

Taymouth Tidings



“Leaf Peeping”

There is an annual pilgrimage each fall in the great northeast of the United States, and this includes the state of Michigan. The annual pilgrimage is no other than “leaf peeping.” Since coming to Michigan, Jane and I have tried to get out each fall, travelling by car to see this beautiful spectacular event unfold before our eyes. This year will be no different. Seeing Michigan’s panoramic view of fall foliage is breathtaking.

My first experience in leaf peeping came about twenty-three years ago in New England when I took liberty for one weekend from the Navy Chaplain School located in Newport, Rhode Island, and traveled the backroads of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. I quickly discovered that this Octoberfest event of leaf peeping is one gigantic parade of cars; people driving between 5-10 miles per hour down any road they can looking for that perfect colorful leaf. It became quickly apparent to me that the classical leaf peeper was not an individual just interested in looking at the huge panoramic view of the forest’s colorful leaves as I was. No, leaf peepers are primarily interested in looking at one particular leaf among many leaves which happens to be located on one particular tree among many trees.

Now, I have to admit I chuckled upon my first sight of these leaf peepers in action. By observing them my admiration only grew. These leaf peepers were indeed on a pilgrimage quest of finding the ultimate colorful shapely leaf: parades of cars sputtering down rural roads coming to a sudden stop; vehicles being randomly parked along the road side disembarking their passengers; young and old alike toting magnifying glasses, tree identification books and cameras to the forest’s edge where the red, yellow, and orange leaves lived. Yes, they were on a quest to view God’s handiwork.

What made me chuckle a little harder, and again, what made me admire these leaf peepers even more was how they pulled and tucked on the many trees’ leafy branches looking for that perfect specimen of shape and color. Pulling the branches towards them and raising their magnifying glasses up to the leaf in order to look at it closely was an effort of true dedication in their endeavor to discover God’s world in depth in something so small and fragile. Beautiful leaves, colorful leaves, bountiful leaves, all for the viewing. Fall’s coloring of leaves calls us to the beauty of change. I invite you to travel the backroads of Michigan, and to walk the backyards of your homes to see God’s painting. Become a leaf peeper and walk the tree-line. Become a leaf peeper and pull those branches to your nose. Be a leaf peeper and place your eyes upon the magical leaf. Be a leaf peeper and look closely to see God’s most colorful spectacle of yellows, reds, and oranges.

Observe the change in autumn colors and be blessed with a deep profound spiritual journey.

Shalom,

Pastor Scott

OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1. Annual Reports Due. 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting.	2. 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	3. PW Rummage.	4. PW Rummage.	5. PW Rummage.
6. 9:30 a.m. Worship/Sacrament of Holy Communion. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	7.	8. 6:00p.m. Finance Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting.	9. 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	10. 6:30 p.m. Men's Group.	11. 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night.	12.
13. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	14.	15.	16. 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	17. 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Harvest Supper.	18.	19.
20. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	21.	22. 1:00p.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting.	23. No Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	24. Newsletter Articles Due.	25.	26.
27. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11:00a.m. Mission Committee Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.	28.	29.	30. 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. Bible Study. 7:00 p.m. Choir.	31.		

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth
Session Round up September:

- Session Education presented by Elder Kathy Maurer on "Matthew 25 Church." What is a Matthew 25 Church? Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Session Members are to research their brochure on "Matthew 25" and decide if we would like to become a "Matthew 25 Church".
- Members excused: Tiffany Fortier, Cheryl Rogers, Robert Minard and Bonnie Pratt. Quorum was present.
- Accepted agenda as presented in addition, address emergency disaster and pulpit supply compensation.
- Approved minutes of the June 11, 2019 regular stated session meeting with one correction.
- Accepted Treasurers report with deficit (\$8,271.43) for the month/year ending August 2019.
- Mission engagement and support as to where, what and how mission money has been used, will be included in annual report for annual meeting.
- Voted to place Church ad in the Birch Run High School Yearbook.
- Building and Grounds: Further discussion on laminate for front door, Neal Rogers is willing to proceed with installation and will laminate. It was suggested that this be added to the annual meeting agenda for acceptance. Discussion on outdoor electric/digital sign for church information, etc. Township has an ordinance which would not allow a sign to be placed on Birch Run Road. Digital Sign for church yard would be approx. \$12,000 to purchase plus installation.
- Worship: M/S/C: Elders when supplying Pulpit supply starting on January 1, 2020 will be paid the same as pulpit supply. Pastoral coverage for August 4, was provided by Elder Rob Minard. August 11 Pastoral coverage was by Halsey's Oldtimers Group in the form of gospel musical concert. August Holy Communion was 52, and average church attendance was 66. Cookie and Holiday Treats will be December 21. This is open to the public.
- M/S/C: Donate \$200.00 to Kim Weston who is with Heavenly Hope International for Mission Trip, January 26, 2020 to Varanais and Lucknow, India for 9 days.
- Christian Education: Pastor will participate and attend with Regan and Jack Kribs, Bay

