



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

NOVEMBER 2023

Taymouth Tidings

WELCOME!

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,
Heidi Smith- Musician, Ken Maurer- Custodian,
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).



THANKSGIVING BASKETS: Ss. Francis and Clare Catholic Church will be distributing Food Baskets again this year for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you know of someone who could use a basket, please contact the Catholic Church at 989-624-9098. You will need to provide a name and phone number of the recipient before Monday, Nov. 6.



WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAM TO FACEBOOK AT 9:30 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY

For those watching from home, bulletins are available at taymouthchurch.com.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Membership with First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth is for anyone who acknowledges Jesus Christ as their Lord and 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.



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth
12517 Morseville Rd. Birch Run

Holiday Bazaar

Nov. 4th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Open to Public Free Admission


Bakesale, Crafts, Luncheon!



Crafters may donate product for church or rent an 8 foot table at \$25 to sell your own speciality.

Silent and Live Auctions for Special items on Sun., Nov. 5, at 10:30 am.

For more information please visit www.taymouthchurch.com or call Terri at 989-798-4733

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOVEMBER			1	2	3	4 10 am—4 pm Holiday Bazaar
5 9:30 am. Worship Service W/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School/Youth Group 10:30 am. Missions Auction 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	6	7 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School 24th Sunday after Pentecost	13	14 7:00 p.m. Session	15	16	17 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	18
19 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School 11:30 am. Member Care-Card Making 25th Sunday after Pentecost	20	21 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT BURT METHODIST 7PM	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	24	25
26 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School 1:00 pm.-Bingo at B.R. Fields Christ the King Sunday	27	28	29	30 		

MISSIONS

Thank you for all the delicious chocolate items for our Chocolate Auction. We had over 15 items to choose from earning Missions \$258. Again, thanks to Jim Peters for his auctioning skills. It is always a pleasure to see him in action.

November has two exciting events—1. the Bazaar on November 4th (along with a luncheon) and on Sunday the live and silent auctions—we get to see Jim in action again. We appreciate all who make things and donate to this event or rent a table. 2. Our shoe box mission, where we fill a shoe box (empty ones in fellowship hall) with items for women (only) to be taken to Emmaus House, Underground Railroad and similar places. Boxes to be returned by the November 26th.

December concludes our fund raisers with the Cookie Walk on December 16th. Again we are looking for cookie donations for this event in which the public is invited.

In this season of thanksgiving, we are so grateful for our congregational support when we ask for donations. We cannot support missions without your help in earning funds. THANK YOU!

Many Blessings to all, Janette Gonzales, Missions

Dinner Committee

We are working hard to make a stronger group and are seeking new members. If you are interested in joining or have some great ideas, please let me know. Terri Rudzitis, Dinner Committee Chair

MEMBER CARE

Reach Up, Reach Out, to Reach all!

We will be making Christmas Cards after coffee hour on Sunday, Nov. 19. These cards are for the VA hospital in Saginaw. Cards made are for the residents to send to families, and friends. No experience needed to join in! Lunch is provided. All are welcome.

Nov. 26 is Bingo day at the Birch Run Fields Assisted Living. It is so much fun and greatly appreciated by both the residents and staff. Everyone is welcome to come and help.

Check out the Lending Library! There are fun DVD's. Oldies but Goodies— I Love Lucy, the Beverly Hillbillies, with lots more. Wait for it— a "Hallmark type movie", plus kids movies. Lots of good memories. Take the time to browse!

Holly

“Attitude for Gratitude”

V. Norskov Olsen, a former President of Loma Linda University writes:

Thankfulness leaves no room for discouragement. I once read a legend of a man who found the barn where Satan kept his seeds ready to be sown in the human heart, and on finding the seeds of discouragement more numerous than others, he learned that those seeds could be made to grow almost anywhere. When Satan was questioned, he reluctantly admitted that there was one place in which he could never get them to thrive. "And where is that?" asked the man. Satan replied sadly, "In the heart of a grateful man." (Hewett, Illustrations Unlimited, 1988)

Much wisdom is gleaned from this legend, especially the importance of having a grateful heart. An attitude for gratitude dictates everyday behavior. A simple way to see this is to reflect upon the specific things for which we are personally grateful. This can occur each morning when we wake up, and every night when we go to sleep. Gratitude can be recorded in simple thought, prayer, or journaling. Personally, I put into practice when I wake up each morning, I think about three things in which I am grateful. I nurture my notions of gratitude throughout the day. And upon retiring at night to go to sleep, I reflect upon three grateful things which happened to me during the day. This daily spiritual exercise creates a never-ending cycle of a grateful attitude or gratitude.

I invite you to do this daily spiritual exercise with me. Ask yourself what made you choose the things in which you are grateful. Allow your gratitude to nourish and nurture your attitude. You will consciously begin to feel positive about yourself, as well as being joyful and thankful about life. This way you will keep Satan at bay, because you have the heart of a grateful person.

A grateful heart is indeed a thankful heart filled with a joyful attitude.

Let gratitude be your attitude.

Shalom, Pastor Scott



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

Session currently working on the bylaw pricing for Building Use. Approved updates to pricing. Effective dates pending. Reviewing Kitchen Rental Agreement.

Clerk of Presbytery reviewing clerk's books on October 16, 2023.

Men's Group hosting Game nights on October 20th and November 17th.

