



# First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

## MARCH 2020

### Taymouth Tidings

#### WELCOME!

Sunday Worship—9:30am

Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor

Sarah Schriber— Secretary, Heidi Smith— Music/Choir Director

Christine Callender—Clerk of Session, Tiffany Fortier—Treasurer

Dawn Patrick—Financial Secretary and Christian Education Director

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#### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm Sunday/ Confirmation Sunday	March 28	9:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Service	April 1	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service	April 2	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday ( <i>Sunrise Service and Regular</i> )	April 4	7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

#### INDOOR SERVICE FORMAT

Upon Arrival—Only the South and East Entrances will be used to enter the church. Depending on preference and total attendance, you will be ushered either to the Sanctuary or to the Fellowship hall. Social distancing is in place in both areas. Please keep your coat with you. After the service, we ask that you wait to be dismissed. Hand Sanitizer and masks are available. Thank you!

**MASKS**  **ARE REQUIRED**

#### BULLETINS

For those watching from home, weekly bulletins are available on our website at [taymouthchurch.com](http://taymouthchurch.com).

Call the church office for assistance or more information.

#### Church Office Hours

We are here for you!

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.

#### Sunday School

In-person Sunday School will be held in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

#### Youth Group

Youth Confirmation Class scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M.

#### Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Studies will be postponed until further notice.

#### Prayer Circle

To activate the church's prayer circle, call Cindy Rabe at (989) 624-9274. Prayer requests are conveyed by telephone.

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 3  
10:00a.m.

Bring your basket and energy for a fun filled morning.

Dress warm, we will be outdoors only.



## “Breath Prayers”

This past year I have had the pleasure of moderating four different church sessions. I have moderated the First Presbyterian Church of Vassar, the Fraser Presbyterian Church located north of Cass City, the First Presbyterian Church of Cass City, and our own church here at Taymouth. Each church and session have their individual dynamics and approaches how they perceive ministry and how they live out their mission. One thing in common with all the churches is their life in prayer. Prayer is a powerful thing. Prayer is very important in a church’s and session’s life. These past years I have supplemented each session’s educational, training, or devotional event with readings and reflections from our denomination’s ruling elders resource series entitled, “Regarding Ruling Elders: A Monthly Series for Serving Faithfully.” These past years there have been some great gems of thought and insight. This month, February’s reflection, deals with prayer. It simply states, “Leaders Pray.”

I have always viewed every church member as a leader. Now some may think a person has to serve on session to be a leader, not so! A leader is a disciple of Jesus Christ. You and I are leaders by our very association as Jesus’ chosen disciples serving the First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth. We are called to lead and fulfill God’s mission in our community and in God’s neighborhood called the world. To accomplish what God calls us to be and do we must first start with prayer. Prayer life is the essence of ministry, leadership, and discipleship.

There are many approaches to a fulfilled prayer life. My latest reading of the article, “Leaders Pray,” stresses the importance of prayer through what we do on a daily basis and never stop doing—breathing. The simple act of breathing enables us to feel God’s spirit, God’s breath of life. In Biblical Hebrew the word “rah” means breath, life, wind, and/or spirit. The same word is used interchangeably throughout Scripture symbolizing God’s presence in the very breath we breathe.

In ministry, from the beginning of life to the end of life, we may not be able to “see” air or wind or God’s divine spirit, but we certainly can feel it against our skin and in our lungs. We can get a glimpse of the unseen “rah” when we observe nature like the leaves fluttering in the trees, or the field crops swaying back and forth in the fields. A "breath prayer" is breathing God’s sacredness in and out of ourselves.

The Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka who wrote the article “Leaders Pray” states: “Then I was introduced to breath prayers—the idea that because God brought humankind to life by breathing into us (Genesis 2:7), when we breathe in, we take in God’s very breath. And when we breathe out, we breathe God’s breath to the creation. Breathing is a form of prayer because the goal is that we might be more attuned to God, and breathing takes God’s very breath into our bodies.”

I encourage you to pray breath prayers focusing on God’s mercies for our and God’s neighborhood—the world—during Lent. Lent is a time for deep spiritual reflection. Lent is a time for faith development. Lent is a time for disciple leadership. Lent is a time for disciples to breathe prayers.



