



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

March 2020

Taymouth Tidings

Welcome!

Sunday Worship—9:30am, Sunday School—10:45am
Adult “Sack Lunch” Bible Study—Wednesdays, Noon—1:00pm
Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor
Sarah Schriber— Secretary, Heidi Smith— Music/Choir Director
Christine Callender-Clerk of Session, Tiffany Fortier-Treasurer
Dawn Patrick-Financial Secretary and Christian Education Director
Floyd Roebuck-Youth Director, Paul Fortier-Custodian
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LENT

The weekly Lenten Soup Suppers with our local Birch Run and Burt Churches will be held on Thursdays this year. Beginning at 6:00pm with a Soup Supper and following at 7:00pm with Devotions. Each host Church will provide the meal. More information from Member Care Committee for April 2 will follow.

March 5- Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church

March 12- Birch Run United Methodist Church

March 19- Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run

March 26- Burt United Methodist Church

April 2- Taymouth Presbyterian Church



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 for more information.

Prayer Circle

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

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study for the Lenten Season will be held every Wednesday From 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in the Geneva Room. Topic of discussion will be the Gospel of Matthew and the Matthew 25 Church Mission.

Directory 2020

The new 2020 Church Directory is available for pick-up.

Updates:

Millie Fox	Dan and Samantha Lubelan
Birch Run Fields	10508 Sparr Road
12160 Ulmer Rd.	Johannesburg, MI 49751

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

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.

Emergency Notifications

Session has implemented a “Call List” from the Church Directory in the event of cancellations. Each Session member will be calling from their list at the direction of the Pastor. Also, Church event cancellations will appear on our local news channels— WNEM TV5, NBC25, and FOX66.

“Big Message Small Space”

I have developed a great appreciation for how space is used to convey a deeply felt message from the heart, mind, and soul. Japanese poetry called “Haiku” conveys a big message in a small space. Haiku poems consist of brief writings using only a few words (mainly nouns) that when read aloud or silently create a unique rhythm flow based on the words’ syllables. Haiku poetry is written from one’s own personal experience in how s/he interprets his/her five senses (i.e. seeing, smelling, tasting, hearing, and touching) in experiencing life itself. The poet’s perception of or the thinking about how these five senses creates the word choice for what is being experienced.

When I was completing my CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) residency with the Navy nearly ten years ago I would play around and practice this writing style of haiku in writing personal and pastoral prayers. I discovered there is indeed a distinct visualization between what is written and what is said. Haiku poetry helped me then and continues to help me today to bridge my abstract and concrete worlds when it comes to writing and reading, as well as, when it comes to public speaking.

The same can be said in how we tell others about God, especially, when our space is small such as on our church’s marquis. You may have noticed I have stopped putting the Sunday’s sermon title on the church’s marquis or sign. For the past three years our church’s secretaries (and myself) have braved the elements of rain, snow, wind, sunshine, coldness of winter and the hotness of summer, in changing the church marquis weekly with a sermon title. I expect some people who have driven by the church may take notice of the sermon title’s weekly posting. However, I expect the opposite is more towards the truth. I have noticed some people driving by the church have slowed down when there is a quote, phrase, or the posting of church events.

Our church’s marquis is a great forum for advertising our church’s happenings. Also, our church’s marquis is a great way of advertising God’s wisdom. I have discovered some insightful sayings in the church’s secretary files. Some of these sayings create an Oprah Winfrey’s “Aha! moment,” and others will create a comical “Ha ha! moment.” Either way, an epiphany of the “Oh! moment,” creates divine haiku. If you happen to have a favorite, sacred, insightful saying you would like to see posted on the church’s marquis, please share them with me.

God’s tidbits of wisdom on a church’s marquis like ours is divine haiku poetry, a big message in a small space. With letters (and numbers) we can create sacred messages telling people who drive by our church what God thinks. So, no more sermon titles, only meaningful words creating God’s haiku.

