

Taymouth Tidings



“Who Holds You?”

One day a little boy came to his father and asked, “Daddy, what holds up the world?” The father, reaching back into his knowledge of mythology, said, “that’s simple, my son. The world rests on the back of a very large turtle.” The little boy, satisfied, walked away, but within a day or two he was back again. “But, Daddy,” he asked, “what holds up the turtle?” The father, now committed to this line of reasoning, said, “My son, the turtle rests on the back of a very large tiger.” Again, the boy went away satisfied, at least for a few hours, until he returned to ask again, “But, Daddy, what holds up the tiger?” This time the father replied, “The tiger rests on the back of a very large elephant.” As you would guess, the son returned in no time, asking again, “What holds up the elephant?” The frustrated father, having run out of animals, replied, “Son, from there on, it is elephants all the way down.” (Story Source Unknown)

Think about it. That’s a lot of elephants holding me and you. I can’t even begin to count the number of elephants holding this world up. Can you? I expect not. I will simply leave the exact number to our imaginations.

The African American spiritual, “He’s Got the Whole World,” does the same thing. The song engages our imaginations. Imagine God’s hands underneath me and you, holding us up. The song’ lyrics depicts that we are not alone. God is here with us. We are in God’s care. We are embraced by the divine loving touch. God is not far from us.

Some of the song’s lyrics are as follows: (verse 1) He’s got the whole world in His hands; He’s got the big wide world in His hands; He’s got the whole world in His hands; He’s got the whole world in His hands. (verses 2 and 3) He’ got you and me, brother/sister in His hands; He’s got you and me brother/sister in His hands; he’s got you and me brother/sister in His hands; he’s got the whole world in His hands. (verses 4 and 5) He’s got the sun and the moon/the wind and the rain/sun...

The verses can be endless and infinite in number. God has all things in His hands. People, places, events, nature, and yes, even relationships, are in God’s hands. Without one another there would be no hands of God. Without God’s hands there would be no you and me. In love we create the divine image knowing God’s hands are holding us up and together.

Shalom,
Pastor Scott

May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Office Hours: 9:00a – Noon 7:00p B&G 7:30p Worship	3 Office Hours: 9:00a – Noon 7:00p Choir	4 Office Hours: 9:00a – Noon 7:00p Stroke Education presented by Eric Maher	5	6
7 4 th Sunday of Easter 9:30a Worship 10:30a Mission Marketplace and Dessert Bar 11:30a Christian Ed. Mtg.	8	9 Office Hours: 9:00a – Noon 6:00p Finance 7:30p Session	10 Office Hours: 9:00a – Noon 7:00p Choir	11 Office Hours: 9:00a – Noon	12	13
14 5 th Sunday of Easter 9:30a Youth Sunday Worship w/Noisy Offering 10:30a Coffee Hour 10:45a Sunday School – all ages Yarn & Thread group <i>Mother's Day</i>	15	16 Office Hours: 9:00a – Noon	17 Office Hours: 9:00a – Noon 7:00p Choir	18 Office Hours: 9:00a – Noon 6:30p Men's Club <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	19	20
21 6 th Sunday of Easter 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Hour 10:45a Adult Sunday School Yarn & Thread group	22	23 Office Hours: 9:00a – Noon 1:00p PW meeting	24 Office Hours: 9:00a – noon 7:00p Choir	25 Office Hours: 9:00a – noon	26	27
28 7 th Sunday of Easter 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Hour 10:45a Adult Sunday School Yarn & Thread group	29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	30 Office Hours: 9:00a – Noon	31 Office Hours: 9:00a – Noon 7:00p Choir			

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Easter was celebrated in splendid fashion this year. Beginning on Palm Sunday, the youth participated in the procession with Pastor Scott and helped pass out palm crosses to the congregation. Then, the church was filled with laughter and joy as the kids all hunted for eggs! Such a great time to watch all the little ones (and big ones), having fun. Thank you to all the families that came and participated. A special "Thank You" goes to the Easter Bunny and all the helpers!

