

# First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

## MARCH 2024

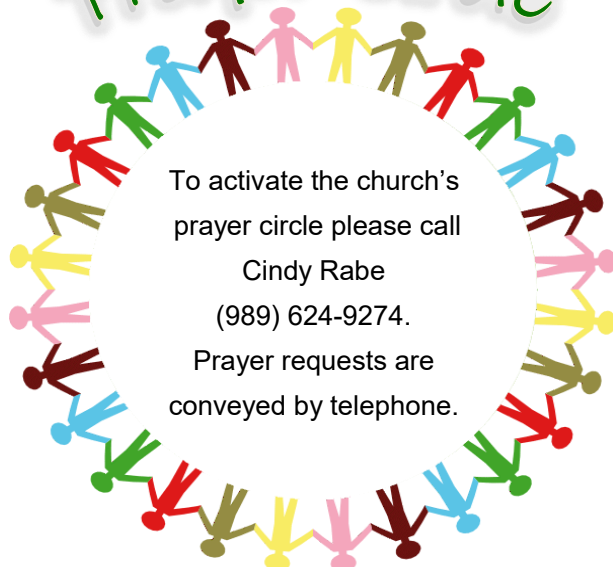
### Taymouth Tidings

#### 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  
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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.



#### EASTER LILIES & SPRING FLOWERS

Please help us beautify our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Bring your Lilies or spring flowers to the church during Holy Week and no later than Saturday afternoon on March 30th, to allow time for the sanctuary to be arranged for our morning Easter Services. Flowers may be dropped off Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday during Holy week from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Flowers will be placed in the Geneva room prior to Easter. Please label your flowers with your name so church staff can identify your flowers and let us know if your flowers are given in memory or in honor of loved ones. Thank you!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH					1	2
3 9:30 am. Worship Serv. w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour , Sunday School and Youth Classes  3rd Sunday in Lent	4	5  7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds	6 6:00 p.m. Lenten Potluck@ Taymouth Pres.	7	8 7:00 P.M. Family Game Night	9
10 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School Member Care/Missions Meeting Girl Scout Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent/ Daylight Savings begins	11	12  7:00 p.m. Session	13 6:00 p.m. Lenten Potluck @ Birch Run Methodist Chur.	14	15	16 9a-12:00p Confirmation Class
17 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School   5th Sunday in Lent	18	19  NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	20 6:00 p.m. Lenten Potluck @ Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church	21	22	23
24 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School  Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins	25	26	27	28 7:00 p.m. Service w/ Holy Communion @ Taymouth Pres. Maundy Thursday	29 7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at Birch Run Methodist Church Good Friday	30 10:00 a.m. Egg Hunt 
31 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Holy Communion at both Svcs. No Sunday School Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day						



Our prayers are with Dan Periard and Family in the passing of Dan’s wife of 77 years, Pat Periard. Pat went to her heavenly home on Friday, February 23, 2024. Her service was held at our church on Tuesday, February 27. Please continue to keep the entire family in your thoughts and prayers. Memorial Contributions can be sent to First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth.

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!*





First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

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 12  
February 9  
March 8  
April 12  
May 10

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## "The Cross"

The Apostle Paul writes: "For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (I Corinthians 1:18)

The other day I took note of the number of crosses in my office. I have sixteen crosses hanging on the wall. I have one cross hanging on a stand on top of my file cabinet. I have five crosses laying in the bay window. I found one cross leaning against a book on one of the bookshelves. I also noted there are two crosses within a couple of plaques. No telling how many crosses are laying on my desk. I will not know that number until I "spring" clean my desk. I am simply amazed at how many crosses are in one office.

I know each cross has a story about Jesus' death and resurrection. I realize each cross shapes a vision of what Christian ministry looks like. Like the hymn, "Be Thou My Vision," based on Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish; but those who keep God's law, happy are they." These crosses in my office become a visual guide to follow Jesus' life and teachings.

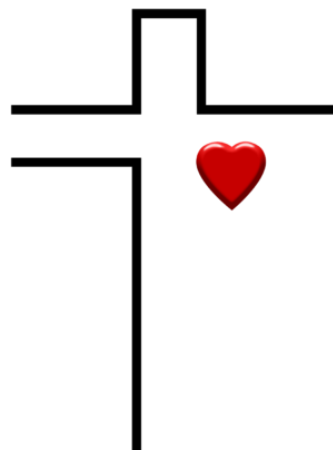
Our annual Wednesday night Lenten pilgrimage this year, with our fellow churches of Birch Run and Burt, helps us to capture the vision of Jesus' cross. The devotional study, "Guided to the Cross," guides us towards a vision of forgiveness, hope, peace, love, trust, perseverance, and grace.