Shalom,

Pastor Scott

## Mission Committee News

There isn't too much to report for Missions this month. Hopefully we will be able to inform you of upcoming project for 2021.

Remember, we are collecting items for the “COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY” that is held at SS. Francis and Clare Catholic Church in Birch Run. There is a basket at the top of the stair of the south entrance. Items may be dropped off any Sunday or times the church office is open. There is a great need for support with this pantry.

In the past years we have given to many different causes. Here is a brief list of some that have received monetary or items from our church: Mustard Seed Shelter, Shoeboxes for Saginaw, Crop Walk, Brown Bag Lunches, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, several different people in missionary work, VA Hospital and the list contains many more.

Givings (cash and items) for the two years prior to 2020 total over \$13, 500. Due to the COVID-19 last years total was a little over \$3,100. Not bad for a small church surrounded by corn fields. You are truly a giving congregation.


The members of this church have so graciously helped with all the different projects we have held in the past. We have done several different types of events, giving you a variety. Cash donations or monetary you have giving so freely of yourselves. Your support has been what makes Missions giving work.

This is my official last item for the newsletter as my term as chairperson of the Mission Committee will expire with the election of a new chairperson. It has been my pleasure to serve, but am also looking forward to what lies ahead in my future.

As chairperson of Mission, Thank You for your support.

Bonnie Pratt

# March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2 B&G Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3 Lenten Devotional Study 7:00 p.m. <i>No Potluck</i>	4	5 <i>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER</i>	6	
7 Livestream & In-Person Service w/Communion 9:30 a.m. 10:15 Worship Meeting	8	9 In-person Session 7:00p.m.	10 Lenten Devotional Study 7:00 p.m. <i>No Potluck</i>	11	12	13 Presbytery Meets 9 a.m.	
14 Livestream & In-Person Service 9:30 a.m.  <i>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME</i>	15	16	17 Lenten Devotional Study 7:00 p.m. <i>No Potluck</i> <i>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</i>	18		20 Confirmation Class 9:30 a.m.	
21 Livestream & In-Person Service 9:30 a.m.	22	23	24 Lenten Devotional Study 7:00 p.m. <i>No Potluck</i>	25		26	27
28 Livestream & In-Person Service 9:30 a.m.  <i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	29	30	31 Muriel Lakey Scholarship Deadline 11:59 p.m.	APRIL 1 Maunday Thursday Service w/ Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.		2 Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.	3 <b>EASTER EGG HUNT</b> 10:00 A.M.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS

### ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Martin's Fish Fry  
March 12<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

March 26<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

St. Martin's Fish Fry is typically held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each Month, with this March also holding a second. The cost is \$12 and includes 4 pieces of Cod, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, and Bread. (Drive-Thru Only)

### CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BIRCH RUN

Little Tots Open M-F 6 A.M. – 6 P.M.  
Learning Spot

The Day Care Center is open for business! The LTLS provides care for children birth to age 12. They are still accepting applications for the program. If you or someone you know is interested you can call Sam or Jordan at (989)443-3144

The Christ Lutheran Church is also currently accepting donations for their garage sale scheduled for sometime in May.

## Christian Education Newsletter

Thank you to Jack Kribs and Caleb Billings for celebrating Scout Sunday with us on February 7! We enjoy hearing all about your accomplishments and achievements! Thank you both for helping with the morning's ushering duties. (Pictured Below)

On Saturday, March 20, 2021, we will be hosting a Confirmation Class for any youth 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older that would like to learn more about our faith and our church. The session will last from 9:00am to 12:00pm and we ask that you bring your own drink and snack. Then, if a youth makes the decision to join the church, they will be confirmed during the worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28. This is an exciting opportunity for all our young people and we are proud to be providing this to them.

Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 3, at 10:00am. We will host the event outdoors only this year, so please dress warm! Bring a basket, a friend, and plenty of energy!

Sunday School is back in full swing in the fellowship hall following worship services on Sunday mornings. We are learning about David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lion's Den, and Jonah and the whale. These topics are a lot of fun and we even have a song to match! All little ones are welcome to join Sunday School!

God Bless,  
Dawn Patrick,  
CE Director



February 7, 2021: Scout Sunday  
Pictured L-R: Caleb Billings, Jack Kribs,  
and Pastor Scott



## NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

The following items were discussed and approved at February's Session meeting.

