

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

JULY & AUGUST 2023

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

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Connect on 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.**

We are here for you! (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.

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CAMP OUT

FAMILY ACTIVITIES | DRIVE-IN MOVIE | POTLUCK

AUGUST
25

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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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF TAYMOUTH PRESENTS
3RD ANNUAL

CAR, TRUCK, TRACTOR & MORE SHOW



OPEN TO ALL
VEHICLES OF
ALL AGES!

2023
SEPTEMBER 23
10 AM-2PM

REGISTRATION FROM 9AM-12PM
ENTRY FEE: FREE WILL DONATION
50/50 RAFFLE PRIZE

AWARDS GIVEN BASED ON SPECTATOR VOTING

Food Trucks and Refreshments



VENDOR MARKETPLACE

Rent your space for \$10. 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (989) 624-9473 OR
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	JULY					1
2 9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service (weather permitting) w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Member Care Lunch 5th Sunday after Pentecost	3		5	6	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:30 a.m. CE Meeting 6th Sunday after Pentecost	10	11 No Session	12	13	14	15
16 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 7th Sunday after Pentecost	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 8th Sunday after Pentecost	24				28	29
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6 9:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:30 a.m. Missions Bake Sale 10th Sunday after Pentecost	7	8 7:00 pm Session	9	10	11	12
13 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 11th Sunday after Pentecost	14	15	1	17	18	19 Bottle Drive 9am-12pm
20 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 12th Sunday after Pentecost	21	22 Newsletter Items Due	23	24	25 Camp Out/Movie nit.	26
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“A People in Travail ”

During the American Revolutionary War, our national leaders of the Continental Congress realized the need for a distinctive American flag. After much discussion, the first “Stars and Stripes” was adopted on June 14, 1777. The flag resolution states: “That the flag of the United States to be thirteen stripes, alternately red and white, that the union be thirteen stars, white in blue field, representing a new constellation.” (David Crouthers, *Flags of American History*, 1973)

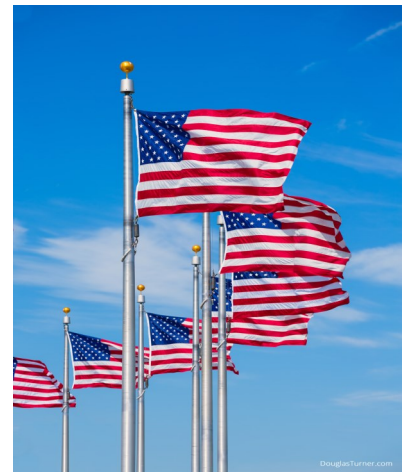
The “Stars and Stripes” was born in the midst of combat; it was a banner of people in travail, giving birth to a new nation founded upon liberty and freedom. General George Washington has been claimed to say, “We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty.” (Crouthers, 1973)

Our Eighteenth Century “Stars and Stripes” flag took on a new nickname, “Old Glory,” in the Nineteenth Century. American Merchant Sea Captain, William Driver (1803-1886), flew a huge “Stars and Stripes” flag (17 ft. x 10 ft.) during his career at sea. He presented the same flag during the American Civil War to Union Army troops to hoist over the city of Nashville, Tennessee, after the city was liberated from Confederate forces in 1864. (On-Line Wikipedia Resource) Today, the original “Old Glory” resides in the Smithsonian Institute.

Our flag’s nickname continues to live on and reside in many American’s hearts. Nothing has really changed about our nation’s flag since the nation’s Civil War years except the number of stars added to the canton, the union of the flag. “Old Glory” still flies for a people in travail, The United States of America, who continue to strive to correct two inherited national wrongs: racial inequality and social injustice.

Indeed, our nation’s flag was born in the midst of combat and continues to live in combat to ensure all men, women, and children are “created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” (Declaration of Impendence, July 4, 1776)

Shalom, Pastor Scott





**Community
Vacation Bible School
July 24th-July 27th, 2023**

**6:30 pm—8:15 pm
Ages Pre-K thru 5th Grade**

Hosted by Taymouth Presbyterian Church
12517 Morseville Rd., Birch Run

Together with Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run,
Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church, and the Birch
Run and Burt United Methodist Churches.

