



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

May 2020

Taymouth Tidings

Welcome!

Sunday Worship—9:30am, Sunday School—10:45am

Adult "Sack Lunch" Bible Study—Wednesdays, Noon—1:00pm

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

Floyd Roebuck—Youth Director, Paul Fortier—Custodian

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Cancellations and Postponements

The church's Session met Tuesday, May 5th, 7:00 p.m., by way of ZOOM, a teleconferencing platform. Session made a major decision to continue to suspend Sunday morning worship services and all church meetings until Sunday, July 5th. Currently the Session is preparing policy, guidelines, procedures, and putting controls in place so that when the Session feels public worship and all forms of congregational gatherings are safe then we, as a church, will be ready to have a safe and healthy gathering. The Session will meet on Tuesday, June 9th, 7:00 p.m., by way of ZOOM to review and discuss our progress, as well, as review the current recommendations of our nation's Center for Disease Control (CDC), our state's Governor, and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and Lake Huron Presbytery. The Session believes it is in the best interest of everyone to be safe and healthy. Thank you.

Shalom,
Pastor Scott Kroener, Moderator of Session

Joys and Concerns

Please call or email the church for any of your prayer needs! At this time, please pray for all nurses from our congregation. Many are on the "front lines" working with COVID-19 patients. Their families are also being kept at a distance to prevent the virus spreading. May God Bless all our Nurses!



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

OUR VISION

Coming together and growing as a community of believers, glorifying and always being refined by God, reaching out in grace and love to the world.

OUR MISSION

FPCT is a community of grace and love in which each person's gifts, talents, and skills are welcomed and valued. We are a household of faith, a people gathered together to worship God, proclaim God's salvation, and to experience an eternal relationship with God.

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 9:00am to 1:00pm. (989) 624-9473

Food Pantry

Please remember our local Food Pantry at the Ss Francis and Clare Catholic church is in need of donations! You may drop off items at our church during office hours.

Prayer Circle

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

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Studies will be postponed until further notice.

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— WNEB TV5, NBC25, and FOX66.

"Virtual Church Ministry: The Final Frontier"

These past weeks conducting our church's ministry has been different to say the least. Different that is in a positive way. Although we have not been able to come together physically to worship, we have been able to come together to worship virtually and by way of telephone. Christine Callender, our Clerk of Session and the Chair of our Social Media and Communication Outreach Committee, has been at the tip of the spear making a point to ensure our Facebook/YouTube worship services are recorded and uploaded for all of us to see. Along with Christine's leadership there are several other people supporting her as the shaft of the spear; Sarah Schriber, our new Church Secretary, and Heidi Smith, our Church Musician. I want to thank Christine, Sarah, and Heidi for doing a great job! On the same note I want to thank our past weeks' singers such as Ally Calendar, Adam and Heidi Smith, Ken and Kathy Maurer, Paul Fortier, and Charlotte Needham. They have been wonderful in coming to the church to be video-taped. For those who may not know it takes Christine nearly 12 hours to complete a virtual worship service from beginning to end. This includes the actual taping, editing the video, and uploading the finished product on Facebook/YouTube. I want to extend a big "Thank you!" to Christine and all those who I have mentioned for making virtual worship possible. In the same way I want to extend my great appreciation and thank you to all our Elders on Session, and to Dawn Patrick, our Church Financial Secretary and Christian Education Director, for taking their time and energy in calling our church members each Sunday.

Since we have last met in worship our church has obtained the social telecommunication media platform called "ZOOM," so we can conduct meetings and small group gatherings by way of teleconferencing. Social and physical distancing requirements have made it impossible for us to conduct face-to-face business. The Session and the church staff have used the personal computer (i.e. email) and telephone to communicate and conduct business, but we have not been able to do it face-to-face where everyone can talk with one another at one time. The "ZOOM" social media platform enables us to do just that while maintaining geographical distance. The Session meeting on Tuesday, May 5th, was the first time we implemented this new social media program. Another technological advance is the establishment of our "On-Line Giving." Ever since we started accepting credit cards purchasing meals for our church's Fall Harvest Supper and Spring Fish Fry, Tiffany Fortier, Chair of the Finance Committee, and Dawn Patrick have been exploring and working on ways to get this new aspect of stewardship up and running. We are closer than ever seeing this happen. I expect the month of May will be the birth of this new strategy.

