



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

**MAY 2025**

Taymouth Tidings

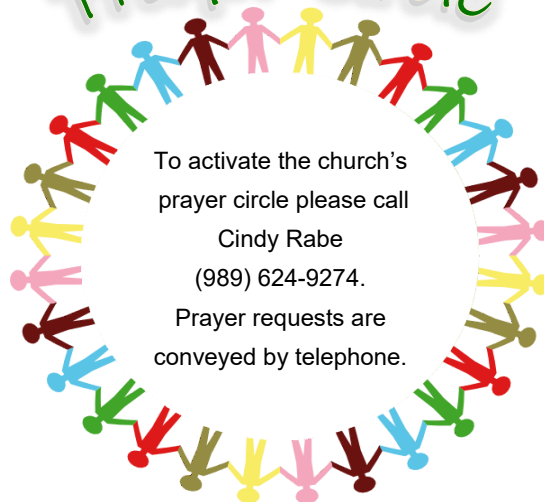


## WELCOME!

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  
 12517 Morseville Rd. Birch Run, MI 48415  
 Phone: (989)624-9473, Website: [www.taymouthchurch.com](http://www.taymouthchurch.com)  
 Email: [taymouthchurch@msn.com](mailto: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.

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# Quilt show

**Saturday, June 7, 2025** **10:00 am- 2:00 pm**

**Showcasing Community Quilters**  
**All are welcome to display their talents!**

Featuring:  
 Quilt of Valor  
 Quilted Hearts Quilting  
 Frankenmuth Area Barn Quilts  
 Children's Quilts for Charity

Raffle tickets and Lunch items available for purchase.  
 Raffle proceeds go towards Quilt of Valor.  
 Lunch proceeds go to Taymouth Pres. Church

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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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>MAY</b>				1	2	3 <b>B&amp;G Paint Day</b>
4 9:30 am. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour Sunday School & Youth Class  3rd Sunday of Easter	5 7:00 P.M. <b>GRIEF SUPPORT</b>	6 6:00 p.m. <b>B &amp; G</b>	7	8	9 <b>7:00 p.m. Family Game Night</b>	10
11 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School, Youth Class  4th Sunday of Easter	12	13 9:45 am Finance 6:00 pm Car Show meeting 7:00 pm Session	14	15	16	17 <b>Private Party</b>
18 9:30 a.m. Worship Service- Youth Sunday, Noisy Offering 10:30 am. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School, Youth Class <b>1:00 pm. Bingo at Birch Run Fields</b>  5th Sunday of Easter	19	20  <b>Newsletter Items Due</b>	21	22	23	24
25 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School, Youth Class  6th Sunday of Easter	26	27	28	29	30	31

## 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*



## 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.

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

Thank you all who made Easter Breakfast happen. From the ladies who furnished fruit, chocolate milk, decorating Fellowship hall to Janet Reed for keeping us in donuts. Free will offering is designated for the Donut fund. Coffee hour would not be the same without donuts. The monies collected totaled \$125.00.

The Quilt Show is 7 weeks away. You can purchase raffle tickets before the Quilt Show. Just ask any Member Care person. The raffle money will go to Quilt of Valor. Lunch monies is designated for the church. Last Quilt Show 1300 raffle tickets were sold. Lets hit that goal again!

Do you anyone struggling to pay their water bill? Saginaw county Water Affordable Program can help. Saginaw County Community Action Center can help with Consumers Energy (Gas-Electric-). Also Propane gas. Help is only a phone call away.

Are you struggling to hear others? Are you still working? Michigan Rehabilitation Services can help you get hearing aides. Their goal is to keep you working!

Please check out the flyers printed for all of these services, located in the Fellowship Hall. Don't be afraid to ask for help. These programs can be your life vest.

Member Care is about our community. Our Goal is to Reach Up, to Reach Out, to Reach all!

Holly, Chair of Member Care

## “Generosity”

“You were born owning nothing and with nothing you will pass out of this life. Be frugal and you can be generous.” (Ethan Hawke, Rules for a Knight, p. 87)

I empathize with my fellow Christian brothers and sisters of the Roman Catholic Church in their sadness regarding the passing of Pope Francis. I must say I did admire Pope Francis. I admired his attitude of generosity in giving and living freely. He courageously embraced everyone with a gift of generosity. He showed what it meant to be rich, not by accumulating vast sums of wealth, but by needing very little. This, of course, reflects Pope Francis’ frugal lifestyle both as Cardinal and Archbishop of Buenos Aires, and as Pope living in the Vatican.

Being frugal does not mean being cheap or stingy. Quite the contrary, it means living abundantly and giving fully our resources (monetary and non-monetary) to God, and to others who are in charitable need. Frugality means the giving of our selves (space, time, and energy) to create change. This develops Christian character. This inspires Christian discipleship. Living and giving freely enables us to produce kindness, compassion, and love in an inhospitable world.

A frugal generosity story: Once upon a time a Christian knight came upon an impoverished and starving child. The knight handed the boy some sweet bread from his horse. Instead of devouring the cake as the knight imagined he would, the boy held it very carefully in his hands, sprinted to his younger siblings, and divided the bread into three pieces. Never had the knight witnessed such profound and simple generosity. The knight no longer felt pity for this starving young boy. He admired the boy. The knight said to his fellow knights, “My character had never been tested like his, and if it ever was, I hoped I would respond with his integrity.” (Hawke, Rules for a Knight, p. 90)

The quality of our character determines our worth. Be frugal. Be generous.  
Shalom, Pastor Scott



### NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

The following items were discussed and approved at April's Session meetings:

We talked about changing announcements to generosity, time, talent and resources, and it passed. It will be changed in the bulletin to reflect all the things that people do for the church and the manse.