Shore Presbytery Wide

Confirmation/Spiritual Retreat, September 20 and 21. Elder Sharon Rogers will also attend as a chaperone.

- Member Care: Meeting September 24 and will be furthering plans for Church Rummage Sale, Oct3rd thru the 6th. New requirement this year is that a male needs to be on premises to assist with sale.
- Social Media & Communication Outreach: Separate line item to be added to budget for Social Media. Repeater is working for Harvest Supper.
- Emergency: M/S/C: To accept "Emergency Preparation and Response Policy" as presented to Elders in August. Implement date to be January 1, 2020. Training time will be established. Each Session member will be responsible for one month as a "Sunday Shepard"
- Mission: Cupcake War was won by Alexandria Callender, her cupcakes were decorated as smores. Profit of \$187.00 was made.
- Church Group Reports: Men's Group Meeting September 12th, 6:30 p.m. and Family Game Night, September 13th, at 7:00 p.m. Church Camp-out family night, August 23rd was a great time. Games and movie were enjoyed by those present.
- Pastor Report: Presbytery meeting September 17. NAMI Illuminate Mental Health Community Event, Sept. 21st. Pastor and Elder Lillian Ostrom will attend next presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
- Committee Reports and items for annual report to be into church office by October 1, 2019.
- Membership Committee has met and will be sending out letters to members who have not participated as being present in church, giving and church activities.
- Received Thank you letter from Hunter Patrick for Lakey Scholarship.
- Church Nominating Committee will be meeting.
- Funeral Committee to meet October 10th at 11:00 a.m.
- Annual Fall Harvest Dinner, Thursday, October 17th.
- Pastor on vacation from September 22nd thru 28th.
- Sharon Leach, Clerk of Session.

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS:

CUPCAKE WAR of 2019 found 12 different kinds of decorated cupcake. The winner of the war was Ally Callender with her S'more cupcake. Sale and donations from this year's war total \$191.00 Thanks to all the baker and those would got to enjoy their purchase.

September is the month we will again be doing the **BABY PANTRY** collection. 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. As we are part of this pantry, we like to make a donation once a year to help.

November will be a time for doing the **SHOE BOXES**. Look for more information about this in another section of this newsletter. Remember the **HOLIDAY TREATS and CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK** will be on Saturday, December 21, 2019. Now is a good time to be thinking as to what you are going to make for this event. The sale of the items is open to the public. As in prior years, there are some pretty awesome goodies to purchase and enjoy.

The Mission Committee is very thankful for the giving to the different project we have during the year. We have been discussing ideas for next year. Look for more information about 2020 giving events coming at a later date.

Once again Taymouth Presbyterian Church will be participating in Shoeboxes for Saginaw. This is our 8th year of helping women. Last year over 30 boxes were filled by the women in our church and were given to women in the Saginaw community who may not be as fortunate as we are, are unemployed, or may be experiencing difficulty in their life and find they are lonely or hurting from life's challenges. Some of the agencies that receive the shoeboxes are: The Salvation Army, Emmaus House, East Side Soup Kitchen, McNally House, Ascension House (Emerson House), Rescue Mission, Underground Railroad, and many others. Boxes will be available after the Harvest Supper, but I thought I would get the information out to you so you could start looking for items for the boxes.

