

Taymouth Tidings



“Live in Joy”

This past summer I read a small devotional book titled, Chasing Joy, by Edward Hays. My desire was to gain insight in how I could increase joy in my daily life. I was inspired to read this book, because during this past Lenten season I thought about how the Apostle Paul conducted his ministry in the midst of his own anguish and suffering. This is clearly seen in his Epistles or Letters to the Early Churches of the New Testament. Paul recognized the essence of joy shapes a person's life, and how a person's life is shaped according to his or her concept of joy.

The Apostle Paul was both a theologian and psychologist. In modern times he would be labeled a “cognitive-behavioral” therapist. The Apostle Paul understands a person's emotional state is shaped by behavior, and that behavior is shaped by one's emotions. Paul's own imprisonment during the time he wrote his Letter to the Philippians readily depicts this. I encourage you to read Paul's entire Letter to the Philippians. Paul found energy in being joyful, and this energy enabled him to serve others with compassion.

I am always amazed in how a physical action or activity can change our perspective. For example, by simply smiling our brain communicates to ourselves (i.e. mind, body, heart and soul) to be happy. This little, often overlooked, physical activity does amazing things in changing our negative perception into a positive one. Feeling this positive emotional energy by moving the corners of our mouths upward is our minds experiencing the love and grace of God daily. Keep smiling.

In joy we find energy. Even when we are tired and exhausted, and not in the mood to serve the needs of others but we do so anyway, is because of God's joy living in our lives. It is through this divine joy that we can enjoy the emotion of joy in serving. In joy we find positive energy, because the Holy Spirit creates a holy attitude within us.

In an ancient religious text there is a saying which captures what the Apostle Paul is illustrating about joy throughout his Epistles:

“Live in Joy”

Live in joy, in love, even among those who hate.
Live in joy, in health, even among the afflicted.
Live in joy, in peace, even among the troubled.
Health, contentment, and trust are your greatest
possessions, and freedom your greatest joy.
Look within. Be still. Free from fear and attachment,
know the sweet joy of the way.
(Hays, Chasing Joy, p. 134)

Shalom,
Pastor Scott

Pastor Scott will out of town conducting a youth confirmation retreat at Bay Shore Church Camp in Sebawing from Sept 20-21, and on vacation from Sept 22-28th. Please contact Pastor Sue Trinklien (989) 928-6845 or Pastor Rey Mondragon (734) 645-8991 for pastoral care emergencies.

September 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1. 9:30 a.m. Worship/ Sacrament of Holy Communion. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour.	2.	3. 7:00 p.m. B & G Meeting.	4. 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	5.	6.	7.
8. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:30 a.m. Cupcake War. 11:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	9.	10. 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting.	11. 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	12. 6:30 p.m. Men's Group Meeting.	13. 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night.	14.
15. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	16.	17.	18. 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	19.	20.	21.
22. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11:00 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	23.	24. 1:00 p.m. P/W Meeting.	25. No Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. Choir. Newsletter Articles Due.	26.	27.	28.
29. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	30.					

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

Session Round up June:

- Training and Education presented by Rev. Kroener: From the office of General Assembly. "Risk-taking in Spiritual Leadership".
- Members excused and absent: Sharon Peters, Tiffany Fortier, Christine Callender, and Cheryl Rogers. Quorum was present.
- Accepted agenda as presented.
- Approved minutes of the May 7, 2019 regular session meeting and April 14, 2019 special session meeting.
- Accepted Treasurers report with deficit (\$5,863.09) for the month/year ending May 2019.
- Buildings and Grounds: Lawns are being kept cut and flowers have been planted, volunteers are keeping watered and weeds removed from unwanted areas.
- Mission: Mission Marketplace was held May 5, total amount earned to date \$1,115.92. Will be delivering a check to Brian's House for \$962.50.
- Worship: Clavinova to be repaired for sticking keys and will be working on internal memory drive. Scrap drive is continuing, and funds are to be used for worship committee needs.
- Christian Education: No Sunday School or acolyting for the summer. Vacation Bible School, Christ Lutheran Church. July 29th thru August 1st. Ages pre-school thru fifth grade.
- Member Care: Easter breakfast was enjoyed by all and a small profit was made.
- Social Media & Communication Outreach: Will be purchasing Wi-Fi router, to be used for credit purchases for dinner and church collections/giving.
- Emergency Committee: Rob Minard presented "First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth "Emergency Preparation and Response Policy". Second reading to be done at August Session meeting and adopted.
- Pastor Report: Assisting in a (Jr. High & Sr. High) Confirmation/Spiritual Retreat at Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing, MI, on Sept 20th-21st.
- Pastor and Elder, Lillian Ostrom attended June 4th Presbytery meeting
- Pastor attended: Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders May 13th thru 17th in Sterling Heights, MI. This will be paid thru his continuing education fund. Pastor also attended. "Faith-Based Crisis Leadership and Vet Connects Workshop (June 6th and 7th) in Frankenmuth Michigan.
- Pastor has been asked to participate and help organize the Local NAMI chapter's, Third Annual Illuminate Community Event (September 21st in Flint), to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and suicide prevention.
- Pastor reported on Detroit Tiger's Home-plate Program attended on June 8th.
- Approved a Church Camp Out/Movie Night for August 23.
- Approved the purchase of church stationary with the church's coat of arms logo.
- Approved Pastors Vacation Request for August 2nd-15th. (two weeks) September 22nd -28th (one week); December 26th - January 1 (one week).
- Approved next stated Session meeting to be August 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Sharon Leach – Clerk of Session.