I envision the cross as a driving force that pulls people closer together in developing a deeper understanding of our faith. Our spiritual vision of the cross deeply directs our attitude about life. Our attitude is often the difference between success and mediocrity.

Jesus' cross creates the vision of true awareness of God's power.

Shalom,

Pastor Scott



## NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

During our February meeting, we organized the new committee chairs for 2024:

### **Session Committee chairs:**

Building and Grounds: Terri Rudzitis  
Finance: Lynn Hauk  
Missions: Beverly Robertson  
Worship: Jason Reed  
Christian Education: Floyd Roebuck  
Member Care: Holly Wendzik  
Personnel: Ed Savage  
Social Media & Communication Outreach: Lynn Hauk  
Emergency & Disaster Planning: Megan Schrubbe  
Audit Committee: Dick Leach  
Nominating Committee: Floyd Roebuck  
Muriel Lakey Memorial Scholarship Committee: Holly Wendzik  
Church Dinner Committee: Tabled until March  
Men's Group: Floyd Roebuck  
Funeral Committee: Lynn Hauk  
Congregational Study for Church Viability: Dick Leach  
Presbytery Representative: Ed Savage

### **Election of Church Corporation Officers and Clerk of Session:**

President: Holly Wendzik  
Vice President: Marge Colosky  
Treasurer: Lynn Hauk  
Secretary/Clerk of Session: Christine Callender (M/S/C: elected to a 1-year term as Clerk).

### **Usher Supervisor:**

March 2024 Jason Redd  
April 2024 Megan Schrubbe  
May 2024 Ed Savage  
June 2024 Marge Colosky  
July 2024 Beverly Robertson  
August 2024 Dick Leach  
September 2024 Floyd Roebuck  
October 2024 Judy Robertson  
November 2024 Lynn Hauk  
December 2024 Holly Wendzik  
January 2025 Holly Wendzik  
February 2025 Terri Rudzitis

Approved hand railing to be put up by Building and Grounds at the back East Entrance.

Approved annual statical report for Presbytery and General Assembly.

Approved Missions to give out the following monies raised: \$300 to Amber Reineck House, \$400 to Youth Haven, \$500 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and \$300 to Love for a Child camp.

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



## BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Thank you to Rick Hauk and Andy Rudzitis for fixing the faucet and pipe leaks..
- Thank you to all our snow shovelers. Painting the entryways and hallways will begin on April 1st. Thank you to Member Care for the donation to purchase paint. Anyone who cares to help, we would love to have you!

We will be putting a new railing at the back door handicap entrance. We are looking into estimates and accepting donations to help with costs.

Spring Cleaning (Clean-up day) will be on Sunday, May 5th. Anyone who would like to help, please bring your cleaning gear! Thank you!

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair

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

Bulletins are available at  
[taymouthchurch.com](http://taymouthchurch.com).

## MEMBER CARE

*Reach Up, Reach Out, to Reach all!*

Big Thank-You for making the Annual Meeting meal a success! Jim and Cindy-Thank you for turning on the ovens. Thank you all for furnishing food, setting up, serving food, and cleaning up. Ladies-you rock! Monies raised totaled \$227.00, designated to Building & Grounds for paint.

Valentines Day came early at Birch Run Fields assisted Living. 4 residents and 3 family members played Bingo. What a wonderful time was had by all. Security doors were not breeched this time.

Thank You Sunday School Kids and Bonnie for Valentine Goodie Bags for the residents. As always, Thank you all who came to help, and furnished prizes. Anything chocolate is a big hit! A dessert of pink fluff (the best ever Jello) and sugar cookies were served. We play Bingo every 2 months. We welcome all who want to help.

I am blessed to work with these ladies of Member Care.

*Holly*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Congratulations Jack Kribs and Calob Billings on your Boy Scout years, achievements and adventures! Thank you for blessing our church with your attendance on the Boy Scout Sunday's these past years! You both have grown into exceptional young men!