I feel like our church is beginning to live out Captain Kirk's opening lines of the old television show, Star Trek. I even hear myself saying, "Virtual Church Ministry: The Final Frontier." These are the voyages of the Starship Taymouth Presbyterian Church. Its five year mission to explore strange new ways of conducting virtual ministry, to seek out new virtual missions and disciples. To boldly go where no Church, The Body of Christ, has gone before." Today, we are only scratching the surface of what it means to be the Virtual Church. Truly, this is a new frontier in how we can and are to conduct ministry, especially, in the midst of a pandemic called COVID-19. Like many new and great discoveries of the 21st Century, sometimes it takes a crisis to motivate people to do new and different things. Currently, we are seeing this today on so many fronts in both the physical and virtual worlds. May we continue to be at the tip of the spear going boldly where no church has gone before.

Shalom, Pastor Scott





Mission Committee News

Not much happening at this time regarding Missions projects. Once the restrictions have been lifted, hopefully, we can get back into doing some fun events for Missions work. At this time we have not been able to do many of the things we normally do. We are asked to stay-at-home to help control the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As we spend more hours in our homes we still need to think about what we can do as a mission person. Give your friends a call, they are probably lonely also. Talking with a friendly and familiar voice is a form of missions; it's outreach and help.

Some of the events the Missions Committee have planned for the year have changed. We will keep you informed what events will happen and also the dates of these events. (Once we can have a meeting, we will discuss what will take place in the future.)

The COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY is collecting items. We know the trips to the grocery store are not as often as before, but you may still be able to pick up a few items each time you make the visit. If this is not possible, please remember to continue donating once return to more normal shopping trips occur. Items can be dropped off at the church anytime you have a donation. We will see they get delivered to the pantry.

Missions HAD scheduled a WOMEN AT RISK (WAR) party for May. This has been cancelled. Hopefully everyone has been able to stay safe. Looking forward to being able to meet again. Stay Safe!!!
Bonnie Pratt, Chair of Mission Committee

<h1>May 2020</h1>					1 Loyalty Day	2
3	4 Public Service Recognition Week	5	6	7	8 Victory in Europe Day/ Military Spouse Appreciation Day	9
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17	18	19	20	21 Ascension of The Lord	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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Christian Education

May is National Military Appreciation Month!! "NMAM is a declaration that encourages U.S. citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity. NMAM honors the current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom. The month of May is characterized by six national observances (**see above calendar**) which highlight the contributions of those who have served." We continue to pray for our own Military Buddies– Brooke and Jake Whalen, Sonny and Danielle Lewis, Waylon Stanley, Justin Putnam and Matthew Moorish. Please continue to keep our Military Buddies and all our branches of military in your prayers!

The final Beatitude for the Sunday School year is: *"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."* Matthew 5:11-12.

God Bless,
Dawn Patrick
Christian Education
Director



Member Care

"REACH UP, REACH OUT, REACH ALL"

While we shelter in place, there will not be a new "Guess Who" until church resumes. April's "Guess Who" will continue, giving us all lots of additional time for guesses. I personally came up with ten guesses just by going through the 2020 Church Directory. When we meet again for worship, bring your guesses with you and stuff the jar. The jar is located at the south entrance.

Miss you all!

Holly Wendzik, Chair

Muriel Lakey Memorial Scholarship

Muriel Lakey was the wife of Rev. Robert Lakey, pastor of our church from 1952-1957 and pastor of Saginaw Second Presbyterian Church for 35 years. In recognition of Muriel's dedication to education and her love of young people, this scholarship was established.