Nominating committee reminder: Floyd Roebuck, Harold Irish, Deb Minard, Judy Robertson, and Cherie Miller are in this committee, and it will be meeting in the near future.

Rummage Sale brought in \$2,790.19 and is going towards the elevator because it is time for its inspections.

Special Congregational Meeting was held on September 17, 2023. The congregation approved the reduction of Session to 9 members to be reduced over 3 years.

We had 48 cars at the car show and raised \$782.05 after expenses.

Beginning at November's session meeting, Social Media Director will bring stats from Facebook and YouTube channel to session.

Member Care hosted Bingo at Birch Run Fields on September 24th and had 8 people play. New Sign for door will say: "Fall for Jesus. He never leaves". Member care will host a card making day on November 19. The cards are going to VA. Next Bingo Day at BR Fields is November 26th.

Personnel meeting October 19 with Dawn Patrick & Christine Callender to go over job descriptions.

Pastor was on vacation, October 11-17 with Matt Rogers guest speaking on October 15th. Christmas Eve there will be regular morning service and then a 7pm Christmas Eve w/ Holy Communion service. Benediction/Response to change per Session. Next meeting November 4,

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!

To all Committee chairs, please have your Annual Report turned into the Church Office by **December 19th**. You can either email it to the office or drop off a copy.

THANK YOU!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are having a lot of fun learning all the fruits! There are nine fruits found in Galatians 5:22-23. The second fruit Joy- Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Our Youth Group met on Sunday, October 1. We had some great conversation and ended the class with a challenge to practice JOY. Each letter of the word Joy reminding us to put into practice what the Lord desires for us. J- Jesus first, O- Others second, Y- Yourself third. The next Youth Group class will be on Sunday, November 5.

God Bless, Dawn Patrick, CE Director

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Thank you to our lawn mowers and everyone who helps keep our church grounds beautiful!
- Thank you to Andy Rudzitis and Jim Maher for removal of the window air conditioners.

Thank you to all who help! We are always looking for more help with this committee. If you would like to join, just see me.

Thanksgiving

ECUMENICAL GATHERING

BURT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

12799 Nichols Rd, Burt, Mi
989-770-9948

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st
SERVICE AT 7:00 P.M.**

THANKFUL TOGETHER IN SONG AND PRAISE WITH
Ss. FRANCIS AND CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH, FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TAYMOUTH, BIRCH RUN
AND BURT UNITED METHODIST AND THE CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BIRCH RUN.

LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD
- PSALM 150:6 -

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FAMILY GAME NIGHT

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

**Nov. 17, Friday
FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

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

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Join us for a

**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK &
GIFT SWAP**

**Wednesday, December 6,
6:30 p.m.**

Bring a dish to pass and a
\$5.00 wrapped gift to swap.

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Happy Thanksgiving

O give
thanks
unto the
LORD, for
he is good.

Psalm 107:1

PER CAPITA

Thank you all that have made their contribution to the Per Capita commitment for this year. As of the end of October, we have received \$2,626.55 of \$3,275 needed. If you have not had the chance to contribute, you still have until December 31. The rate for 2023 is \$29.77 per member.

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



Holiday Bazaar

Thank you for all the workers making and donating merchandise and money! We still need your help! Please see Terri Rudzitis for more information.

Rummage Sale

Thanks again for all the help at the Rummage Sale!
Another successful year! - Terri.



We are pleased to announce that we are now providing online giving as an option that is a convenient and secure way to make a one-time or recurring donation. When you choose to give online, your donation will transfer directly to our bank account. You have the option to create a Profile, which will give you the ability to log in at any time to view your prior online donations or to make changes to any recurring gifts you may have scheduled. Whether you choose to create a Profile or not, you can setup your donation and designate a category of giving. Recurring donations help stabilize giving and allow us to improve our budget forecasting. Visit our website for more information. The Presbyterian Foundation will take care of processing all gifts. For your convenience, use the bar code above to access the payment app.

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

The end of the year is fast approaching. We are currently behind on our budget (see below for total) and would appreciate your prayerful consideration. Thankfully, the Lord has blessed us through all our ups and downs. Being grateful and trusting the Lord for all his love and grace is a great step to being good stewards. Good stewardship will be rewarded!

The State Bank has requested that all donations made by personal checks should have our complete name on the check. For example, it is no longer acceptable to just use "TPC". Please use "Taymouth Pres.", "First Pres. of Taymouth", or "Taymouth Church". This new action will help reduce the chances of fraud. For more information, please call me at 989-624-9473. Thank you for your help in making the switch.

God bless! Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary

Year to Date Budget for General Fund reflects that we are behind a total of -\$1,683.43.

MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received	Needed	Difference
July \$15,614 (Contributions=\$15,210 plus On-Line giving*=\$404)	\$13,450	(+) 2,164
August \$9,635 (Contributions=\$9,389 plus On-Line giving *=\$246)	\$10,760	(-) 1,125
September \$10,458 On-Line giving totals incomplete at time of printing	\$10,760	(-) 302

*On-Line giving is the total funds received electronically after the fees have been collected.

Life at Taymouth!



Pastor
Fogal



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD ITEM ASSISTANCE

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.

Birch Run Taymouth CARE Program: is part of the Community Education at (989) 624-6229

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 for more food pantry locations.



And whatever you do,
whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name
of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks
to God the Father
through him.

Colossians 3:17

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