Shalom,
Pastor Scott



Mission Committee News

The “SWEETES FOR YOUR SWEETIE” was held on Sunday February 9, 2020, in the fellowship hall following morning worship. From the items that were sold at this event, Missions now has \$351 to help with future giving. A BIG Thank You to Scott Peters for being the auctioneer for this event. As always, he did a fantastic job and made the bidding interesting. Also, thanks to those who made something for this event and/or the purchasers. Hope you enjoyed the special item(s) you purchase for your sweetie or perhaps even for yourself.

Who will be the winner of the PENNY WAR? Will the North side beat the South side? The war was to end on February 26, 2020, but due to the weather, the last day to contribute will be Sunday, March 1, 2020. Funds received from this event will be split 50-50 between our church and Brian’s House. If you have any question, please see Bonnie Pratt or Holly Wendzik. REMEMBER--EVERY PENNY COUNT\$!!!

We are collecting again for the COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY. This pantry is located at Ss Francis and Clare Catholic Church in Birch Run. It serves local residents who need assistance in providing food for their family. As last year, items are to be brought each time we are served communion. Items, however, may be dropped off any time. The area for drop off will be the upper area of the South entrance. Here are some of the suggested items: Chicken soup, tomato soup, canned chicken, canned tuna fish, ramen noodles, juices, instant potatoes (box or pouch), scalloped potatoes (box), Zataran rice and beans, Rice-A-Roni, canned peas and canned carrots. The expiration date on all items need to be current. If you prefer, you can use a pew envelope to make a contribution. Please note on the envelope “FOOD PANTRY” and this will help the pantry purchase items like milk, eggs and bread. Hunger never takes a vacation so our help is greatly needed.

At the Sessions meeting of February 11, 2020, the following project were approved for Missions. In July we will have a project we are calling BUILD A DOG. This will be to help the “Leader Dog for the Blind” program in Rochester, Michigan. Look for more details coming in the next months.

Another event will be the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, for the month of October. More details will be given closer to the event. Remember that Missions is about our helping others. With your help, Missions is able to give to others.

Thank you, Bonnie Pratt, Chair

1 9:30am Worship w/ Holy communion 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:00 am Worship Committee	2	3 7:00pm Building & Grounds	4	5 6:00pm Supper Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church	6	7 9:00am to 3:00pm Presbytery Meeting At Saginaw Korean Church
8 <u>Daylight Savings</u> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:00 am Member Care Committee	9	10 7:00pm Session	11	12 6:00pm Supper Birch Run United Methodist Church	13 7:00pm Family Game Night 	14 9:00am—12:00pm Confirmation Class
15 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	16	17 	18	19 6:00pm Supper Christ Lutheran Church	20	21
22 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 11:00am Mission Committee	23	24 1:00pm P.W. Newsletter items Due to Office	25	26 6:00pm Supper Burt United Methodist Church	27	28
29 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	30	31				

Christian Education

Confirmation Class

We are inviting all Youth, 7th Grade or older, to attend the Confirmation Class to be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9am to 12noon. This would be the first step in making a decision to become a member of our church. Please let Pastor Scott, Floyd Roebuck, or myself know if you are interested.

Sunday School is now on to the 7th Beatitude: *"Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."* We are at peace with God when we know that Jesus died for our sins and when we do our best to follow him. We are at peace with other people when we do everything we can to get along with them.

"Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them." Matthew 5:1-12.

God Bless, Dawn Patrick, Christian Education Director

Member Care

"REACH UP, REACH OUT, TO REACH ALL"

On our work-bee February 16, we made "Prayer and Praise" patches. These are fabric squares, with inspirational Bible verses. They will be available for the congregation. They will be in a basket at the south entrance. These are for you to take for yourself, or share with a friend.

Each month in the newsletter there will be a "Guess Who" article. A committee member will interview a member. There are 10 questions they will answer. You will be able to guess who this is. There will be a paper, pencil, and box for your guess on the South entrance table. We will draw until we have a winning guess. The Interviewed person will receive a coffee mug with the church name and logo. The winning guesser will get "bragging rights". This is a long term project. Eventually, all members of the congregation will be interviewed. The person who guessed the most correct answers at the end will also win a coffee mug.

