



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

JULY & AUGUST 2024

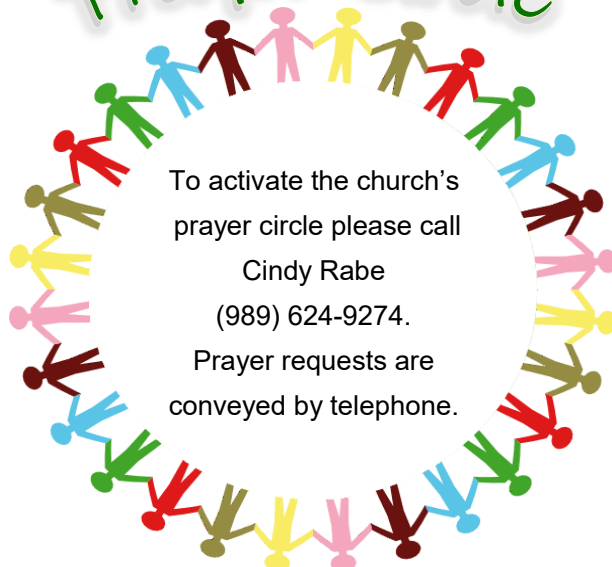
Taymouth Tidings

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, Ken Maurer- Custodian,
Lynn Hauk- Treasurer, Floyd Roebuck- Youth Director
12517 Morseville Rd. Birch Run, MI 48415
Phone: (989)624-9473, Website: www.taymouthchurch.com
Email: taymouthchurch@msn.com, Facebook: Taymouth Presbyterian Church

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.



Community Vacation Bible School

July 22nd—25th, 2024

6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Ages Pre-K thru 5th Grade

Hosted by Christ Lutheran Church
8101 Poellet St, Birch Run

Together with First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth,
Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church,
Birch Run United Methodist Church
and the Burt Global Methodist Church.

Pre-register at: <https://birchrun.mycokesburyvbs.com>

Admission is Free!

For more information, please call 989-624-9473

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BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

SAVE YOUR EMPTIES!

SATURDAY
AUGUST 3rd
9:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

DROP OFF AT TAYMOUTH CHURCH
12517 MORSEVILLE RD, BIRCH RUN, MI

IN SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH GROUP

**WE WILL
TAKE THEM!**

MORE INFO: 989.624.9473 or WWW.TAYMOUTHCHURCH.COM

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>JULY</div>	1	2	3	4 11:00 A.M. PARADE	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	13
7 9:30 am. Worship Service Outdoor Service w/Holy Comm. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour Luncheon by Member Care 7th Sunday after Pentecost	15	16	17	18	19	20
14 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 8th Sunday after Pentecost	22	23	24	25	26	27
21 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 9th Sunday after Pentecost	29	30	31			
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>AUGUST</div>				1	2	3 9am-12pm Can Drive
	5	6 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds	7	8	9 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	10
4 9:30 am. Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 11th Sunday after pentecost	12	13 5:30 p.m. Car Show Meet 7:00 p.m. Session	14	15	16 6:30 p.m. Camp Out & Movie Night	17
11 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 12th Sunday after Pentecost	19	20 12:00 P.M. FINANCE MEET NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	21	22	23	24
18 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour Happy Father's Day 13th Sunday after Pentecost	26	27	28	29		
25 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 14th Sunday after Pentecost						



“Celestial Celerity”

Summer becomes a time for many of us to travel and go on vacation. I always look forward to the summer months vacations. My vacation is traveling to places which are considered by others as insignificant or “off the beaten path.” I often shy away from visiting popular tourist destinations.

I know my travels, adventures, and vacations “off the beaten path” have shaped me as a person. I know one of the greatest ways to explore is by reading, viewing films, and looking at photographs of places which I know I will never be able to personally visit. For example, space—the final frontier. Space exploration has always been a great interest. Astronomy is fascinating. I know I will never be able to travel to space in a physical manner, but I can surely travel to local planetariums, museums, and celestial observatories. Also, I know I can travel “off the beaten path” at nighttime away from all the bright lights of our surrounding cities like Saginaw and Flint, and neighboring towns, and venture out into the Thumb area and see with my naked eyes the spectacular star lit night skies of God’s celestial celerity. This is what I call a vacation.