Each year the Scholarship is awarded to the person(s) applying. Anyone pursuing post-high school education is welcome to apply. The following criteria must be met:

1. Must be a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth, 2. Must show financial need, 3. Must have involvement in the life of the church. These are the conditions that were established by the donor and the Session when the scholarship was created in 1997.

Applications are available in the church office or on our website taymouthchurch.com. Due date is **May 31st, 2020**.



SUNDAY SHEPHERD

The Session is implementing the church's Emergency Response and Safety Plan. In order to make this plan work, the Session is in need of volunteers who will serve as a Sunday Shepherd to make sure the church's doors (all except the front West entrance) are locked and secured during the worship hour. The Sunday Shepherd will keep watch on the West entrance doors to monitor the coming and going of people on any given Sunday service. The Sunday Shepherd will be the primary person responsible to call 911 in case of an emergency. A complete information form can be found in the Office.

Robert Minard

Chair of Emergency and Disaster Committee.



P.W.
Meeting for
May is
postponed.

Yarn and Thread

Yarn and Thread continue to furnish baby hats for McLaren Hospital in Bay City. We are in DESPERATE need of them! The committee supplies over 80 per month. They can be crocheted or knitted. For a newborn head size, they need to be 12-13 inches in size. We are also willing to teach you how to make them on a loom. Hope you can help! For more information: please contact Bonnie Pratt or Holly Wendzik.

News from the Clerk's Desk

On March 24, 2020, via email and telephone conversations, Pastor Scott spoke with the Session and it was unanimously decided that church would be suspended until May 10, 2020.

The next Session meeting will be held via Zoom on May 5, 2020, to review the order and make further adjustments to the church schedule.

Please watch for further information on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, our website, via email, and through the phone calls we will be making.

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session



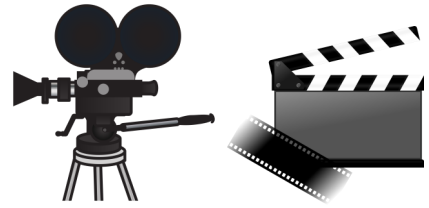
"Guess Who?"

Can you guess who this person is? Put your answer and your name on the paper provided at the south entrance table. Good luck!

1. What is your favorite Hymn and why?
A: "In the Garden", because I remember singing it as a youth.
2. Where were you born?
A: Flint, Michigan
3. What is your favorite Bible verse and why?
A: Mark 10:27, With God everything is possible. Because it says it all!
4. Are you married?
A: Yes
5. Who would you invite to have breakfast with?
A: My sister.
6. Where did you go to school/Are you still attending?
A: Montrose, MI and not in school.
7. Where do you work and what do you do?
A: Home and anything I want.
8. What are you working towards?
A: Being skinnier. Ha Ha.
9. How many siblings do you have?
A: Two living and two deceased.
10. How many are in your family or at same address?
A: Two at the same address.

Thank you! Member Care

THANK YOU!



We have launched ourselves into a new adventure! Online worship services are available weekly through our Facebook page and YouTube. Services are pre-recorded but ready for viewing on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. However, you are able to watch at any time that is convenient for you. Pastor Scott is sharing scripture, prayers, children's sermon, and reflection time. Heidi Smith and Choir members are providing musical selections. Christine Callender is doing a wonderful job with the software to provide beautiful pictures and transitions. If you are unable to access the online service, please call the church office and we can set up a time for you to come in and watch on one of our portable devices. Thank you to Pastor Scott, Christine Callendar, Sarah Schriber and Heidi Smith for working on our new online services! This has been a new step for everyone involved and will continue to be an uplifting and encouraging experience for our Church!

Thank you Christine and Ally Callender for your help and donation of stuffed animals for our online kids sermons! They help so much to be able to "talk" to our little people during this time!



