



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth
JANUARY 2022
Taymouth Tidings



WELCOME!

Sunday Worship—9:30am

Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor

Sarah Schriber— Secretary, Heidi Smith— Music Director

Christine Callender-Clerk of Session, Carolyn Weston-Treasurer

Dawn Patrick—Financial Secretary and Christian Education Director

Floyd Roebuck-Youth Director, Paul Fortier-Custodian

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 30th

STARTING RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL WITH BRUNCH

The Annual Report will be available starting January 16th.

BULLETINS

For those watching from home, weekly bulletins are available on our website at taymouthchurch.com.

Call the church office for assistance or more information.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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.

We are here for you!

TEXTING AND EMAIL PHISHING SCAM

Recently Pastor Scott has been informed of someone using his name to send messages asking for favors. They were not sent by him and were not sent with his phone number or email addresses.

If you receive such a text or email from “Pastor Scott” please disregard it, and inform him either on his cell phone (559)816-9564, or on the church phone.

Prayer Circle



To activate the church's prayer circle please call
Cindy Rabe (989) 624-9274.

Prayer requests are conveyed by telephone.

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 for more information.

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 a.m. Livestream & In-Person Service 10:45 a.m. Nominating Committee SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	3	4 7:00 p.m. B&G Meets	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. Livestream & In-Person Service During Worship— Noisy Offering & Children's Christmas Program 10:30 a.m. Member Care Meeting 10:30 a.m. Worship Committee EIPHANY SUNDAY	10	11 7:00 p.m. Session Meets	12	13 6:00 p.m. Red Wings Game Night	14 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	15
16 9:30 a.m. Livestream & In-Person Service During Worship— Noisy Offering & Children's Christmas Program BAPTISM OF THE LORD	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 a.m. Livestream & In-Person Service THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EIPHANY	24	25	26	28		
30 9:30 a.m. Livestream & In-Person Service After Service Annual Meeting with Brunch in the Fellowship Hall FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EIPHANY	31					



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

COME OUT AND PLAY THE GAMES YOU KNOW AND LOVE!
 LEARN NEW GAMES!
 BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!
 MEET NEW PEOPLE!

RETURNING JANUARY 14TH FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 (989) 624-9473 | WWW.TAYMOUTHCHURCH.COM
 12517 MORSEVILLE RD. BIRCH RUN, MI 48415

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

A BIG thank you to all those who volunteered to be coffee hour hosts in December and January.

Thank you to everyone who signs up to help make our coffee hours happen!

Children's Christmas Program

January 9 Please join us during the Worship Service for special music performed by our children.

Noisy Offering will also be collected.

BEANS, BEANS, BEANS

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year eating a bowl of your favorite beans! A family tradition of mine is to cook and serve beans on New Year's Day. This tradition has been with me since childhood when I watched my mom cook a big pot of ham and beans. I still can still smell and taste those navy beans laden with smoked ham-hocks. Mighty tasty.

Knowing I could never duplicate my mother's cooking I begin to discover my own favorite New Year's bean dish tradition. I began to experiment with all sorts of beans: navy beans, black beans, red beans, pinto beans, kidney beans, lima beans, great Northern beans, and black-eyed peas to only name a few variety of beans. Now, of course I have had some help along the way in exploring the fine art of cooking beans. My wife, Jane, has been a tremendous help, as well as, my other help-mate, The Joy of Cooking, written by Irma S. Rombauer, Marion Rombauer Becker, and Ethan Becker (1997, Scribner, Simon & Schuster Inc.).

The one thing I notice in reading this particular cookbook, like reading the Bible, is that I can read and reread the same recipes over and over and still discover something new. In the closing month of 2021, I discovered a new way of soaking dried beans:

Our preferred soaking method is to heat the soaking water, which hastens the swelling of the beans. For a gentle quick-soak, pour boiling water over the beans to cover by 2 inches, cover, let stand until the beans have swelled to at least twice their size and have absorbed most of the water, and then drain, discarding the soaking liquid. This will take at least an hour and possibly longer, but the beans will remain firm and keep their shape when cooked. (The Joy of Cooking, p. 271)

Now, I recognize this method of soaking beans may not be new to some of you. But for someone like me who reads and rereads the same words, the same cooking methods and recipes, from a cookbook which I have owned since 1997, and which I consider it to be my "go to" cookbook, there comes an epiphany moment in cooking. Wow! What a discovery! It works!

Reading familiar biblical passages over and over is like rereading cookbook recipes. It brings about new discoveries. I am amazed I find new ways of looking into familiar biblical stories and discover for the first time a brand new insight interpreting the meaning of God's Word. During this past Advent and Christmas seasons, I discovered in rereading the familiar words, "Do Not Be Afraid," (Luke 1:13, Luke 1:30, Luke 2:10) instilled a sense of calmness and tranquility upon me in the midst of change.