As you come and go in your travels this summer, please take time, and observe the impressive wonders of God’s handiwork in our night skies. I think you will be amazed at God’s original masterpiece. The 145th Psalm, and the beloved hymn, “How Great Thou Art,” extols such awesomeness. Carl Boberb, a Nineteenth Century Swedish minister, wrote in 1885 a poem called “O Store Gud” translated as “O Mighty God.” The words, literally translated to English, said: “When I the world consider / Which Thou has made by Thine almighty Word / And how the web of life Thou wisdom guideth / And all creation feedeth at Thy board. / Then doth my soul burst forth in song of praise / Oh, great God, Oh, great God! (Morgan, Then Sings My Soul, p. 213) This poem became the foundation of what evolved into our modern hymn, “How Great Thou Art.” What shaped this poem into a hymn was the cultural phenomenon of people traveling this world—observing God’s handiwork in nature and society.

Enjoy your summer by observing God’s celestial celerity.

Shalom, Pastor Scott



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session, following items were discussed and approved at May's Session meeting: The following items were discussed and approved at June's Session meeting.

The Presbytery is getting ready to do boundary training for the new policies of sexual harassment and racism in America. All sessions will be required to have this training along with the pastors.

Men's Group will be participating in the 4th of July parade in Birch Run. Watch for float making details.

Audit committee met on Tues., June 11, 2024, and reviewed the books. Everything was found to be in order.

The next Viability meeting is June 28, 2024.

Car Show festivities are coming together. The next meeting is August 13, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

Building and Grounds are in need of lawn mowers this summer. Painting will begin again in the fall.

Facebook numbers for May 2024: 236 total, avg 79. Youtube numbers for May 2024: 41 total, avg 7. All numbers are as of June 8, 2024. Most watched Sunday was Youth Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Sound system is put together. We are currently working with Jason Ward to find a day that it can be installed.

Christian Ed has gotten the following dates approved. Pop can drive on August 3, 2024; Fall Fest on October 6, 2024; and Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2024.

Next meeting is August 13, 2024.

**For a complete list, please contact the church office or the Clerk.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Many thanks to our lawn mowers and garden workers!
- Painting of the Fellowship Hall will continue in September.
- A list to help with donations for the Pasty fundraiser will be out soon.

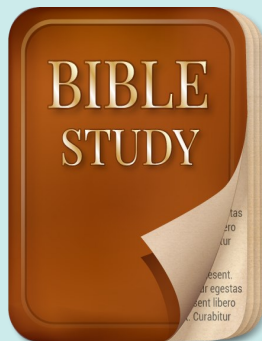
Thank you!

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Would you be interested in a Bible Study learning about the Book of Revelation? Session has had some discussion that if there is enough interest, we will begin to look at scheduling some time for this study.

Please contact the office to get on a list, 989-624-9473. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for interested persons. Thank you!



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!*



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.

**WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAM TO
FACEBOOK, 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS.**

Bulletins are available at
taymouthchurch.com.

STUDY FOR CHURCH VIABILITY COMMITTEE

VIABILITY, THE ABILITY TO CONTINUE AS INTENDED, INTENDED, TO BRING PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST.

Our committee met on May 28th. Our first discussion was the financial stability of our church but with the actions taken by the session, and a committee appointed to rework the church budget, this should not be our concern.

With the changes in our world that we now live with, we are looking to see if there is a need to consider changes in the way that we worship and serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ through the First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth. To help us with this, we will be sending out a questionnaire to the church membership and the church friends asking for a written response to several questions regarding changes, to consider making our Little White Church in the cornfield stronger and more attractive to new members. Please be praying about this and talking about this.

VC Chair, Dick Leach.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates— Alexandria Callender, Avery Railling, Carissa Billings, and Kerry Prout. Also, Congratulations to our Muriel Lakey recipients— Kerry Prout and Hunter Patrick. Well done all!!