Pre-register at: www.myvbs.org/BirchRunVBS2023

Admission is FREE!

VBS participants are asked to bring diapers or baby wipes to help
support the Baby Pantry of the Christ Lutheran Church.

For more information, please call 989-624-9473

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Congratulations to our 2023 High School Graduates Regan Kribs and Nathan Callender! They both were honored during the Worship Service on June 4. In addition, congratulations to Kylie Gammons for graduating 8th grade and to our Muriel Lakey Scholarship recipients Kerry Prout and Hunter Patrick! We are so thankful you are all a part of our Church Family and we pray you will be blessed in all your accomplishments!

Vacation Bible School will be here soon! We are hosting VBS together with Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run, Ss. Francis Catholic Church, and the Birch Run and Burt United Methodist Churches. VBS will take place Monday, July 24 thru Thursday, July 27. Each night will begin at 6:30 pm and end by 8:15 pm. The theme this year is "STELLAR- Shine the Light of Jesus". Our church will be in charge of games and decorations. If you would like to contribute to the costs, we would be very thankful!

We will be hosting a Bottle and Can Drive on Saturday, August 19th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The proceeds from this will help buy supplies for our Rock Candy fundraiser.

God Bless, Dawn Patrick, CE Director

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BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

SAVE YOUR EMPTIES!

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 19TH
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



Our prayers are with John and Patti Osterrmiller and Family in the passing of John's mother Doris, on Monday, June 5, 2023. Please continue to keep the entire family in your prayers.

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 how!*



MISSIONS

Sunday, June 25th is the last day to bring the FAMILY SIZE BAGS OF CHIPS, COOKIES & INDIVIDUAL SIZE JUICE BOXES for the Brown Bag Lunches.

We will continue to collect the 2" X 4" medicine bottles to be filled with various items supplied by Missions and to be given to the homeless, through the month of August.

Dig out your favorite Chocolate Chip Cookie recipe for the challenge on August 6th.

Remember the hungry as you sit down to a meal with your 2 Coins donation. Those same 2 coins added to those given by other members of the congregation will add up quickly to help.

Thank you for all you give to support the many requests from Missions, we could not do it without you. We are so blessed.

HAVE A WONDERFUL BLESSED SUMMER,
Janette Gonzales, Missions Chair



Missions needs your help!
A collection of large, empty
medicine bottles will
take place this August.



Medicine Bottles

The empty bottles will help
"Under The Rainbow" with a
project for the homeless.

Please place large medicine
bottles in the brown basket at
the front of the Sanctuary.
Thank you!

MISSIONS BAKE SALE

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE CHALLENGE

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Following the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.



Online Giving

We are pleased to announce that we are now providing online giving as an option that is a convenient and secure way to make a one-time or recurring donation. When you choose to give online, your donation will transfer directly to our bank account. You have the option to create a Profile, which will give you the ability to log in at any time to view your prior online donations or to make changes to any recurring gifts you may have scheduled. Whether you choose to create a Profile or not, you can setup your donation and designate a category of giving. Recurring donations help stabilize giving and allow us to improve our budget forecasting. Visit our website for more information. The Presbyterian Foundation will take care of processing all gifts. For your convenience, use the bar code below to access the payment app.



2023
PER CAPITA IS
\$29.77 PER
MEMBER

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 AT
9:30 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY

For those watching from home, bulletins are available at taymouthchurch.com.

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

I recently went to Google for information on the meaning of Stewardship. Google states that its “the job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property.” Then I searched what the bible says about Stewardship. “Stewardship, quite simply, is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and being grateful and generous with those gifts. We are called as God’s stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to his desires and purposes.”

