifically designed for individuals with special needs, with many praising the dedicated staff who create a supportive atmosphere for campers to enjoy outdoor activities and build connections.

The camping experience brings lasting joy to people with disabilities and their families providing a unique and adaptive outdoor camp experience that fosters friendship and encourages independence.

Camp Fish Tales provides campers with the opportunity to be away from home for an extended period of time, thus allowing respite for caregivers. Camp Fish tales is located at 2177 E. Erickson Rd., Pinconning.

Bonnie Pratt, Mission

## “The Wounded Healer”

I always carry with me two prayers: “The Lord’s Prayer” and “The Serenity Prayer.” These two prayers are my primary spiritual guide for meditation and contemplation. During this Season of Lent, I have added a third prayer, “Solo Dios basta, God alone is enough,” written by Saint Teresa, to help me discern Jesus’ phrase, “...I am The Way, The Truth, and The Life...” (John 14:6). The prayer is as follows:

*Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you.*

*Those who cling to God will lack nothing.*

*Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you.*

*God alone is enough.*

*(Amen.) (Henri Nouwen, Discernment, p.27)*

This prayer is to be prayed very slowly and out loud. It is a prayer to help us to “enter into God’s presence, where there is peace and certainty that God is always with us and loves us.” (Nouwen, Discernment, p. 27)

Praying for discernment, our ability to experience who God is and who God is not, helps us to confront and fight our personal demons of darkness. We often think life’s greatest temptations are always associated with money (greed), sex (lust), and power (success). For some people this may be true, and thus, they construct a way of life to overcome these temptations. As for me, my “shadow,” or my “dark demons” comprise of my feelings and thoughts about my own despair, self-rejection, under-confidence, the fear of never being good enough, and not being lovable.

Lent, symbolic of Jesus’ own forty days of temptation experience in the wilderness, offers us the same opportunity to get to know ourselves better in life’s abyss, and to know who God is and who God is not. Fighting our demons, struggling with Satan, wrestling with our “shadow,” (a psychological term used to describe the inner psyche of our sacred soul), uncovering our wounds, and being led by the Holy Spirit to let Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to put the healing balm of Gilead upon our bodies, minds, hearts, and souls is Lent 365 days per year. It is from these very wounds that one emerges in what Henri Nouwen calls a “Wounded Healer,” a person who gives hope, love, and faith to others through their own wounds of healing. Shalom, Pastor Scott

### **MEMBER CARE -Reach Up, Reach Out, to Reach all!**

Circle on your calendar June 7th! It is our 2nd Quilt Show. This show allows our community to display their talents. All quilts are welcome. Please let friends and family know. We have 4 incredible raffle prizes that were donated. We have committed vendors, also. Lunch is available.

Ps. A “Thank you” card from the Taymouth Fire Dept. is on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

Holly, Chair of Member Care

### **NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

Due to low giving in February, no money was moved to the savings account. Checkbook balance as of February 28,2025. Savings account balance: \$17,616.38. State bank has been bought and is now Choice One. Finance is looking at Professional Liability Insurance. Finance has spoken with Missions about having one or more of their Charities come to the church to collect their donation so we can learn more about where our giving is going.

Annual Elevator Inspection being done by MEI this year as they had the best deal, \$1,395.

March Presbytery meeting had the 2nd reading for the Anti-Racism policy. It was adopted and will be passed down to the churches. We will have until August to get it passed for our bylaws.

Manse has many issues that need to be looked and fixed. See Terri for more details.

Member Care received a thank you card from the Taymouth Fire Depart. after they made a donation to them.

Next meeting April 8, 2025. \*\*For a complete list , please contact the church office or the Clerk.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Thank you to everyone for helping clean the church! Your help is appreciated! If you are interested in helping, meet on Tuesday mornings at 9am. It takes about 1 hour.
- Thank you to Rick Hauk and grandson Kevin for help with fixing the flag pole rope and mechanism.
- Thank you to Floyd and Nellie Roebuck, Andy Rudzitis, Rick Hauk, Jim and Cindy Maher, and Pastor Scott and Jane for gathering on Wed. March 19th to work on getting the ceiling braced at the manse. Furniture was moved. The ceiling went up great and does not need to be replaced! Floyd is going to finish the sanding, mudding and painting. Pastor Scott provided donuts and pizza!
- Then, Friday, March 21st, Dawn discovered all the track lights above the pulpit had burned out. A request went out for help and Andy Rudzitis and Rick Hauk came to the rescue. Scaffolding was installed and Marc and Grace Schrubbe were the brave ones that did the final climb to change out the bulbs!
- 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 the family of Larry Russel who passed to the larger life on Monday, March 17, 2025, at the age of 89. Larry was a lifelong member of our church. Funeral services were held Monday, March 24, in Lansing. Private family interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Lansing.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom and Laura Norton and family in the passing of Tom's sister Marilyn Atwell on Friday, March 14, 2025, at the age of 74. A Memorial service was held on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn grew up in Mt. Morris and worked for Genesys Hospital as a Respiratory Therapist before retiring in 2014. Marilyn loved her family, she especially loved dinners out with her brother Tom.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Congratulations Grace Schrubbe and Lily Doyle for receiving their 2025 Girl Scout Patches!

The Youth Class discovered there are 13 different crosses (two crosses are re-occurring several times) in the sanctuary! Can you find them all?

We are excited to be helping with a new Family Fun Event that is taking place on Good Friday, April 18th, at the Burt Fellowship Church. All are welcome!

Thank you Jim Maher for donating your custom wood projects for sale! So far, \$352.00 has been raised for the Youth.