Vacation Bible School planning is all set. Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run will be the host of the community VBS. The theme of Camp Firelight will take place Monday, July 22nd thru Thursday, July 25th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Together with Christ Lutheran Church, Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church, Birch Run and Burt Methodist Churches, we are planning a great learning, creating, and growing in faith event for all kids' pre-school thru 5th grade.

I am looking for Youth helpers to work with the children and adults that can provide security. Youth helpers receive service hours for their time, and all get to have a great time right along with the children!

New this year to VBS, a special mission challenge! The mission for the attendees is to help supply the Baby Pantry at Christ Lutheran Church with packs of diapers. On the final night of VBS, Thursday, July 25th, a reward will take place. If 25 packs of diapers are brought in, then Pastor Scott will take a pie to the face. If 35 packs of diapers are brought in, then Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will both get a pie. Then, if 55 packages of diapers are brought in, Pastor Scott, Pastor Sue, and Dawn will all get a pie! Wow! I am both nervous and excited.

Blessings, Dawn Patrick, CE Director



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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 7:00 - 9:00 pm
June 14
July 12
August 9

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CAMP OUT

FAMILY ACTIVITIES | DRIVE-IN MOVIE | POTLUCK

AUGUST 16

6:30 P.M.

All are welcome for this night of fun in the great outdoors.
Join us for the bonfire, potluck, movies, popcorn, and more!
Bring a chair and a dish to pass!

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2024

HUGE COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth
12517 Morseville Rd., Birch Run
5 Miles West of Birch Run and Half Mile South of the Taymouth Fire Hall

Thursday Oct. 3rd
9am - 5pm

Friday Oct. 4th
9am - 5pm

KITCHEN ITEMS DECORATIVE ITEMS CLOTHING OF ELECTRONICS
SHOES PURSES LINENS ALL KINDS BOOKS

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT FIND!

Donations accepted from Sunday Sept. 29 thru Wed. Oct. 2.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TAYMOUTH PRESENTS
4TH ANNUAL

CAR, TRUCK, TRACTOR & MORE SHOW

2024 SEPTEMBER 28
10 AM-2PM

OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES OF ALL AGES!

REGISTRATION FROM 9AM-12PM
TWO 50/50 RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWINGS
AWARDS GIVEN BASED ON SPECTATOR VOTING
VEHICLE ENTRY FEE: MINIMUM \$15.00 DONATION

Food Trucks, Concessions, and Family Fun!
Face Painting and Kids Games with Prizes.

VENDOR MARKETPLACE

\$10 for a Space. Available on first come first serve basis.
Contact the Church office to reserve your spot!

EVENT LOCATION: 12517 MORSEVILLE RD. BIRCH RUN, MI 48415
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PER CAPITA

Thank you all that have made their contribution to the Per Capita commitment for this year. As of the middle of May, we have received \$1,930.27 of \$3,098 needed. If you have not had the chance to contribute, you still have until December 31. The rate for 2024 is \$29.50 per member.

WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

PER CAPITA has been part of our funding history for over 150 years. When presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly meet, they are conducting the legislative and judicial business of the church and incur necessary expenses. There are also some necessary administrative expenses involved which enable these ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions to be performed. Historically, per capita has been used to fund these. Importantly, per capita funding enables governing councils to make decisions regarding distribution of mission dollars without itself being funded by those same dollars.

The whole church shares in these expenses since everyone who is a member shares in the benefits of this system of church government. Per capita provides for the financial participation of all local churches as part of a connectional and representative church, thus providing for unity and mutual responsibility within the church.

HOW IS PER CAPITA CALCULATED?

The Per Capita Apportionment in the Presbytery of Lake Huron is based on a portion of certain salaries and expenses which are part of the operating expenses of the Presbytery.

Per Capita is the cost of being a Presbyterian, and if each member pays the per capita amount above his/her pledge or regular giving, pressure on the local budget is reduced.

Paying per capita is similar to:

- contributing one's dish to a potluck meal
- paying to be connected to the internet
- paying for the benefit of utilities, like electricity, gas, water
- pitching in with others to pay for gasoline on a road trip

In order to keep presbytery's per capita rate from escalating the per capita portion of the budget is subsidized with a distribution from Presbytery's investments.

