



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

OCTOBER 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
 12517 Morseville Rd. Birch Run, MI 48415
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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).

Prayer Circle



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

RUMMAGE SALE: Bring all your treasures! We are looking for help with set-up, selling, and clean-up. Then on Monday, October 9, we will need drivers to help deliver left over goods. Please See Terri Rudzitis for more information.

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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

**Oct. 20, Friday
 FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

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

2023

HUGE COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth
 12517 Morseville Rd., Birch Run
 5 Miles West of Brch Run and Half Mile South of the Taymouth Fire Hall

Wednesday Oct. 4th 9am - 5pm	Thursday Oct. 5th 9am - 5pm	Friday Oct. 6 9am - 1pm
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KITCHEN ITEMS SHES PURSES **DECORATIVE ITEMS LINENS** **CLOTHING OF ALL KINDS** **ELECTRONICS BOOKS**

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT FIND!

Donations accepted from October 1st thru october 4th
 *No items before the 1st please.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 9:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School and Youth Group 18th Sunday after Pentecost	2	3 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds	4		5	6	7
8 9:30 am. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School 19th Sunday after Pentecost	9	10 10:00—2:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop 7:00 p.m. Session	11	12	13	14	
15 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Missions Chocolate Challenge 20th Sunday after Pentecost	16	17 10:00—2:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop Newsletter Items Due	18	19	20 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	21	
22 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School 21st Sunday after Pentecost	23	24 10:00—2:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop	25	26	27	28	
29 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Birthday Potluck 3:45 p.m. Fall Festiva 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	30	31 5:30 P.M. TRUNK-OR-TREAT 					

WORKSHOPS FOR HOLIDAY BAZAAR: 10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. Oct. 10th, 17th, and 24th. Set up on Thurs. Nov. 2nd and Fri. Nov. 3, 10:00 a.m.
Thank you to all who are donating supplies and helping make projects!
We still need ideas and product. If you can help with product or help on the day of the bazaar, Please see Terri Rudzitis.

MISSIONS

Thank you for the 2 Coins-A-Meal contributions and the medicine bottle donations, Missions was able to fill 100 bottles to go to the Under the Rainbow Thrift Shop.

We are fast closing in on the end of the year and still have a few more projects like the Chocolate auction October 15, be sure to dig out your best recipe.

Saturday, Nov 4th Bazaar & Bake Sale. A live and silent auction on Sunday Nov 5th included unsold Bazaar items. We truly need your donations and wonderful craft ideas. Thank you, Terry Rudzitis for leading the craft workshops and a huge THANK YOU for donating all the supplies.

The empty shoe boxes will be ready for you to pick up and fill during the month of November. It can be for either a man or woman. Each is unique and appreciated.

Our final project is the December 16th Cookie Walk. As with all Mission projects we couldn't do it without your donations. Blessings, Janette Gonzales, Missions Chair



NATIONAL CHOCOLATE DAY
 Celebrating on
October 15, 2023

Missions will be hosting an Auction to buy special treats of anything Chocolate!!!



Auction will take place in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service.

“Memento Mori”

I received an early Halloween “Trick or Treat” gift for my 65th birthday this past August. The gift is a medallion about the size of a large silver dollar. The medallion itself, however, is not made of silver, but of a bronze alloy. What makes this medallion intriguing and “Halloween” looking is its portrait and inscription.

The front side (the obverse or the head-side) of the medallion is an interpretation of the 17th Century French painter Philippe de Champaigne’s portrait, “Still Life with a Skull,” which shows the three essentials of existence: the tulip (life), the skull (death), and the hourglass (time). These symbols of mortality encourage reflection on the meaning and fleetingness of life. The back side (the reverse or the tail-side) is inscribed with the phrase, “You Could Leave Life Right Now”.

One might comment and say, “This is not a cheerful birthday gift.” I agree, especially, when one turns 65 years old. Thus, I share the premise of this birthday gift with you for the season of Halloween as my “Trick or Treat” gift to you on the meaning of “Memento Mori.”

In addition to the tulip, skull, and hourglass on the medallion’s obverse side there is a Latin phrase inscribed, “Memento Mori,” which translates to “remember that you will die.” Again, there is nothing like receiving a spooky birthday gift at the age of 65 years old reminding me I will die.