"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you" Psalm 56:3.

"Shine Jesus' Light" ,

Dawn Patrick, CE Director

## Favorite Hymn time!

Do you have a favorite hymn that you like to sing during Worship? Please let us know on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall!

## NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

We have been blessed to welcome three new members and a re-affirmation membership. The following questions were asked to Sherrie Brown who joined the church in January 2025.

### ***Welcome Sherrie!***

1. What led you to start attending this church?  
***"Dennis brought the church back into my life."***
2. When were you Baptized?  
***"I was baptized when I was 13, in Port Orchard, Washington."***
3. What church background do you come from?  
***"Growing up we definitely moved around a lot but ultimately it was the Presbyterian."***
4. Are there any specific areas of your faith that you feel particularly passionate about?  
***"Helping in the community."***
5. What are some of your hobbies or interests outside of church?  
***"I love spending time with my horse and with my family."***

## STEWARDSHIP

February contributions did not make budget. The total collected was \$8,061. Down from the budget of \$10,000 by -\$1,939. One month of not meeting the budget can negatively affect the next few months. Winter season will see an increase in utility bills as well as snow plowing. Are you able to help with this? Your help and consideration is appreciated!

The next Finance meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8th at 9:45 am. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lynn Hauk, Terri Rudzitis, Judy Robertson, or myself.

Blessings, Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary

### MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received	Needed	Difference
January \$11,455	\$10,000	(+) \$1,455
February \$8,061	\$10,000	(-) \$1,939

**“Thank YOU Shoebox Saginaw Friends** for your participation and support of the 2024 Shoebox Saginaw project. Over 700 shoeboxes were delivered on 12-13-24 to 13 local agencies! The annual project now totals 10,200 boxes shared with our local community! It’s simply heartwarming to know how this project started 18 years ago with a simple email request and has continued to grow through the years. I’m sharing one of many agency thank you’s received .... *“Thank you for generously blessing our guests at Christmas time. The overwhelming feeling of love that our guests experienced on Christmas morning was priceless.”*

I look forward to your continued support in December 2025. Carol”

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



**DETROIT  
Tigers**

**HOME PLATE 2025**

**AT COMERICA PARK**

**Saturday, May 10**

**COST: \$35.00 Per Person**  
Pavillion Seats, Lower Deck  
Church Youth Members are Free

**ON-THE-FIELD BASEBALL CLINIC**

Program time: 2:30 p.m.

Game Time: 6:10 p.m.

Tiger's Opponent: Texas Rangers

Teaching Time by Tiger Players and Coaches on  
Outfield Grass Between Program & Game

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

**GOOD FRIDAY-FAMILY EVENT**

**THE PATH OF THE CROSS**

Burt Fellowship Church is hosting an Easter experience for the whole family that you don't want to miss! Beginning at 5:00 pm., Friday, April 18th, the self-paced and self-guided event will include 6 interactive stations where you and your children are invited to walk with Jesus through his last week.

We hope you invite your friends and family to be a part of the experience. Free pizza and dessert will be provided. Following at 7:00 pm., all are invited to attend the Community Good Friday Service. We pray this will be life-changing event for all who attend!

**FRIDAY,  
APRIL  
18TH**

**LOCATED AT  
12799 NICHOLS RD,  
BURT, 48417,  
989-770-9948**



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# Cookbook Fundraiser

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth is creating a Cookbook. Recipes are collected from the families of the church for all to enjoy.

*Here's how you can help-*

1. Find your favorite recipe(s), make a copy, label the copies with the name of the owner.
2. Submit the recipe(s) at church in a box.
3. Collection deadline is April 20th, Easter.
4. Then, ask friends, family, and the community if they would like to purchase a cookbook when the sale begins.
5. Order forms for pre-purchase will be available April 20th.
6. Pick up the new Cookbook when ready.
7. Enjoy cooking with new recipes!

All the proceeds raised from this fundraiser will go towards Social Media upgrades:  
\*Ipad/Tablets/updated wifi hardware.  
\*Repair/purchase new part for soundboard.  
\*Annual Renewal of website.

For more information or questions: Contact Christine Callender or Megan Schrubbe.

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# Cookbook Fundraiser

Get Excited! Megan Schrubbe and Christine Callender would like your recipes. We haven't had a new cookbook in about 30 years and we were given a flyer to review. Please bring your favorite recipes, your family favorite recipe, or maybe someone at church has been asked many times for a recipe. Let's get all the good ones in. Please bring your recipes in by Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025; include your name on the recipe so we can give you credit.

-Thank You, Christine & Megan

## 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!*



## ECUMENICAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER WITH DEVOTIONAL 2025

Wednesday's during Lent  
"Soup Supper"  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Devotional  
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

April 2 @ Taymouth Presbyterian Church  
April 9 @ Birch Run United Methodist Church  
April 17, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m., No meal @  
Taymouth Presbyterian with Communion  
April 18, Community Good Friday, 7:00 p.m., No  
meal @ Burt Fellowship Church

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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 FAVORITE GAMES AND SNACK FOOD TO SHARE.

Friday's 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
January 10  
February 14  
March 14  
April 11  
May 9

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# Life at Taymouth!



## **Address Correction**

The zip code for Waylon and Maryanne Stanley in the Church Directory is 65562.

## **MEAL TRAIN**

If you are injured, healing from surgery, sick, etc., and would benefit from a few meals brought to you from your church family, or if you would be willing to make a meal for someone in need of this blessing, please call Carolyn Weston at 989-798-0212.

## **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.



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