Practicing will now begin on Sunday mornings, during Sunday school time, for all the youth taking part in the Youth Sunday on May 14. We will be bringing back the tradition of having the youth complete parts of the service. They are all very excited and are looking forward to this day.

The month of May is Military appreciation month. In honor of this, we are asking that you remember to pray for a person or persons in the military. To help you with this, there will be a basket in the fellowship hall with small toy soldiers in it. Take a soldier, or two, and place it somewhere at home so that it will be a visible reminder to say a prayer. A few examples might be the kitchen counter, desk top, or bed side table. Please say an extra prayer for our military buddies: Sonny, Josh, Brooke, and Brenden.

An eager group has been meeting on Sunday mornings for the new adult study time. Great discussions and learning are taking place! Please join Pastor Scott in the Geneva Room following coffee hour.

The next Christian Education meetings are scheduled for Sunday, May 7 and June 4, at 11:30am. Please join us as we get ready for VBS and a new church year. Everyone is welcome!

God's blessings,
Dawn Patrick



NOISY OFFERING

Our next Noisy Offering will be collected on **Youth Sunday, May 14th**.

This coin offering is received by our children in noisy metal buckets. When you put coins into these buckets you "make a joyful noise unto the Lord". This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a way for us to renew our commitment to meeting the needs of others in response to Jesus' command "You give them something to eat."

MEN'S CLUB



Join us on **Thursday, May 18th** for fun games - it could be cards or it could be something else...come and be surprised! Activities begin at **6:30 pm** with a meeting to follow at 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact coordinator Rob Minard at (989) 297-6377 or Pastor Scott. Hope to see you all there!

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.

TAYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Monthly business meeting:
Tuesday, May 23 at 1:00pm in the Church Fellowship Hall.

≧APRIL SESSION ROUND-UP≦

At its April 11, 2017, stated meeting, the Session...

- Opened meeting with prayer and a quorum was present – evening devotion was about church hymns and how they relate to Bible passages.
- Approved the minutes of March 14, 2017 stated meeting with corrections.
- Thank you notes were received from Ginger Scheffler and family; appreciation for love, support, prayers, friendships and lovely arrangement in passing of her husband.
- Received Treasurer's report which showed that so far in 2017 our General Fund has a \$4,513.13 deficit.
- Janette Gonzales has been active as Treasurer for the church for 29 years. Thank you for your many years of service.
- Fish supper was successful with approx. 550 dinners being served. Church has net a profit of \$2,702.12 after youth receiving \$300.24 and youth also received \$23.00 in tips. (NOTE: figures have changed since Session met – please see "Fish Fry" statistics in this newsletter).
- Co-Chairs for the 150th church anniversary are Kathy Maurer and Roxanne Bryce. If interested in helping, contact one of them for participation.
- Wade and Melissa Stanley have requested to have their membership reactivated.
- Approved baptism of Vicki and Brianna Irish for July 16, 2017.
- Kathy Maurer will make a business card for Pastor Scott.
- Stroke preventative presentation will be May 4 at 7pm in the fellowship hall.
- Building and Grounds report finds them very busy. Manse family room blinds have been repaired by Feiges and shades have been ordered for living room windows. Will be having a day prior to Mother's Day for outside beautification and window cleaning. Dealing with water problem in North-West corner of church basement.

- Christian Education – Vacation Bible School to be held at the Methodist Church in Birch Run with Lutheran Church and our church. Dawn is working on theme. Youth Sunday is May 14.
- Member Care – preparing for Easter continental breakfast.
- Mission - \$655.00 collected from Wednesday suppers; list of places they would like to make donations was presented for a total of \$850.00. To have Mission Committee disperse funds as they have requested. Mission marketplace to be held May 7 after church. There is interest in participation of "One Great Hour of Sharing" this fall. Received a Presbytery Mission Outreach request with several questions relating to Mission. The committee has responded and will be forwarded to the Presbytery of Lake Huron Vision Task Force.
- Credit card was used successfully for fish fry and looking into the possibility of using for general collections.

