



# First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

# JANUARY 2026

## Taymouth Tidings



### W E L C O M E !

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,  
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.

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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 7-9 p.m.**

**January 9**

**February 13**

**March 13**

**April 10**

**May 8**

**September 11**

**October 16**

**November 13**

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Please join us for our Annual  
Congregational Meeting

**JANUARY 25th, 2026**

BEGINNING RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP IN  
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

The Annual Report will be  
available January 18th.

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

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

### Emergency Notifications

Session has implemented a "Call List" from the Church Directory in the event of cancellations. Each Session member will be calling from their list at the direction of the Pastor. Also, church event cancellations will appear on our local news channels- WNEM TV5 and NBC25.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
	<h1>JANUARY</h1>			1	2	3
4 9:30 am. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Sunday School and Youth Group  2nd Sunday of Christmas	5	6 6:00 p.m. B & G	7	8 6:00 p.m. Viability	9	10
11 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Sunday School and Youth Group  Baptism of the Lord	12	13 9:45 am Finance 7:00 pm Session	14	15	16	17
18 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Sunday School and Youth Group  2nd Sunday after Epiphany	19	20 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	21	22 	23	24
25 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour <b>11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting</b>  3rd Sunday after Epiphany	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Budget Campaign

Please remember to send in your pledge cards for the 2026 Budget projection. We are excited for the new year and the changes that will benefit our church and programs. Thank you all for your prayerful consideration as you fill out your pledge card. The return due date is January 4.

Happy New Year!



## PER CAPITA

The rate for 2026 is \$35.00 per member.  
Thank you to all who contributed to the 2025 commitment!

## Thanksgiving Potluck

Thank you, Carolyn and Rich Weston, Terri Rudzitis, Cindy and Jim Maher, Tom Norton, and everyone that helped, cooked, enjoyed, and cleaned up for the Thankful potluck! The food and fellowship were wonderful!

## MISSIONS

Thanks to those who donated and made purchases at the Mission Market Place. Additional thanks to all who worked to make this happen. You still have an opportunity to buy items. So far, we have made over \$700 and counting to add to our mission fund. After the Cookie Walk and when it comes time to put all our monies together, we will have the privilege of giving to organizations who help people in need. Once again, we are grateful to everyone for making this possible.

Beverly Robertson, Chair

## **“Our Story is God’s Story”**

Sunday, December 14th, was a special day for the congregation. We embraced two beautiful gifts, two Bibles. We blessed both by retiring the old one and commissioning the new one. The removal of one Bible from our sacred place of worship and the placement of the other Bible in our sanctuary brought to my mind how this holy book is a holy novel. Like any novel it tells a beautiful story for all to read and hear. The Holy Bible—God’s Holy Novel guides us in how to live our lives. Sometimes the stories are clearly intentional by moral and instructional messages. At other times, the messages are not so obvious only incidentally derived from the stories, like the story of the manna which fell from heaven, where we confirm the munificence of God and the power to follow Him. Through the story of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, we discover sinners are redeemable. The intent of God’s novel is for all of us to learn about God and about ourselves.

I want to thank the Family of John M. McCormick (December 23, 1878-February 13, 1961) for blessing our congregation with the Holy Bible for these past decades. Please know it lies in a new sacred place under glass next to the church’s memorial book. I want to thank Debbie Minard, family, and friends, for the memorial gift of the new communion table Bible given in memory of her loving husband, Rob Minard (April 30, 1956-July 6, 2025). May we continue to be blessed for many more decades with its usage of telling us God’s sacred and divine stories in creating every person’s life in becoming a novel of worth.

Shalom,  
Pastor Scott



### **NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

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

- The session approved the Bible Presentation for December 14, 2025, to retire the old bible and present the new memorial bible dedicated in memory of Rob Minard.
- Session set the Game Nights and Communion Dates for 2026.
- Checking account balance currently stands at \$29,637 and the savings account balance stands at \$36,354.26; this includes Muriel Lakey scholarship and other savings.
- Annual Meeting will be held on January 25th with Donuts and Coffee. The Annual Report will be available being on January 18th.
- Session approved for the church to participate with the local church during Lenten Services.
- Session approved a 3% raise to Pastor’s Terms (terms to follow at annual meeting), and approved monetary gifts to Pastor, Dawn & Christine for Christmas.

Next meeting January 13, 2026.

\*\*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 needed and appreciated! We meet on Tuesday mornings at 9am. It takes about 1 hour. There is a list in the upstairs utility closet that helps keep track of what is getting done weekly. Thank you Holly and Megan for your help!
- Thank you Rick Hauk for removing bugs in the ceiling corners.
- Thank you, Rick Hauk, for getting the back-up battery for sump pumps ready to go.
- Thank you, Rick Hauk, for repairing the snow-blower tire.
- We are looking for Snow shovelers this winter. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all that have helped so far this season.
- Huge THANK YOU to all the Building & Grounds team who work so hard to keep things working and looking great!!!

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"The Greatest Commandment", Matthew 22:37-39.

Thank you all that helped with the Noisy Offering collection on Dec. 21st!

Thank you to the Bell CD in memory of Joseph Bell for providing the candy and fruit bags every Christmas!

Thank you to all our young people for participating in the Christmas program! You all did an awesome job!

Dawn Patrick, CE Director



## CHURCH VIABILITY COMMITTEE

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

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 8th at 6:00 pm.

Thank you to the Committee for all their hard work.

Chair—Richard Leach



## MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received	Needed	Difference
<u>First Quarter 2025*</u>	<u>Received</u> \$34,136	<u>Expenses</u> \$30,050.85
<u>Second Quar. 2025*</u>	<u>Received</u> \$37,304	<u>Expenses</u> \$33,052
<u>Third Quar. 2025*</u>	<u>Received</u> \$31,647	<u>Expenses</u> \$29,246
October	\$12,462	(\$10,000) (+) 2,462
November	\$10,353	(\$10,000) (+) 353
<b>*Not included are Missions or Special Projects.</b>		

# Generosity: Time, Talents, Resources



## Poinsettia Donations

Dan Periard- in Memory of wife Pat and son David Periard.

LeAnne Grover- in Memory of husband Roger Grover.

Rick and Lynn Hauk- in Memory of daughter Michelle McGrandy.

Janette Gonzales- In Memory of husband Jerry Gonzales.

Dick Leach- in Memory of wife Sharon Leach.

Harold and Kathy Irish- in Honor of Jesus' birthday.

Debbie Minard- in Memory of husband Rob, mother-in-law Vida Minard, and brother-in law Burt Minard.

Sue Gosen- Blessings to all!





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