Member Care will be hosting the April 2nd Lenten Soup Supper. Please help by bringing soup, salad, or dessert.

We have a lot of ideas for the coming year. Watch for details in the newsletters. Thank you for your help and support!

Holly Wendzik, Chair, Member Care Committee

Yarn and Thread

Yarn and Thread continue to furnish baby hats for McLaren Hospital in Bay City. We are in DESPERATE need of them! The committee supplies over 80 per month. They can be Crocheted or knitted. For a newborn head size, they need to be 12-13 inches in size. We are also willing to teach you how to make them on a loom. Hope you can help! For more information: please contact Bonnie Pratt or Holly Wendzik

SUNDAY SHEPHERD

The Session is implementing the church's *Emergency Response and Safety Plan*. In order to make this plan work, the Session is in need of volunteers who will serve as a Sunday Shepherd to make sure the church's doors (all except the front west entrance) are locked and secured during the worship hour. The Sunday Shepherd will keep watch on the west entrance doors to monitor the coming and going of people on any given Sunday service. The Sunday Shepherd will be the primary person responsible to call 911 in case of an emergency. A complete information form can be found in the Office. Thank you to Adam Smith for being the Sunday Shepherd for March. Robert Minard, Chair of Emergency and Disaster Committee.



Thank you!

"I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers and other acts of kindness shown to me and my family at the passing of my father, Dale W. Stoneman. He was a man of faith and family and will be missed by many. Knowing how much friends care during this difficult time has made it easier to bear."

Thanking God for you, Bonnie Pratt



News from the Clerk's Desk

The following items were discussed and approved at February's Session meeting.

- ☐ Approved the request of Doris Ostermiller to transfer churches.
- ☐ Approved the treasurer's report and the upgrades to the secretary's office computer, the phone system, and the purchase of a new laptop using the memorial gift of Ruth Weston-Light.
- ☐ Approved 5 new events for missions as detailed in the missions newsletter. Please see Bonnie Pratt or another member of missions for more details.
- ☐ Agreed to have Heidi Smith speak to Ron Elrod to provide special music on July 12th or July 19th while Pastor is on vacation. Agreed to develop an organist list for when Heidi is on vacation. Floyd Roebuck has volunteered to fill in on any sick days that may occur.
- ☐ Agreed on the following 2020 communion dates: February 26 -Ash Wednesday, March 1, April 9 -Maundy Thursday 7 p.m., April 12- Easter Sunday (sunrise and regular services) May 3, May 31- Pentecost Sunday, July 5- Outdoor service, August 2, September 6, October 4- Worldwide communion Sunday, November 1- All Saint's day, November 29- 1st Sunday of Advent, December 24- Christmas Eve, early and late services.
- ☐ Approved the purchase of coffee mugs with church logo and name for Member Care as they are creating a getting-to-know-you section in the newsletter. Watch for more details. If you have any questions, please see Holly Wendzik.
- ☐ FYI from Personnel: applications have been received and interviews will be conducted on February 21st and February 22nd for the new secretary.
- ☐ FYI from Social Media and Communication Outreach committee: an email list is being created from the directory. if you do not wish to be on it, please see Christine Callender. Also, the new printer was installed the week of February 12th.
- ☐ The next PW meeting is March 24, 2020, at 1:00pm.
- ☐ The next game night is Friday March 13, 2020, at 7:00 pm.
- ☐ Pastor's report reviewed Lenton services, Ash Wednesday, and confirmation class (See Christian Education Newsletter for more details). Confirmation Sunday will be April 5, 2020 (Palm Sunday). The next Presbyterian meeting is Saturday, March 7, 2020, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Saginaw Korean Church. Lillian Ostrom and Pastor Scott will be in attendance.
- ☐ Approval given to Lillian Ostrom to continue as Presbytery representative from our congregation for 1 year.

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.

"Guess Who?"