I expect our New Year, 2022, will be somewhat like the last two years where change will occur for the better and for the worse. Change will teach us how to cope with both the known and unknown. I anticipate our society will continue meeting change with apprehension and anxiety, especially, in the midst of coming to grips with the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects upon the economy and politics. The same can be said towards global warming, especially, regarding the western part of the United States which continues to experience massive drought, numerous forest fires, and the drying of the Colorado River basin. Although we will continue to face many challenges and changes in the 2022 New Year, Scripture tells us, "Do Not Be Afraid."

Believe it or not, the phrase, "Do Not Be Afraid," appears often in the Bible. The best every day advice Jesus gives us is found in the Gospel of Luke (12:22-34) when he basically tells us "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32)

Bon appetite in feasting on God's Word in God's Kingdom with a bowl of beans.

Shalom,
Pastor Scott



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

SESSION MEETING: DEC. 14TH

The following items were discussed and approved at December's Session meeting:

Online giving is currently being researched.

Friday night, Game night returns January 2022.

Pete McIntosh placed Kirkpatrick on Elevator door.

Personnel met with staff. No issues or concerns from staff. Personnel requested a 6% cost of living pay increase.

M/S/C: Approved 6% cost of living pay increase.

Discussed passing the collection plate.

M/S/C: to not resume traditional passing of the plate. 1-to resume, 9 to not resume. Collection plates will remain at the front of the sanctuary.

Rock Candy making was fun. About 15-20 adults and kids were involved. It will be sold on Sundays.

With Holly Wendzik as acting Clerk, Session discussed Pastor's terms of call. With 6% cost of living increase, total effective salary (including use of manse): \$63,759.00. Breakdown: cash salary: \$37,590.00; Housing/Furnishings: 3,180.00; Travel Reimbursement: \$1000.00; Study Leave (including carry over): \$1,879.00; Professional expense: \$500.00; Pension/Medical/Disability: \$19,610.00.

M/S/C: to approve terms of call with 6% cost of living increase.

Congregational meeting set for January 30, 2022 with Continental breakfast provided by Member Care.

NEXT SESSION MEETING:

JAN. 11TH, 2022, AT 7 P.M.

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

For a complete list of all items discussed at the Session meeting,

SUNDAY SHEPHERD & USHERS

In order to make each Sunday's worship a wonderful experience for all. We are in need of volunteers for ushering and Sunday Shepherd.

Ushers pass out bulletins, collect the offering, get to ring the church bell, and light the alter candles.



The Sunday Shepherd oversees and monitors the safety of our congregation, and is responsible to call 911 in case of an emergency.

If you are interested in volunteering at all, please see **Carolyn Weston** for January.

I would like to say a huge Thank you to Session and the Congregation. I really appreciate the gift the Session approved for me while I was out sick. It was quite unexpected. I have really enjoyed providing Church Service for our Community. I hope to expand my knowledge to help make improvements to online streaming.

As many of you may have noticed, the YouTube version of worship has been posted after worship instead of live streaming. That is because YouTube watches for copyright claims during streams and so the stream begins slowing down. This is due to all of the wonderful Christmas music we love and enjoy this time of year.

I am doing some research to help with this issue so for now we will continue to live stream on Facebook and then the Service will be posted after on YouTube.



Another special thank goes out to my secret Santa who left me a beautiful Christmas card that I found while putting away my computer equipment on Christmas Eve .

Thanks again. Happy New Year everyone.
Christine Callender



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thank you to everyone who came and helped make Rock Candy on December 7! We had a great time twizzling, breaking, and just hanging out! Hopefully you were able to purchase your candy before it was all gone. The profit from the sales will be put towards the Sound System upgrade.

The Children's Christmas program will take place during the worship service on Sunday, January 9. A Noisy offering will be collected and the annual candy bags will be given out. Also, our bible friends (aka. The puppets) will be presenting another story during the children's sermon.

Please join us for this very special day!



Happy New Year,
Dawn Patrick
CE Director

Bus Trip to Country View Bulk Foods



On November 2nd, 2021, a big bus pulled into T.P.C. parking lot at 8:30 AM and 39 of us boarded, aged 6 months to 86 years young.

From the over stuffed shopping carts at the Country View Bulk Food store and the delicious plates of food, we saw at Beagio's restaurant, where we had a lovely meal. I can only imagine the Thumb had a large boost in their economy that day.

Four lucky passengers won drawings of money to spend that day.

There was a lot of good natured laughing on the bus, even when we took the scenic route thanks to our GPS expert, no names mentioned.

Thanks Dawn for taking attendance after each stop so we wouldn't leave one of our folks up in the Thumb.

We not only had a wonderful shopping experience, we had an awesome meal in a private dining area, and we saw a great color show in all four directions on the way home. We also ran into that darned 4 letter word (SNOW).

I think a great time was had by all.

Blessings,
Carolyn Weston

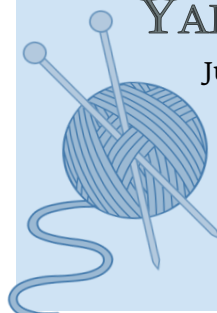
ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS

Looking for old bed pillows, blankets, pillowcases, towels and dog food. To be given to the Saginaw Animal Shelter and/or Amazing Grace Animal shelter to put in the kennels to make the animals feel more secure.