The next stated meeting of the Session will be May 9, 2017.

Sharon Leach, Clerk

MEMBER CARE

Come join our worthwhile group! We do much of God's work throughout the year, such as sending out cards to people who are not well, creating and delivering gift baskets at Christmas for people in need, and many other outreach projects. We also take care of coffee hour after worship each Sunday, prepare and serve the Easter continental breakfast, and prepare and serve desserts, etc. for our annual meeting. We are looking for NEW members, so please join us and enjoy our fellowship! To learn more, contact Fern Britton at 624-4954.

STROKE EDUCATION LECTURE

will be presented by Eric Maher in our fellowship hall **Thursday, May 4** from **7:00-8:00 pm**. Come and learn the signs and symptoms of stroke and helpful prevention information. This free lecture is open to all. Invite your friends!



THANK YOU to the many hands of help and for all those that attended! Taymouth Church's general fund gained a net profit of \$2,689.49. In addition, the youth group received 10% of the profit equaling \$298.83 plus tips of \$23.00. We served a total of 533 dinners!

MISSION NEWS

Remember – **Mission Marketplace** is coming **Sunday, May 7th** following worship. Any item(s) you have for this event need to be at the church by Friday, May 5. We want to be able to get everything set up on Saturday. Please note there will be a "Dessert Bar" with free will offering immediately following worship and prior to our live auction. If you need assistance getting your items to church, or have questions, please contact Bonnie Pratt 770-5282 or Kathy Rogers 624-5700. Hope to see you there!

In the fellowship hall is a poster board with the "Thank You" notices received from agencies we have made contributions towards. Take a few minutes sometime and read these words of thanks.

Special thanks to our church family and friends for the generosity shown at the Lenten potlucks. We averaged between 45-50 people each Wednesday. This year \$665 was donated to various agencies – **WE SET A RECORD!** The donations went to: The **East Side Soup Kitchen** which provides daily meals to the hungry and homeless in Saginaw, **Birch Run Care** which is a local organization that helps with those in need in our immediate area, **Emmaus House** which is a halfway house for women coming from jail or rehabilitation, the **Mustard Seed Shelter** in Saginaw that helps homeless women and children get back on their feet, **Women At Risk** which deals with human trafficking in Michigan and around the world, and **Special Kids in Action** which allows children with special needs a place to learn to dance and a recital which allows them to show their talents. Thanks so much for supporting these worthwhile programs!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS & TELEPHONE

Please note that Sandy Bolf has moved. Her new telephone number is (989) 401-5909 and mailing address is Sandy Bolf c/o Katzenberger, 1266 E. Verne Rd., Burt MI 48417.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – SYNOD OF THE COVENANT

“WALKING IN THE LIGHT”

2017 Gathering will be held June 23 – 24 at First Presbyterian Church, 111 Capital Ave. NE, Battle Creek, Michigan, with a variety of workshops, prayer, and fellowship. The early bird registration deadline is May 15 for a fee of \$85 which includes lunches and dinners; after May 15 the registration fee is \$100 and will be accepted through June 8. Childcare fee is \$10 with advance registration. No refunds after June 12. The "Gathering Team" has arranged special rates at hotels nearby for you to make your own arrangements for accommodation. **We encourage you to attend!** For registration information please call Joan Lockard, Registrar, (586) 286-1974, or Bonnie Pratt (989) 770-5282.

ATTENTION!!!!

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Sunday Worship – 9:30am

Sunday School for all ages – 10:45am

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Dawn Patrick, Christian Education Director • Floyd Roebuck, Youth Director

Judy Roebuck, Accompanist/Pianist • Heidi Smith, Music/Choir Director

Ginger Scheffler, Church Secretary • Paul Fortier, Custodian

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