Building and Grounds

Thank you to Ken Maurer, Kris Maurer, and Adam Smith for cleaning up the rocks and winter debris on the church grounds. Thank you Ken and Kris for the first mowing of the new year! The yards look great!



Thank you to our choir members for adding their beautiful voices to our online services! Adam Smith, Heidi Smith, Paul Fortier, Kathy and Ken Maurer, Ally Callender, and Charlotte Needham, your talent is so appreciated!

Stewardship

	March 1	March 8	March 19	March 26	MTD	Contributions Only
General Fund	2684	2203.66	2332	1684	8903.66	Monthly Budget Needs: \$9,166
Building Fund	115	115	100	40	370.00	Monthly Budget Needs: \$367
Per Capita	120	120	0	58	298.00	Yearly Budget: \$3999.03
Initial Offering	10	0	0	0	10.00	Yearly Budget: \$658

	April 9	April 23	MTD	Contributions Only
General Fund	5709	3511	9220.00	Monthly Budget Needs: \$9,166
Building Fund	170	190	360.00	Monthly Budget Needs: \$367
Per Capita	116	87	203.00	Yearly Budget: \$3,999.03
Initial Offering	5	5	10.00	Yearly Budget: \$658

The Finance department has been very busy the past few weeks! We have been diligently investigating all ideas, suggestions, and opportunities for monetarily supporting the church. Two options have been acted upon to help us. The first one is a waiver granted to the church through the Board of Pensions. The Board will waive the church's obligation to pay the Pastor's Participation dues for three months as a credit. There will not be any lapse in benefits or any requirement to pay back the three months waived. The second option is a loan through the State Bank and the Paycheck Protection Program offered in the government stimulus. The loan amount will be for \$6,358.00 and is to be used for payroll or utilities. It is a very generous loan in that we will not need to pay anything back as long as the funds are used properly. If the funds are not completely exhausted on payroll, etc., then the unused amount is given back to the bank. Session approved the action of accepting this loan at the meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday, May 5.

While these two options will certainly help, it is YOUR generous giving that will sustain us. Nothing can replace the time we can come together to worship, but we will remain here to serve you and our Lord! Please continue to keep the church in your prayers as we navigate through this time! Contributions can be made by mail, drop-off in the prayer box at the South entrance of the church, or with the new on-line giving (see below). Deposits are currently processed twice a month.

Thank you and God bless you all! Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary



Check this out!!! Contributions can now be made online through the Square. We currently use the Square program for credit card payments at our dinners and events. The link is available on our website.





Address Change

Betty Lou Dudek has moved. Her new address is 9917 Pine Island Drive, Sparta, MI. 49345. We wish you the best and will miss you!

Card Shower

Happy Birthday to former Pastor Ralph Fogal who turned 95 on April 22! The family is asking if we could "shower" him with cards. His address is:

Rev. Ralph Fogal
100 Burgess Drive, Apt. 182
Zelienople, PA. 16063

Cards or notes are so appreciated as the family was not able to travel and visit with him for this milestone birthday.



Happy Birthday Millie!!!
Millie Fox celebrated her 99th Birthday on April 29!

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.



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.

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. The church is located at 12265 Church St, Birch Run.

Birch Run 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. All recipients must fill out a form to receive items.

Food Pantry

Ss. Francis & Clare Catholic Church is host to a Community Food Pantry. Hours are Monday, 9:00 am to 11:30 am, Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, or by appointment. Please call (989) 624-9098 for more information. Church is located at 12157 Church St., Birch Run. Donations are also welcome!

Frankenmuth Area Caregiver Support Group

Cross Roads Counseling Ministries is sponsoring a FREE caregiver support group that will meet every fourth Thursday of each month. Brian Wilson, Licensed Professional Counselor, will be the facilitator. Meetings take place at the Winter Village (formerly Independence Village), Harmony Hall, 255 Mayer Road, Frankenmuth, MI. 48734. Free and open to the public. Call (989) 652-4100 for more information.



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The Lord is my Light and my salvation