March is a busy month starting with Girl Scout Sunday on March 10, Confirmation Class on Sat., March 16th, Palm Sunday-March 24th, Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th, and Easter on March 31. Lent and all the festivities are a blessing this time of year!

Our Youth Group will meet again on Sunday, March 3. We will continue our discussion on making JOY "automatic". The way to understand JOY is J-Jesus first, O-others second, and Y-yourself third. Changing the way our mind thinks can create wonderful Joy!

The sixth Fruit of the Spirit is Goodness- *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in Heaven."* Matthew 5:16.

Happy Easter, Dawn Patrick, CE Director

# REJOICE!

TAYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

# Easter egg hunt



**10:00 AM**  
**EGG FINDING**  
**GAMES**  
**CRAFTS**

**BRING YOUR**  
**BASKET FOR**  
**EGG FINDING**  
**AND MEET THE**  
**EASTER BUNNY!**



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# ECUMENICAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER WITH DEVOTIONAL 2024

Wednesday's  
during Lent  
"Soup Supper"  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Devotional  
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

February 14, Ash Wed. @ Taymouth with Communion  
February 21 @ Christ Lutheran Church Birch Run  
February 28 @ Burt Fellowship Methodist Church  
March 6 @ Taymouth Presbyterian Church  
March 13 @ Birch Run United Methodist Church  
March 20 @ Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church  
March 28, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m., No meal @  
Taymouth Presbyterian with Communion  
March 29, Community Good Friday, 7:00 p.m., No  
Meal @ Birch Run United Methodist Church



**Per Capita 2024-  
\$29.50  
per member**



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. For your convenience, use the bar code to the left, to access the payment app.

## STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

Welcome to our returning and new Finance Committee members- Lynn Hauk, Chair, Terri Rudzitis, and Judy Robertson. Your support and prayers for the committee and all of our Session members is appreciated!

A reminder that Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and being grateful and generous with those gifts. Thank you for being great Stewards!

Per Capita for 2024 is \$29.50 per member. Our church's total commitment to this is \$3,098.00. The total is divided into twelve monthly payments of \$258.17. Thank you for all your help and prayerful consideration of this obligation. The 2023 total of \$3,275.00 was met in December because of your faithfulness and generosity in helping.

Blessings! Dawn Patrick,  
Financial Secretary

## MURIEL LAKEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Church is now accepting applications to the Muriel Lakey Scholarship beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone who is pursuing post-high school education is welcome to apply as long as the following three criteria are met: Member of the Church, Financial need, and involvement in the life of the church.

All factors being equal, higher consideration will be given to those who have not previously received a scholarship. Completed applications may be mailed, emailed, or dropped off to the church office. If you have any questions, please ask.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31**

## "What's in the bag?"

Firebal and Sparky invite you to make a guess with them each week of what could appear in Pastor Scott's brown paper bag. He uses the bag during the children's sermon to hold an object or two, that can help illustrate the scripture readings and sermon title for the week. The new scriptures and title will come out on our churches Facebook page on Fridays. The children, Firebal, and Sparky love trying to guess! All are welcome! Good luck!



Please make checks payable to "First Pres. Church of Tay.", or "Taymouth Pres.", to avoid any fraud issues.

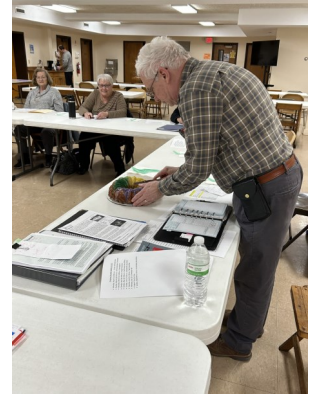
## MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received		Needed	Difference
December	\$17,067	\$13,450	(+) 3,617
January	\$10,456	\$13,000	(-) 2,544
February	\$ 8,656	\$13,000	(-) 4,344



# Life at Taymouth!

Pastor Scott served a very delicious King Cake to the Session members at the regular meeting in February. Janette found the special "Almond" in her piece of cake. King Cake is eaten in honor of Epiphany, which historically marks the arrival of the three wise men/kings in Bethlehem who delivered gifts to the baby Jesus.



*"Over the years"  
Boy Scout Sunday's  
with Jack Kribs  
and Calob Billings.  
Thank you  
both for sharing  
your time and  
talents with us!*





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