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Session Round up August:

- Session Education presented by Rev. Kroener on "Ruling Elders as Commissioners". Subject "Discernment meant listening to my colleagues and my heart to find the voice of God's Spirit. As ruling elders or teaching elders we are called into fellowships of discernment and charged to do just that. The current Book of Order puts it this way. "Presbyters are not simply to reflect the will of the people, but rather to seek together to find and represent the will of Christ".
- Members excused: Tiffany Fortier and Cherie Miller. Quorum was present.
- Accepted agenda as presented.
- Approved minutes of the June 11, 2019 regular stated session meeting with one correction.
- Accepted Treasurers report with deficit (\$5,597.82) for the month/year ending June 2019 and deficit of (\$5,671.96) month/year ending July 2019.
- Letter received from member, Roxanne Bryce requesting that she be placed on the inactive list.
- Buildings and Grounds: Discussion on laminate on front door. Requested that committee follow up with Neal Rogers and proceed to bring back more information to next meeting regarding cost, etc. Discussion on outdoor electronic/digital sign for church information, etc. M/S/C: That we purchase the K-fire extinguisher. Smoke detectors have been replaced. In need of someone to be responsible for recycling. M/S/C: To purchase "No Trespassing" signs to be placed by dumpster and garage. This has been requested by Insurance Company.
- Mission: Pie Auction was a success with a profit of \$645.00. Thanks to all who donated pies and those who purchased pies. Delivered items for Brown Bag Lunches to St. Thomas Aquinas. Presbyterian Women will be sponsoring the rummage sale October 3 thru Sunday, October 6. Different format than in the past, more to come. No pricing of items, items will be "FREE WILL DONATION".
- Worship: Clavinova was successfully repaired. Scrap drive has made over \$300.00. Prayer meeting is being held on Sunday evening. Elder Robert Minard led service on August 4th, we thank him for doing a fantastic job.
- Christian Education: Vacation Bible School, held at Christ Lutheran Church in Birch Run was a great success. Fall Kick-off Sunday School and Choir/Noisy Offering/Bible Presentation will be September 8. Classrooms and age groups discussed and will be adjusted as needed. Adult class will start back up according to Pastor Scott's schedule. Pastor and any junior and senior high youth who wish to attend the Bay Shore Presbytery Wide Confirmation Retreat, Sept 20 and 21. M/S/C: To pay fee of \$35.00 for any of our junior and senior high youth to attend. Fall Festival will return Sunday, October 27, 4 to 6 pm. Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 22 with Youth group hosting Pancake Breakfast.
- Member Care: Continuing with coffee hour following church service. Requested hostess to prepare.
- Social Media & Communication Outreach: Wi-Fi router has been purchased and is being used.
- Emergency Committee Second reading of Emergency Preparation and Response Policy tabled until September meeting.
- Pastor Report: Assisting in a (Jr. High & Sr. High) Confirmation/Spiritual Retreat at Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing, MI., Sept 20th-21st. Membership and Per Capita Review August 27th with committee. Presbytery meeting September 17. NAMI Illuminate Mental Health Community Event, Sept.21st.
- Pastor and Elder, Lillian Ostrom will attend next Presbytery meeting September 17th, at First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
- Committee reports and items for annual report to be into church office by October 1. 2018.
- Sharon Leach, Clerk of Session

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Welcome back! We are so excited to start the new year of Sunday School kick-off with noisy offering and a bible presentation on Sunday, September 8! Our theme will be from VBS Hero Central. All our young people are invited to participate in class time on Sunday mornings. We always have fun learning!