I discovered the premise of my birthday gift and your “Trick or Treat” gift comes from the philosophical teachings of the Roman Emperor and philosopher, Marcus Aurelius: “You could leave life right now. Let that determine what you do and say and think.” (Meditations of Marcus Aurelius, Book II, Paragraph 11, Gregory Hays, p. 20, Modern Library Edition, 2002)

Marcus Aurelius reminded himself daily to live a life of virtue in the present moment and not wait. In the Bible, I find God teaching us the same. God does not want us to wait until tomorrow to live a virtuous life, but rather God wants us to live it now. As the Apostle Peter writes in his Second Letter: “For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love.” (2 Peter 1:5-7 (NRSV))

May God’s ultimate love expressed in the life of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, become your Halloween treat. Enjoy the sweetness of this divine treat, and be inspired to live a “Memento Mori,” life.

Happy Halloween!

Shalom,
Pastor Scott



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Christine Callender, Clerk of Session

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

While reviewing the fees for Funerals and Memorials, it was voted to increase the fees for the custodian and organist in coordination with increasing rates. This was approved 9 yes votes to 1 no vote. Funeral and Memorial policies were updated.

Session received a Thank You card from Nathan Callender for his pen which was given for his graduation.

Holiday Potluck and \$5 gift swap planned for December 6, 2023, at 630pm. Sign up list to come.

Car Show committee all set for September 23rd. Canopies and Trash cans needed. Set up will be at 1pm.

155th Birthday party is coming together. There are about 50 door prizes so far.

Bus trip needs a new chairperson if we would like to go to Snover.

Building and Grounds will be at the Manse on September 20th to do some outdoor work.

Finance is looking for a person within our Congregation to represent us at the Taymouth Twp meetings and at the Birch Run Chamber meetings. See Dawn Patrick or Lynn Hauk for details.

Picture Campaign has started for the birthday party. It will run through the end of 2023.

Pastor’s next vacation is October 11-17, 2023.

Usher for October was switched from Harold Irish to Carolyn Weston.

Next meeting October 10, 2023.

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

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, September 17, a special meeting was held to take action on the recommendation of the Special Session Size Committee to reduce the number of members on Session from 12 to 9 individuals. The members voted to accept the recommendation. The change will begin to take effect in February of 2024



155 Years



You are Invited!

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth 155th Birthday Celebration Sunday, October 29, 2023

**Please join us following the Church Service for:
Potluck Luncheon, Birthday Cake, Time Capsule,
Door prize's, and Birthday Gifts.**

Please bring a dish to pass and your own place settings for the Potluck Luncheon. A Sign-up sheet for dish ideas is available in the Fellowship hall. Also, we would appreciate your help re-stocking our everyday use supplies for the church as birthday gifts.

Please bring unwrapped gifts the morning of the celebration.

The following is an idea list for your consideration:

- ◆ Stamps
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Kleenex, unscented, lotion free
- ◆ Staples, regular size
- ◆ White Out EZ Correct
- ◆ Yellow Highlighters
- ◆ Post-it notes, square
- ◆ Scotch Tape, Invisible, Refill
- ◆ Rubber Bands, all sizes
- ◆ Paper Clips, Jumbo
- ◆ Envelopes, self-sealing, 4 1/8" X 9 1/2"
- ◆ Three Ring Binders, 1/2 " or 1 1/2"
- ◆ Copy Paper, Letter Size, White, Multiuse
- ◆ Building and Grounds Needs
- ◆ Clorox Wipes
- ◆ Lysol Spray
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ Plastic Silverwear
- ◆ Ziploc bags, Large and Medium
- ◆ Styrofoam Coffee Cups
- ◆ Plastic Juice Cups
- ◆ Kitchen Trash Bags, 13 gallon, Unscented
- ◆ Palmolive Dish Soap
- ◆ Coffee, Maxwell House, Regular and Decaf
- ◆ Swiffer Duster Refill, Unscented
- ◆ Swiffer Wet Jet Refill Pads
- ◆ Swiffer Wet Jet Multipurpose floor cleaner
- ◆ Mr. Clean Liquid
- ◆ Clorox Toilet Bowl Cleaner

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kick-Off Sunday was a great start to the new Sunday School season! Bibles were presented to Peter Roebuck, Benjamin Reed, and Rowen Maher, with more to receive theirs. The Noisy offering was collected and the Sunday School kids went outside to learn about the Fruit of the Spirit. Thank you to Floyd and Elizabeth for the activity!

There are nine fruits found in Galatians 5:22-23. The first fruit is Love – *Dear Friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.* 1 John 4:11. We are going to have a lot of fun learning all the fruits!

Please join us for some really great events this month. The Fall Festival at Montrose Orchards will be on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 4:00 p.m. and then on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 5:30 p.m. for our Trunk-or-Treat event. All are welcome!