WHERE DO OUR PER CAPITA DOLLARS GO?

The amount that is set for per capita apportionment is a calculation based on the number of church members and the budget established annually by each governing body. At the presbytery level per capita pays for a number of items including:

- the mortgage payment on the presbytery office
- the office of the Stated Clerk including his salary and that of the Recording Clerk
- salaries of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and the Administrative Assistant
- insurance coverage, legal counsel, annual audit
- costs associated with operating the presbytery office meeting costs for our standing units

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

Thank you to all our Church Family and Friends that have helped increase the giving the last couple of months. The month of May was able to see a positive of \$1,178, above the needed budget amount. We so appreciate all your prayers and blessings!

The summer months tend to trend downward in giving and that is always a concern. Please consider helping out even if you are out of town or staying cool at home.

The Finance Committee, with some additional Elders, met on June 18, at 12:00 noon, to begin discussing budget changes. Many concerns and thoughts were voiced. A review of the expenses and budget are currently in process.

The main topic is to create the buffer in the check book that we had prior to 2023. Last year the Finance Committee set a goal of stabilizing the check book with a balance of \$12,000 for three months in a row. An added cushion would be helpful in slower months. We will remain focused on this as we continue to work on the other areas as well.

Please let us know if you have any concerns or ideas that can be discussed at our next meeting. The Finance Committee members are Lynn Hawk, Terri Rudzitis, and Judy Robertson. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 20, at 12:00 p.m.

Most importantly, PRAYER!

I hope we all can pray that our ministry will be blessed with a cup overflowing.

Blessings!

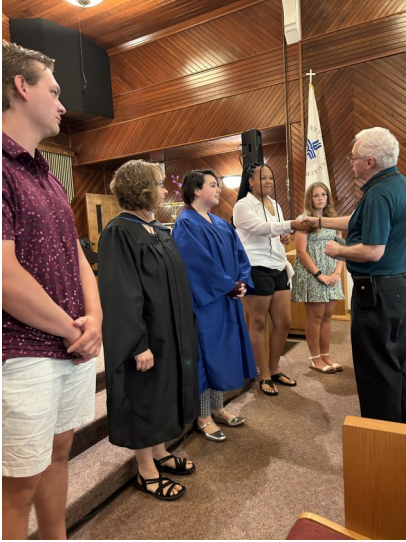
Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary



MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received	Needed	Difference
January \$10,456	\$13,000	(-) 2,544
February \$ 8,656	\$13,000	(-) 4,344
March \$12,781	\$13,000	(-) 219
April \$10,052	\$13,000	(-) 2,948
May \$14,178	\$13,000	(+) 1,178

Life at Taymouth!



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD ITEM ASSISTANCE

Emmaus House of Saginaw: Provides a free thrift store. Items include: clothing, household items, linens, towels, toys, shoes, furniture, and some appliances. All items were donated, and donations accepted. Open Mon. -Sat. 9:30a.m. -3:30p.m. 733 South 14th St. Saginaw MI 48601

BABY SUPPLIES

Baby Pantry: Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run, located at 8101 Poellet St, is host to the local Baby Pantry. Call the church office at (989) 624-9378 for hours of operation.

CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region: Provides diapers to families in need for Saginaw and Bay County Residents. Call (989) 752-7226 for contact free pick up. 1311 North Michigan Ave. Saginaw MI 48602

FOOD PANTRIES

Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church: is host to a Community Food Pantry. Hours are, Mon. 9:00-11:30 am, Wed. 1:00-3:00 pm, or by appointment. (989) 624-9098 12157 Church St., Birch Run.

Birch Run Taymouth CARE Program: is part of the Community Education at (989) 624-6229

Old Town Christian Outreach Center: hosts food distribution every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or *when food runs out*. 600 Gratiot Ave. Saginaw, MI 48602 (989) 249-8696.

Please visit fbem.org for more food pantry locations.



Wishing You A Blessed Summer!

*My presence will you
go with you, and I will
give you rest.*

Exodus 33:14



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