\$4,620 was moved from the checking to the savings because we were over budget. MEI did our annual inspection and it went well. Schindler didn't show up for the quarterly inspection, so we should be able to switch to MEI for that as well.

We had one applicant for the Muriel Lakey scholarship.

The session decided to give Christine Callender, and Heidi Smith each a gift for Easter and Christmas; since they are not able to be on staff right now.

The easter egg hunt was canceled for this year due to high cost and low attendance.

Next meeting May 13, 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 Andy Rudzitis for completing the indoor projects at the manse.
- Thank you Andy Rudzitis and Marc Schrubbe for temporarily fixing the siding damaged by the storm.
- Thank you Jim and Cindy Maher, Don Pringle and Roger Zissler for donating portable generators for the church and manse use.
- Thank you to Rick Hauk and Dick Leach for rolling the lawn, and readying the yards for mowing.
- Thank you Rick Hauk for raking the rocks.
- Huge THANK YOU to all the Building & Grounds team who work so hard to keep things working and looking great!!!
- **WE NEED YOUR HELP! Beginning the week of April 28th, the manse will get washed on the outside to prep for painting on Saturday, May 3. Please let us know if you can help!**

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thank you to Jaxon, Benjamin, Carson, Jack, Rowen, Brianna, Peter, Frances, Nellie, and To-beigh for participating in the Palm Sunday March! You all did a wonderful job!

Thank you to Pastor Scott, Terri and Andy Rudzitis, and the Roebuck family for helping and participating in the Good Friday event at the Burt Fellowship Church. We had a great time!

Thank you Jim Maher for donating your custom wood projects for sale! So far, \$412.00 has been raised for the Youth.

Youth Sunday is May 18th! Our Youth will be taking part in the service and a Noisy Offering will take place.

“When I’m afraid, I put my trust in you” Psalm 56:3.

“Shine Jesus’ Light” ,

Dawn Patrick, CE Director

## NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

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

### *Welcome Heidi!*

1. What led you to start attending this church?  
*“I was married in this church in 1987 by Rev. Fogal. My husband’s grandmother also attended here and was very active in church.”*
2. When were you Baptized?  
*“I was baptized as a baby at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Flint, Mi.”*
3. What church background do you come from?  
*“I grew up in the church Methodist. I had the best prayer warriors examples you could ask for.”*
4. Are there any specific areas of your faith that you feel particularly passionate about?  
*“I am very passionate about praying for people. I pray for my kids and all of their friends and especially people that need the Lord.”*
5. What are some of your hobbies or interests outside of church?  
*“When I am not at church, I love going to horse auctions, Amish auctions and fishing or hanging out with my family.”*

Youth  
SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 18 | 9:30AM

Join us for a  
special Worship

Service as our  
Youth lead us in  
worship.

NOISY OFFERING



## Per Capita 2025- \$30.69



### STEWARDSHIP

March was a great month in contributions! The budget had an excess of \$4,620, that was then moved to savings. Thank you all for your generosity! Savings is now at \$22,586.

The next Finance meeting will be held Tuesday, May 13th 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
March \$14,620	\$10,000	(+) 4,620

### 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.

### 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.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Cindy and Jim Maher, and family, in the passing of Cindy's mother Rosella Sevrence. Rose passed away on Tuesday, April 8. We are very sorry for her passing and ask that God be with all of the family at this time.

### MISSIONS

Calling all crafters and those that can create items for sale. MISSION MARKET PLACE is coming up on November 15th and 16th. This will give you some time to think about what you want to contribute. Your help will provide funds to bless others. Beverly Robertson, Chair

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

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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  
January 10  
February 14  
March 14  
April 11  
May 9

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# MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

REMEMBER. HONOR. SUPPORT.



## Military Appreciation Month

“May is Military Appreciation Month, a special time for those in and out of the military. It is a time designated to honor and recognize the contributions, sacrifices, and service of the members of the armed forces, past and present.

Not only do we pause on [Memorial Day](#) to remember the sacrifice and service of those who gave all, but the month also marks several other military anniversaries and events, including [Military Spouse Appreciation Day](#) and [Armed Forces Day](#).

Join Military.com as we honor the service and sacrifice of members of the [Army](#), [Navy](#), [Air Force](#), [Coast Guard](#), [Marines](#), [Space Force](#) and [National Guard](#) as well as the contributions of their [spouses](#) and families.

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present. It serves as a reminder of the profound contributions made by service members.” (military.com)

**Please keep our Military Buddies (listed below) in your prayers. They do appreciate receiving mail!**

### Military Buddies

Patrick, Logan, N  
702 Quartermaster Rd Box 962  
JBER, AK 99505

Justin Putnam  
3713 Cesar Chavez Dr  
Clovis, NM 88101

Brooke and Jake Whalen  
153 Van Buren Rd  
Schenectady, NY 12302

Sonny and Danielle Lewis  
358 Shepherd Trail  
Aberdeen, NC 28315

Waylon and Maryanne Stanley  
14165 Lancaster Lane  
Plato, MO 65552

# Generosity: Time, Talents, Resources





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