How do we know we are acting as good stewards of our Church? Well, look around! We are all given different talents and abilities that when used together as a church family, something wonderful starts to take place. We are so blessed with individuals that have a green thumb, crafting skills, music, public speaking, cooking, organizing, maintenance abilities, outreach and so many more. Then, when the individuals come together as a whole, we are truly being faithful stewards of our Church. When we begin to share all our blessings with those outside of the church, we see His purpose being revealed. We have so much to be thankful for as part of the First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth and I hope you feel the same. What the Lord has given us on loan, we can use for His glory. Thank you all for being a part of this stewardship!

God bless! Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary

MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

	Needed	Received	Difference
Mar	\$10,760	\$11,052	(+) 292
April	\$13,450	\$13,409	(-)41
May	\$10,760	\$9,323	(-)1437

NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

- Session currently working on the bylaw pricing for Building Use.
- Funds are low in the bank right now. We are still waiting on the rest of the Fish Fry expenses to come out so that money can be moved to the General Fund.
- Presbytery's website will be getting an update this summer.
- Session approved Men's Group to apply for the 4th of July parade.
- Dinner Committee is looking into partners with Saltee Mama's in Birch Run for t-shirts and aprons. Please watch for more information.
- 2 Muriel Lakey Scholarships were given out at the June 4th service. Hunter Patrick and Kerry Prout were the proud recipients. Congratulations and good luck on your continued studies.
- Special Congregational Meeting to be called September 17, 2023. This meeting is to reduce the size of Session from 12 to 9 based on the recommendation from the Congregational Committee Study of Session Size Adjustment.
- Audit performed June 13, 2023, with no discrepancies.
- Car show Committee will meet in July.
- Member Care will be hosting a picnic after outdoor service on July 2, 2023.
- Pastor has some vacation time coming up, August 9-15 & August 30- September 5.

Next meeting August 8, 2023. Have a great Summer and we'll see you in the Fall.

****For a complete list of all items discussed at the Session meeting, please contact the church office or the Clerk.**

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Lawn mowing underway! Thank you to all who have already mowed this year. Please sign-up for your available dates.

Thank you to Jim Maher and Andy Rudzitis for repairing the lawn mower.

Thank you to Jim Maher, Dennis Neahusan, Rick Hauk, Dick Leach, and Andy Rudzitis for cleaning and painting the parking area. Thank you Ed Savage for donating paint.

Thank you to Jim Maher for painting the garage door.

Thanks to all the people working on the flower gardens!

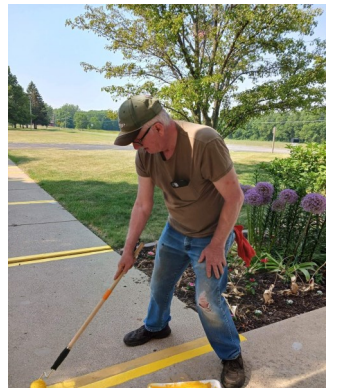
Thank you to Ken Maurer and Dave O'Connell for power washing the church.

Thank you to Floyd Roebuck for repairing the broken pipe at the manse.

The church Manse needs work done on the outside. Anyone who would like to help, please see me. (painting, cleaning rock garden, gutters, etc.)

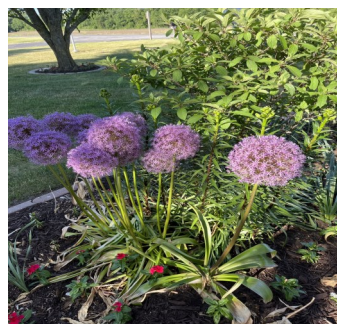
We will be having a sale on aprons, hats, shirts, and jackets with the church logo and name. These items would be nice to wear for special events or just around town. Purchases will be made by individuals. Order forms will be coming soon.

We are always looking for more help with this committee. If you would like to join, just see Terri. Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair



Dinner Committee

The Dinner Committee needs your help! We are currently planning future events. We would like to have more input and suggestions. Let's make this a strong committee!! Stay tuned for a Dinner Committee meeting in the near future!





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