Introducing the Member Care project with ten questions. Can you guess who this person is? Put your answer and your name on the paper provided at the south entrance table. Good luck!

1. What is your favorite Hymn and why?
A: "They will know we are Christians"
2. Where were you born?
A: Saginaw, Michigan
3. What is your favorite Bible Verse and why?
A: I Kings 18:20-24, The story of Elijah
4. Are you married?
A: No
5. Who would you invite to have breakfast with?
A: Eleanor Roosevelt. "Her work with human rights. Discuss her life and her work. Know what she thinks about the advancements in our country and our world, since she lived. Her life from 1884-1962".
6. Where did you go to school/Are you still attending?
A: Birch Run High School, no not in school.
7. Where do you work and what do you do?
A: Currently work in a field, that provides customer service in a casual field.
8. What are you working towards?
A: "I am working towards improving communications and knowledge of our endeavor to our community, through the youth and expansions of technology. With the help of many others, this remains an ever changing journey. It is both challenging and fun."
9. How many siblings do you have?
A: 1 brother
10. How many are in your family or at same address?
A: (blank)

Guess who!



Matthew 25 Initiative

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, thirsty and you gave me something to drink, naked and you clothed me, a stranger and you welcomed me, sick and in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:35-36

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is heeding the call of Matthew 25:31-46. This passage asks all of us to actively engage in the world around us by serving and standing with the hungry, oppressed, imprisoned, and poor in our congregations, communities, and world. Together, we are working to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.

All faith structures are in crisis. As Presbyterians how do we define ourselves? How are Presbyterians defined in the world? A world that is searching and seeking God's love but is distracted by so many things.

To brand PCUSA as a Matthew 25 gives all the congregations a common goal to build up our connectional church.

One-year ago the Matthew 25 initiative was introduced and since that time 404 individual congregations have signed on along with 34 mid-councils representing 5,475 congregations.

What is needed to become a Matthew 25 church? Sign on at the PCUSA website. Then share Taymouth's stories on how we are living as a Matthew 25 congregation. There are no fees, but there is a commitment to take action.

We have to think a little differently about some of the things we do at Taymouth. We are already doing the work of Matthew 25. For example, our church rummage sale was started as a fundraiser for the church, but it also helps our community. When a mother can come in and get clothes for her growing children by giving as able whether she has money or not, she can get the things she needs for her family. This is a huge help to the people who come to the rummage sale.

For more information regarding the Matthew 25 Initiative, google PCUSA Matthew 25. There are resources and stories of what other congregations are doing. Some projects will not apply to Taymouth just based on our rural location, but others may.

Feel free to ask me questions regarding Matthew 25 or the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Kathy Maurer, Resource and Administrative Chair
Presbyterian Mission Agency Board

Matthew 25 in the PC(USA):
A bold vision and invitation



The Presbyterian Women will meet on
Tuesday, March 24, 1:00pm, in the Fellowship hall.
New members are always welcome!

Community Happenings



**DINE IN - All You Can Eat
TAKE OUT**
**Friday, March 20, 2020
4:30 - 6:30 PM**

Fried Fish (Alaskan Pollock), Potatoes, Coleslaw,
Bread, Dessert, and Beverage

Adults: \$11, Children 5-11: \$5
Under 5: Free, Take Outs: \$10

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Taymouth Township Fire Department Association

Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Sausage

March 15, 2020

8:00 am—1:00 pm

\$6.00 Adults, \$3.00 kids (ages 5-12)

Free (4 years old and younger)

****Proceeds go towards the purchase of
Battery Operated Jaws of Life System.**



National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is pleased to announce a new Family Support Group in Frankenmuth. This is a confidential support group for loved ones of individuals living with mental illness. Through the NAMI Family Support Group, you can find hope and support by connecting with others who face similar challenges. You will gain support from peers who understand your experiences as well as insight into the challenges and successes of others. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Monday of every month. For more information, call Suzanne at (810) 232-6498.