What you pack into your shoebox can be as unique as you are but please make sure the items are NEW and have some gift appeal to them. **NO PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS**. Some suggestions for the shoebox: Full size bottle of shampoo, brush, comb, toothbrush & paste, deodorant, nail file, perfume, lotion, watch, small

notebook & pen, book, hat, gloves, socks, Non - Perishable candy, small sewing kit, calendar, Kleenex, coin purse, bracelet, scarf. Mission Committee will wrap the boxes. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Rogers at (989)-624-5700 or klrog2001@yahoo.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS: Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, October 22nd, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION REPORTS:

Reports are due by October 1st. All Church Groups and Session's Committee Reports must be provided to the church office no later than October 1st. This way we can correlate, type, and distribute the reports in a timely manner before the actual Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 3rd. Like last year the meeting will immediately follow worship with a continental breakfast to be served by the Member Care Committee. The Member Care Committee's Chair, Fern Britton, is asking for your help with the breakfast this year. The Member Care Committee is small. They simply need your support and assistance in shopping, preparing the food items, and in serving the continental breakfast on Sunday morning, Nov. 3rd. Please contact Fern Britton (Home: (989)-624-4954) for more information in helping.

CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MEETING: will be held on Saturday, October 13th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Pastor's Office.

Members of the Committee elected at large by the congregation are Pete McIntosh, Beverly Lee, and Nancy Fortier. The Chair of the Nominating Committee is Sharon Peters. The Session will elect one more member to the Nominating Committee at its October 8th meeting in accordance to the church's by-laws.

CROP WALK: will take place on Oct. 13th, beginning at 1:00 p.m., at the Saginaw YMCA. There is a 3 mile walk or you can do it twice for 6 miles. If we have at least 3 youth walking and have donations of \$250.00 there will be matching funds of \$125.00 by an anonymous community donor. This is a great way to make extra funds for the crop walk. There will be envelopes in the church office for walkers to fill out and track donations for their walk. Contact Church office for more information.

MEN'S GROUP: Please reserve the date of Friday October 11th, 7:00 P.M.-9:00 p.m. for a Church Family Game Night sponsored by the Men's Club. Bring your favorite games and enjoy a great night of fun and fellowship with other members of our church. Snacks are welcome as are friends or family. The more the merrier. Any Questions, speak to Rob Minard at (989)-777-6789.

HARVEST SUPPER: will take place on Thursday, Oct. 17th, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for the meal is Adult \$11.00, Children (6-12) \$5.00, Kids (5 & Under) Free, All Take-Outs \$10.00. To volunteer and help with the supper please contact Jeff Reed (Cell Phone: (989)-284-9574.)

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.

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.

"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.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Congratulations Caleb Fortier on your new Bible! Caleb received his bible on September 8th, during the worship service, and we are so excited for him! May your bible be well used!

Also, on September 8, we had our kick-off activity for Sunday School. Did you get to see the bee hive? If you missed it, you can check it out in the Sunday School classroom. The bee hive and the bumble bees will help us learn about the Beatitudes all year long. Thank you Elizabeth and Floyd for all your creativity!

According to Regan and Jack Kribs, along with Pastor Scott and Sharon Peters, the Confirmation Retreat was Great! All had fun learning and being together for a couple days. Hopefully, this will become a tradition we can all look forward to!

Next up on the calendar is the return of our Fall Festival! On Sunday, October 27, 4 to 6pm, we will have a potluck with hotdogs and lemonade provided, games, and trick or treating! We are so excited to welcome back this fun event! You may wear a costume, but nothing gory or overly scary. Please join us for a great time!

The second beatitude is: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. (When we mourn over our sins, God gives us the comfort of salvation, the comfort of getting to spend all of forever with him.)

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

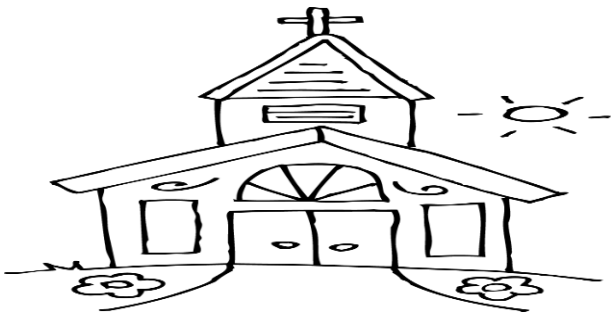
God Bless!

Dawn Patrick

FALL FESTIVAL: Please join us for a Festival of games, potluck, and trick or treating. Bring a dish to pass, a bag of candy to hand out, and wear your costumes – (nothing gory or offensive). Where: Taymouth Presbyterian Church When: Sunday, October 27 Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

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:

Sept 22 nd -Sept 29 th	Rox Krause
Sept 29 th -Oct 6 th	Jim Maher & Walt Bird
Oct 6 th -Oct 13 th	Gary Brabant



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.

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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