Contact Janette at (989)751-2371 for pick up or give your donations to her



YARN AND THREAD



Just a reminder about the cupboard in the Fellowship Hall. There are beautiful prayer shawls and lap robes. Share a joy or extend comfort to a loved one. These are for you to take.

Holly

PER CAPITA

Near the close of the year, we begin looking at our finances and budget. One of the largest portions to take care of is the Per Capita. As of this printing, we have collected \$2,188.84 needed of our total due \$3,911.36. Balance remaining to collect is \$1,722.52. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making your per capita contribution by December 31.

WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

PER CAPITA has been part of our funding history for over 150 years. When presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly meet, they are conducting the legislative and judicial business of the church and incur necessary expenses. There are also some necessary administrative expenses involved which enable these ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions to be performed. Historically, per capita has been used to fund these. Importantly, per capita funding enables governing councils to make decisions regarding distribution of mission dollars without itself being funded by those same dollars.

The whole church shares in these expenses since everyone who is a member shares in the benefits of this system of church government. Per capita provides for the financial participation of all local churches as part of a connectional and representative church, thus providing for unity and mutual responsibility within the church.

HOW IS PER CAPITA CALCULATED?

The Per Capita Apportionment in the Presbytery of Lake Huron is based on a portion of certain salaries and expenses which are part of the operating expenses of the Presbytery.

Per Capita is the cost of being a Presbyterian, and if each member pays the per capita amount above his/her pledge or regular giving, pressure on the local budget is reduced.

Paying per capita is similar to:

- contributing one's dish to a potluck meal
- paying to be connected to the internet
- paying for the benefit of utilities, like electricity, gas, water
- pitching in with others to pay for gasoline on a road trip

In order to keep presbytery's per capita rate from escalating the per capita portion of the budget is subsidized with a distribution from Presbytery's investments.

WHERE DO OUR PER CAPITA DOLLARS GO?

The amount that is set for per capita apportionment is a calculation based on the number of church members and the budget established annually by each governing body. At the presbytery level per capita pays for a number of items including:

- the mortgage payment on the presbytery office
- the office of the Stated Clerk including his salary and that of the Recording Clerk
- salaries of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and the Administrative Assistant
- insurance coverage, legal counsel, annual audit
- costs associated with operating the presbytery office
- meeting costs for our standing units

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

The Finance committee met in December and then Session approved a couple of new changes for the coming year. First, I will not be printing giving statements every quarter. We are going to only distribute them twice a year, June and the end of December. We are hoping to save on postage, paper, etc. However, if at any time you would like a statement, please call me and I would be happy to get you one.

Next, after this year, you will not see a building fund or special offering/parking lot envelope in your box of envelopes. The hope is to redirect funds to the general fund and reduce the deficit more efficiently.

At our regular Session meeting in November, Session members voted to defer our 2022 Per Capita total due of \$3219.00 into twelve monthly payments of \$268.25. This deferment plan will help alleviate the Per Capita commitment and give time for everyone to make their donation. The 2022 Per Capita amount per member is \$29.00. Thank you all for your prayerful giving!

Happy New Year!
Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD ITEM ASSISTANCE

Sarah's Closet: Our mission provides adult clothing for men and women! Clothing items include: shoes, socks, dresses, pants, shirts, coats, and undergarments. Located at the Birch Run United Methodist Church (989) 624-9340; 12265 Church St, Birch Run.

Emmaus House of Saginaw: Provides a free thrift store. Items include: clothing, household items, linens, towels, toys, shoes, furniture, and some appliances. All items were donated, and donations accepted. Open Mon. -Sat. 9:30a.m. -3:30p.m. 733 South 14th St. Saginaw MI 48601

BABY SUPPLIES

Baby Pantry: Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run, located at 8101 Poellet St, is host to the local Baby Pantry. Call the church office at (989) 624-9378 for hours of operation.

Can Council Great Lakes Bay Region: Provides diapers to families in need for Saginaw and Bay County Residents. Call (989) 752-7226 for contact free pick up. 1311 North Michigan Ave. Saginaw MI 48602

FOOD PANTRIES

Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church: is host to a Community Food Pantry. Hours are, Mon. 9:00-11:30 am, Wed. 1:00-3:00 pm, or by appointment. (989) 624-9098 12157 Church St., Birch Run.

Sweet Pea's Pantry: hosts food distribution on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 9-11a.m. 108 W. State St., Montrose. Located in the back of the Strong Inspirations Building. (810)350-2254 sweetpeapantry.org

Old Town Christina Outreach Center: hosts food distribution every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. *or when food runs out.* 600 Gratiot Ave. Saginaw, MI 48602 (989)249-8696

Please visit fbem.org for more food pantry locations.



2022 PER CAPITA IS \$29



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