Vacation Bible School was held on Monday, July 29 thru Thursday, August 1, at the Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run. Combined efforts of the Christ Lutheran of Birch Run, Taymouth Presbyterian, United Methodist of Birch Run and Burt, and Ss. Frances and Clare Catholic Church of Birch Run. We averaged 24 participants and 18 youth helpers nightly. Thank you all to our Pastors, parents, helpers, and kids! Everything went very well!

During VBS, we were taught what it means to have hope in all circumstances. The beatitudes that were given to us by Jesus had one simple lesson and meaning that would help us live a good and hopeful life. During the next year, we will learn what Jesus had taught the crowds on the mountainside. The first beatitude is: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* (Be satisfied with what you have. Share the good things we have with others because God wants us to.)

"Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" Psalm 34:14b

God Bless!

Dawn Patrick

FUNERAL COMMITTEE:

Funeral Committee Meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, October 10th at 11:00 a.m. instead of Sept 26th due to Pastor's Vacation.



SUNDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETINGS:

The Church's Worship Committee and Pastor Scott will be hosting and leading a weekly prayer meeting on Sunday Nights, at 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. for all those who wish to gather together and offer prayers to God. The intention of the prayer meeting is to gather as a community of faith and simply uplift our concerns, needs, issues, joys, thankfulness, and praises in prayer to God. Come and pray. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Scott at (989) 624-9473. Members of the Worship Committee are: Sharon Peters, Chair; Heidi Smith, Choir Director and Organist; Lillian Ostrom, Jason Reed, Nancy Fortier.



CHOIR PRACTICE: Will be held on Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. Come and Sing! Make a joyful noise to the Lord! All are welcome! Please contact our Choir Director, Heidi, for more information on how to join the choir. Thank you.

Men's Ministry

Please reserve the date of Friday, Sept 13th, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., for a **Church Family Game Night** sponsored by the Men's Club. Bring your favorite games to play, bring your family and friends, and a snack to pass. Any Questions, speak with Rob Minard at 989.777.6789.



MISSION COMMITTEE:

On July 11, 2019 Bonnie Pratt and Holly Wendzik delivered the items to St Thomas Aquinas Church for the **BROWN BAG LUNCHES**. This was a very interesting and informative visit. Most of the volunteers who pack the lunch bags are retired. Many of them are in their late 70's through 90+ years of age. There were a few younger people there so they are training for the future. They have been doing the brown bag lunches for many years (probably at least 50) and have the process down pat. Each person has their own specific task and the whole process is done in a very short time (they are usually done before 10:00 AM).

Three times a week they provide 40 bag lunches that consist of a sandwich, chips, a piece of fresh fruit, cookies, pudding or jello cup, a few pieces of candy, and a juice box. The items we collected will help provide lunches for a least one week. Recently they ask St. Paul's Episcopal Church if the people ever got tired of the same menu for the lunches. The reply was "Hunger never goes on vacation". Thank you for your help with this project.

It was a very pleasant but a little breezy morning on July 7, 2019 for the out-of-doors worship and **SUNDAY SUNDAE**. Missions was able to treat about 55 church members to ice cream and several different topping of their choice. This was Missions way of saying "Thank You" for all the support that is given for the many different project sponsored by the Missions Committee.

PIE AUCTION was held on Sunday, July 28, 2019. This date was change from what was to be August 18, 2019, due to scheduling conflict. As usually Scott Peters with a fantastic job as auctioneer. With his skills, Missions received \$645.00 to be used for future mission project. Thanks to all who came, baked and/or purchased a pie.

September is the month we will again be doing the **BABY PANTRY** collection. Look for the Pink and Blue display area in the fellowship hall for where you can drop off the diapers and wipes for this event. The pantry is a co-operation with Birch Run United Methodist Church, Christ Lutheran Church and Taymouth Presbyterian Church.

If you know of anyone who can benefit from this pantry, they can call (989) 624-9378 for more information. This is something that Missions likes to give a little extra help towards.

The items for **MUSTARD SEED SHELTER** were delivered by Bonnie Pratt and Holly Wendzik on August 29th. The 10 brooms, dust pans, waste baskets and trash bags will be given to the women as they leave the shelter for the next chapter in their lives. They are now able to live on their own in their own residence. Mustard Seed Shelter has help them through tough times. They have been given the helping and learning hands to move forward with their lives.

Missions has been making deliveries to the **FOOD PANTRY** at SS. Francis and Clare Catholic Church. They provide support to local individuals and families that are in need of assistance. They are to be non-perishable and with current expiration dates. Please remember that our church is asking that you bring your donation on the times we receive communion. Here are some of the suggested items they can use: Chicken soup, tomato soup, canned chicken or tuna fish, Ramon noodles, juices, instant potatoes (box or pouch), scallop potatoes (box), Zataran rice and beans, Rice-A-Roni, canned peas and canned carrots.