Christian Education will be trying something new on Sunday, October 1. I will begin meeting with the Youth Group following worship service, and then the first Sunday of every month. Elizabeth Roebuck and Megan Schrubbe will be leading the Sunday School kids on those affected Sundays. I am always willing to try an idea and I am especially looking forward to working with the Youth! Please keep our Christian Education Committee and young people in your prayers! God Bless, Dawn Patrick, CE Director

Fall Festival

Outdoors at



MONTROSE ORCHARDS

Sunday, October 29, 3:45 pm
Donuts, Cider, Pumpkins, Bon
Fire, and Hayride**.

Free Fun for the whole family!

Please Join us!

12473 Seymour Rd.
Montrose, MI 48457

**Hayride to depart at 4:00 pm.



TRUNK OR TREAT

10.31.23
5:30PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TAYMOUTH
12517 MORSEVILLE ROAD, BIRCH RUN

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BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Thank you to Andy Rudzitis and Jim Maher for painting on the outside of the manse.
- Thank you to Andy and Terri Rudzitis and Jim Maher for cleaning up the manse flower beds.
- Thank you to Andy Rudzitis for replacing light-bulbs at the church and painting garage door.
- Thank you to Andy Rudzitis and Jim Maher for replacing some old parking signs.
- Thank you to Andy and Terri Rudzitis for repairing the steps at the church west entrance.

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.

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair



Dinner Committee

We are working hard to make a stronger group. If you are interested in joining or have some great ideas, please let me know.

Terri Rudzitis, Dinner Committee Chair



Online Giving

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.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

A BIG thank you to those who have volunteered to be coffee hour hosts!

If you would be interested in hosting, we can show you!



STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

Did you know that Presbytery has a Foundation that can provide knowledge and information regarding long term financial investments? From their website it says “We work hard to strengthen congregations and related mission and ministry efforts by developing gifts and managing funds on their behalf. We work with them to build communities of generosity among their members and constituents. And we provide all Presbyterians an avenue to realize their philanthropic goals through a variety of giving and investment options. In all our work, we remain focused on the Reformed values that have guided our stewardship and investment for more than 200 years.” For more information, visit presbyterianfoundation.org or call 800-858-6127.

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

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.

Car Show 2023

Our 3rd Annual Car Show was held on Sat. Sept. 23, 2023. It was a wonderful sunny day and we had 47 entries plus one display vehicle. This was our largest show!

The winners of the vehicle voting are: 1st Place— Joe and Connie Pustizzi with a 1964 Chevy El Camino. 2nd Place— Matthew Scheffler with a Chevy 3100 4X4 Truck. 3rd Place— Carol Reinbold with a Chevy 1976 Pickup Truck.

The show brought in \$782.05 for our General Fund. We had so many wonderful volunteers helping to make the Car Show an amazing community event! Thank you all!

Carolyn Weston, Car Show Chair



MEMBER CARE

“Bingo” rang out at the Birch Run Fields Assisted Living. Along with their security alarm! Who would open the front door without “Security clearance”? Take a guess! (It wasn't me)

Three out of thirteen residents played Bingo. Janette called. Three committee persons from Member Care along with Pastor Scott and Jane. All of us played to win prizes for the residents.

There was a lot of laughing and fun. The ladies needed bags to get their bingo loot back to their rooms. Food and candy prizes were a hit!

An awesome Jello salad and chocolate eclairs were served to all. Their cook asked for the Jello recipe. Way to go Bonnie!

Sunday School kids made beautiful door hangers for all residents. They were a hit!

We will be making Christmas cards for the VA Hospital in Saginaw. All are welcome. Watch the newsletter for the date. As always, THANK You for your support!

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VOLLEY FOR A CAUSE

BIRCH RUN VS. FREELAND

WHEN: OCTOBER 11, 2023

FRESH & JV 5PM - VARSITY 6:30PM

WHERE: BRHS

THEME: PURPLE OUT

HONORING OUR OWN...

**ALLIE
FLINT**

**JOIN US IN SUPPORTING ALLIE'S FIGHT AGAINST
HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA.**

All funds raised will support Allie's fight. You can purchase your PURPLE OUT shirt via attached link. BR IS IN PURPLE, FREELAND IS IN WHITE. We will have 50/50 sales and NO ONE FIGHTS ALONE Volleyballs for sale for \$1 during student lunches as well as the day of the event.



Taymouth Historical Association

Presents

“The Edmund Fitzgerald Investigations”

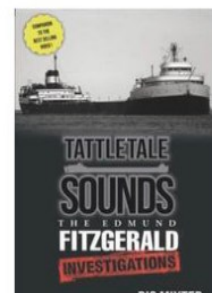
By Author, Diver and Historian

Ric Mixer

At the Burt Opera House on Saturday

October 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$5.00 for adults
\$2.00 for children under 12.

There will be an auction and light refreshments.





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