Sarah's Closet

Our mission provides adult clothing for men and women! Clothing items include: shoes, socks, dresses, pants, shirts, coats, and under-garments. Open every Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and on Friday from 10:00 am to Noon. Call the Birch Run United Methodist Church at (989) 624-9340. The church is located at 122656 Church St., Birch Run.

Birch Run Baby Pantry

Open 4th Friday of every month from 10:00 am to 12:00pm, excluding holidays. Call Christ Lutheran Church at (989) 624-9378. Church address is 8101 Poellet St., Birch Run. All recipients must fill out form to receive necessary items.

Food Pantry

Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church is host to a Community Food Pantry. Hours are Monday, 9:00 am to 11:30 am, Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 3:00pm, or by appointment. Please call (989) 624-9098 for more information. Church is located at 12157 Church St., Birch Run. Donations are also welcome!

Frankenmuth Area Caregiver Support Group

CrossRoads Counseling Ministries is sponsoring a FREE caregiver support group that will meet every 4th Thursday of each month. Brian Wilson, Licensed Professional Counselor, will be the facilitator. Meetings take place 11:00am to Noon at the Winter Village (formerly Independence Village), Harmony Hall, 255 Mayer Road, Frankenmuth, MI. 48734. Free and open to the public.



For an annual treat at the Saginaw Temple Theatre, St. Lorenz
Girls of Grace Dance Ministry invites you to...
An afternoon of inspiration and worship!

"FAITHFUL IN ALL SEASONS"

An unforgettable Concert of Worship, Dance and Praise will be presented at The Temple Theatre on
Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19 at 3:00pm.

Reserved seating tickets are now available AT THE TEMPLE BOX OFFICE. (877-754-SHOW) Tickets are \$12 and \$15 or their website at <http://templetheatre.com/event/girls-of-grace-dance-ministry-faithful-in-all-seasons/> (Children 2 and under are free.)

Through the artistry of interpretive dance, drama, media presentations, vocalists, personal testimony and live art, this powerful concert will come to life on the stage! The different seasons of our lives bring many changes, but one thing remains constant: God is FAITHFUL through it all. Come, be inspired as over 200 joyful dancers and participants present "Faithful in All Seasons." You will walk away renewed, refreshed and filled with the presence of God....no matter what the season!

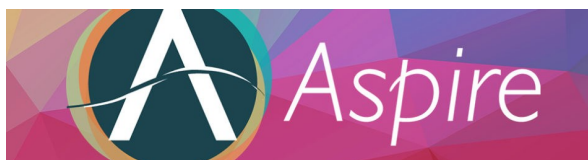
Annual Ingathering: **HELP US HELP OTHERS!** Girls of Grace Ministry is asking all who attend to donate GIFT CARDS OR MONEY DONATIONS to help emergency situations with foster kids served by our partner, WELLSPRING LUTHERAN SERVICES. (SPEEDWAY, SHELL, TARGET, MEIJER, WALMART OR KROGER) COLLECTION BOX WILL BE IN THEATRE LOBBY!

Vouchers for those in need: **We also provide vouchers for free tickets for those in need.**

Social organizations or Churches that have outreach ministries may call: 989-652-0770 for information.

For additional information:

1. Contact Linda Nuechterlein, Director of Girls of Grace: linda.nuechterlein@gmail.com
2. Like our Facebook page at St. Lorenz Girls of Grace Dance Ministry
3. Visit our website at: stlorenz.org/ministry/girls-of-grace



1 night—3 hours—Just for Women

An evening full of laughter, learning, stories & music

St. Martin Lutheran Church invites you to attend "Aspire" on **Friday, April 24, 2020, 7:00pm.**

The church is located at 10995 Canada Road, Birch Run.

The Aspire team has a great night planned! All you need to do is to gather some girlfriends and show up! They have an amazing lineup including Bible Teacher and Speaker Lisa Toney, Comedian Sally Baucke and Worship Leader Jaime Jamgochian.

General Admission is \$25, Group tickets are available. For more information, contact Sharon Prested, (810) 686-3498 or St. Martin Lutheran Church, (989) 624-9204





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God sends us flowers every spring! Praise God!