For October we will be doing a collection for the **VA HOSPITAL**. We will provide you with a list of the desired item. These items will be used to help the Veterans that are living outside the hospital. Many of these Veterans are affected by the effects of being in combat zones. They are now having a hard time with life and being able to sustain a good quality of life as we know it. These items will help to show them that here are people who care for them and are thankful for the service they did for our country.

Those who wish to support the Mission projects and do not have the particular items and would rather give a monetary gift instead please use a *pew envelope* with your name, contribution amount and mark it with "*Mission Project*" this way it will be distinguished from any other offering/giving envelopes. Thank you.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

The **Rummage Sale** has been scheduled for October, 2019. This year we have made some changes to the sale, we have added hours and days. Here are the hours we will be open.

Thursday-October 3, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Friday,- October 4, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturday,-October 5, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sunday,-October 6 only during fellowship time until NOON.

There have been MANY HOURS in the past, spent on pricing of items. There will be NO sent prices this year. There will be a DONATION BOX for payment of items purchased. With talking to another church that does their sale this way, they believe they do just as well with donations VS pricing. We will see how this works for us.

In past years, the rummage sale was primarily done by the members of PW with help of some others. As some of you are well aware, the number of members in PW has gotten smaller and the ages have gotten larger. PW NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The PW has usually given about 90% of the money from the sales to the church. The remaining funds are usually given to charities of their choice. Look at this rummage sale as a FUND RAISER for YOUR CHURCH. This is why we are asking you to help.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the kitchen for you to pick times you can help. There are four hour shift you can choose from. There needs to be a least three person at all time and one of these should be a gentleman. This can be a good time for you to help your church, become better acquainted with your fellow church family and perhaps even find a good bargain.

If there is not enough signed up to help by Sunday, September 22, 2019 (one week before the sale), there will be no Rummage Sale. This is why we are asking you to help with the sale which will benefit our church. Any questions please contact Bonnie Pratt.



“THINKING OF YOU CARD SHOWER” for Elsie Gajewski:

Let us help put a smile on Elsie’s face and let her know we are thinking of her. Her new address is: Elsie Gajewski, Room #106, Durand Senior Care & Rehabilitation Center, 8750 Monroe Road, Durand, MI 48429.



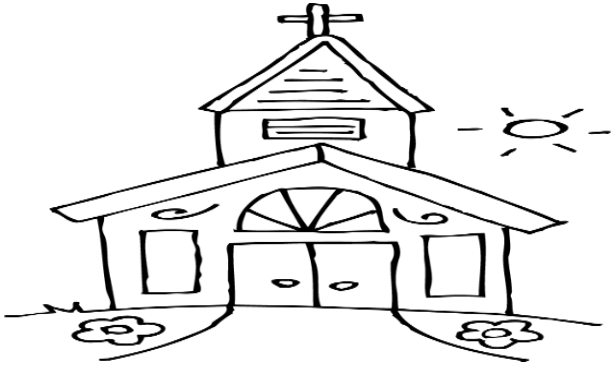
“GET WELL CARDS” for Doris Ostermiller:

Caretel Inns, Attn: Doris Ostermiller, Room #201, 6700 Westside Saginaw Road, Bay City, MI 48706-9325, Telephone: (989) 667-9800.



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.



BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS:

Thank you to all our helpers for working with the flowers and lawn care. The church grounds have never looked better! We are blessed to have talented and giving people in our church that work continuously to make it presentable. If you are interested in helping in some way, contact Gray Brabant. Extra help is always appreciated.

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are still empty dates that need someone to mow the manse and church grounds. Please consider signing up on the kitchen bulletin board. Preference is to have lawns mowed on Thursday or Friday of the week so as to not interfere with events on Saturday and to have the lawn looking its best for Sunday worship. If you have questions, please contact Ken Maurer at 274-5618.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Week of:

Volunteer:

Aug 25
Sept 1
Sept 8

Dick Leach
Pete McIntosh



NEW POLICY FOR CHURCH FUNERAL DINNERS:

At its monthly meeting in March 2018, 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.

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!

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.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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

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: Mowing the church and manse yards. 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

Adult “Sack Lunch” Bible Study – Wednesdays Noon-1:00pm

Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor

Sharon Leach, Clerk of Session - Tiffany Fortier, Treasurer

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

Dawn Patrick, Christian Education Director & Financial Secretary

Floyd Roebuck, Youth Director - Paul Fortier, Custodian

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