General Assembly statistics reported, approved and sent in.

Muriel Lakey scholarship application and letter has been posted and due by March 31, 2021.

The Nominating Committee has brought forward the following people to the Session meeting to have approval of their nomination as elders for the Class of 2023: Dennis Blom, Christine Callender, Janette Gonzales, Carolyn Weston. The nominees' names will be forwarded to the congregation for approval and to be elected at the annual congregational meeting on February 28, 2021.

The following services will be available for live stream:

Monday Thursday service with Holy Communion, April 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae service, April 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, Sunrise service with Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m.

March 7, 2021 will be the ordination and installation of new elders. There will be no laying of the hands this year.

At the last Session meeting, the Session was originally going to bring the idea of the tree carving to the Congregational meeting; however, with further discussion it has been decided that the cost will be too high due to the type of tree it is and there is an uncertainty of the integrity of the tree. The original motion was rescinded and it has been decided that the remaining trunk will be cut down.

Next session meeting: March 9, 2021, at 7 pm.

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

\*\*For a complete list of all items discussed at the Session meeting, please contact the church office or the Clerk of Session.



### SUNDAY SHEPARD

The Session continues to implement our church's Emergency Response and Safety Plan. The Sunday Shepherd will oversee and monitor the safety of our congregation, and will be the primary person responsible to call 911 in case of an emergency. In order to make this plan work, the Session is in need of volunteers who will serve as a Sunday Shepherd. A complete information form can be found in the Office.

Thank you to **Floyd Roebuck** for volunteering in **March**.

Robert Minard  
Chair of Emergency and Disaster Committee.

### TIMBER! TREE CUTTING AT TAYMOUTH CHURCH

If you haven't noticed yet, the big maple tree next to our west entrance is gone. Due to the rotting of its branches and how close it was to our power lines, it was sadly time. Thus a big THANK YOU to everyone who took the time to help with the felling of the big tree, and hauling it away.

We are particularly thankful for Gary Brabant, Dennis Neahusan, and Hunter Patrick.

THANK YOU!



# Stewardship

Dear Church Family and Friends!

The Presbyterian Foundation has selected Ten Scriptures for Stewardship to help all churches and encourage congregations through this time. The scriptures help us to reflect on stewardship, generosity and gratitude. Each newsletter, we will highlight a new scripture.

Start at the very beginning! From Genesis 1:1-5 (The Creation Story), *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day" and the darkness he called "night". And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day.*

This verse reminds us that God created everything, so all that we have is ultimately from God. It is also a reminder that God brings Light into our world, and as children of the light, we are called to live lives of gratitude and generosity, giving back to the work of God out of the abundance that God has shared with us from the very beginning. (Presbytery Foundation)

Trying something new this year, Session and the Finance Committee have approved to try – "Adopt-a-bill". The idea is pretty simple and just like the title, you can help with church expenses by selecting a particular expense to "adopt". The bill can be adopted for a 1 month, 3 month, 6 month, or longer period of time. There are many different types and amounts to choose from. Also, the person adopting a bill will receive credit on their giving statements. Please call the church office at 989-624-9473 when you are ready to adopt.

Offering envelopes are still available for pick-up. They are located on a table, second level, by the sanctuary doors.

Thank you all and God Bless,  
Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary

## MURIEL LAKEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Church will begin 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:

1. Member of the Church
2. Financial need
3. 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 to the church or emailed to the church's email account. If you have any questions, please ask. The decision of the Session, or its designated representative(s), is final. Thank you for applying and may you find God's blessings in whatever education you seek.

**Application Deadline: March 31st, 2020**

## 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. Call the Birch Run United Methodist Church at (989) 624-9340 for hours of operation. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Christian 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](http://fbem.org) for  
more food pantry  
locations.



National Alliance on Mental Illness

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is pleased to announce a new Family Support Group in Frankenmuth. This is a confidential support group for loved ones of individuals living with mental illness. Through the NAMI Family Support Group, you can find hope and support by connecting with others who face similar challenges. You will gain support from peers who understand your experiences as well as insight into the challenges and successes of others. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Monday of every month. For more information, call (810) 232-6498.



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