



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

OCTOBER 2024

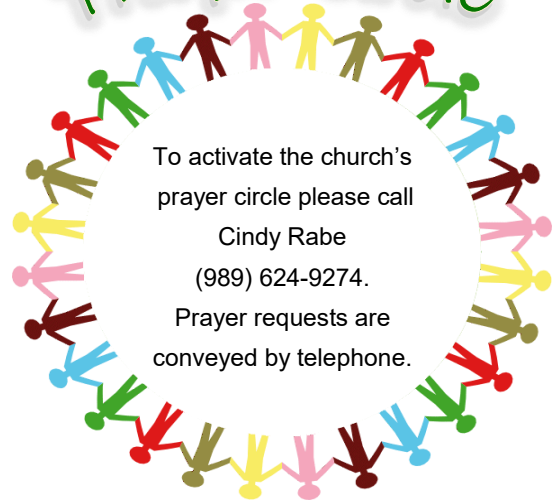
Taymouth Tidings

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, Lynn Hauk- Treasurer ,
 Floyd Roebuck- Youth Director
 12517 Morseville Rd. Birch Run, MI 48415
 Phone: (989)624-9473, Website: www.taymouthchurch.com
 Email: taymouthchurch@msn.com, Facebook: Taymouth Presbyterian Church

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.
 Prayer requests are conveyed by telephone.

2024

HUGE COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

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

Thursday Oct. 3rd | **Friday Oct. 4th**
9am - 5pm | **9am - 5pm**

KITCHEN ITEMS **DECORATIVE ITEMS** **CLOTHING OF** **ELECTRONICS**
SHOES PURSES **LINENS** **ALL KINDS** **BOOKS**

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT FIND!

Donations accepted from Sunday Sept. 29 thru Wed. Oct. 2.

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PASTY FUNDRAISER

All sales are Pre-order only.
 Meat or Vegetable.
 \$8.00 per Pasty

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID BY:
 Friday, November 1, 2024


Orders are pick-up only at the church on
 Friday, November 8, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. or
 Saturday, November 9, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Pasty's will be uncooked and frozen. Bake at 350 for 1 hour.

For Information, 989-624-9473 | email: taymouthchurch@msn.com

Remove bottom portion of flyer for your Pre-Order.

Name _____
 Phone Number _____
 Number of Vegetable _____ Number of Meat _____
 Paid by: Cash Check Amount Paid: _____
 Please make checks payable to Taymouth Pres. Church

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER		1 7:00 p.m. B & G	2 7:00 pm. Bible Study	3 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM RUMMAGE SALE	4 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM RUMMAGE SALE	5
6 9:30 am. Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour Sunday School & Youth Class 3:45 pm. Fall Festival at Montrose 20th Sunday after Pentecost	7	8 7:00 p.m. Session	9 7:00 pm. Bible Study	10 6:00 pm. Viability Meeting	11 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night	12
13 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am. Birthday Potluck/Party No Sunday School or Youth Classes 21st Sunday after Pentecost	14	15 Newsletter Items Due	16 7:00 pm. Bible Study	17	18 4:00 pm. Private Party	19 1:00 pm. Private Party
20 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School & Youth Class. 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	21	22 11:00 AM FINANCE MEETING	23 7:00 pm. Bible Study	24	25	26
27 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School & Youth class 1:00 pm. Bingo at Birch Run Fields Assisted Living 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	28	29	30 7:00 pm. Bible Study	31 5:00 p.m. Trunk & Treat		



Our thoughts and prayers are with Scott and Leann Ostrom and Family in the passing of Scott's mother Lillian. Lillian went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. We will deeply miss her! Funeral Services took place on Monday, September 23, 11:00 am, at our church. Those wishing to express their sympathy may make a memorial contribution to Taymouth Presbyterian Church.

STUDY FOR CHURCH VIABILITY COMMITTEE

VIABILITY, THE ABILITY TO CONTINUE AS INTENDED, INTENDED, TO BRING PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST.

Twenty percent of the surveys that were turned in are now being reviewed by the Viability Committee. Thank you for your time, thoughts, and effort put into these contributions for the church. Everything that is taking place—finances, events, children programs, worship services, are all part of our viability as a church. Thank you all for helping with the survey! We also want to thank our staff that have continued to support the church with their talents and hard work. You are all appreciated!
Chair— Richard Leach



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.

“Flower Garden Summer School”

Observing the growing of mustard seed plants in the church’s flower garden this summer has been a true blessing. The goal of planting tiny mustard seeds on Father’s Day with the children during the worship hour was to talk about the meaning of the “Parable of the Mustard Seed” (Matt. 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19). Within those few minutes of planting the mustard seeds we talked about how religious faith is like a mustard seed (Matt. 17:20; Luke 17:5-6), and how we need to be hopeful and trusting in God to help us grow in our Christian faith. The children summed up their sense of hope and trust in God by planting and scattering more mustard seeds in the garden. I can somewhat relate to their perspective and concept of “more”.

Watching the children joyfully scatter mustard seeds across the ground in the flowerbeds and covering them up with their hands, they became active participants in another one of Jesus’ parables, “The Parable of the Sower,” (Matt. 13:18-23, Mark 4:13-20, and Luke 8:11-15). I took great comfort in those few minutes watching and listening to the children teach me what having faith is like.

Yes, I must say I had my doubts about whether or not the mustard seeds would germinate. And despite the many seeds scattered and planted, I feared not one plant would come up and grow. Lo and behold, over the next several weeks, not just one plant, but MANY mustard plants sprouted and matured developing their own pods of mustard seeds.

Jesus readily describes the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven in all sorts of parables. The Mustard Seed Parable is just one depicting God’s Heavenly Kingdom on Earth as a place where people are fed and cured. Besides the mustard seed being an expression of faith, it is a medicinal plant with healing properties, and it is a culinary plant seasoning food. According to ancient Greek and Roman historians and philosophers, the curative aspects of mustard seed include clearing out phlegm in the throat, helping with decongestion of the nasal/sinus passages, alleviating toothaches, soothing stomach aches, relaxing the bowels to obtain regularity, promoting menstruation and urine, and with a vinegar additive, making a paste to help in curing snake bites and scorpion stings. (Bernard Brandon Scott, Hear Then the Parable, p.380, Fortress Press, 1989)

Of course, without it ever being theologically expressed or stated, “The Kingdom of God is like a paste of mustard seeds spread on a hot dog.”

Bon Appetite!

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.

- Next Viability Committee Study meeting is September 19, 2024.
- Rummage Sale will need help setting up. Volunteers of America will be picking up after the rummage sale.
- Car Show had an update to their food truck instead of Sweet Shine BBQ, Taste Buds Cont. will be here.
- Tuesday as a cleaning day is working well. Rope on the north side of the church was broken and will be replaced. Pasty practice is on September 23, 2024. Linda & Leonard Holm donated a light up nativity scene for the church.
- The Finance committee brought 4 proposals to the meeting. The bulletin budget amount will be updated from \$13,000 to \$10,000. \$2,500 will be moved from the checking into the savings to begin the Emergency Fund. Every month \$700 will be moved into Emergency Fund until 3 months' worth of the budget is on hand. Combining the Personnel and Finance Committees since both are needed when it comes to staff. The next meeting is October 22, 2024.
- 4 bibles were given out on Kick-off Sunday. Congrats to Bo, Grace, Caleb, & Tobeigh. \$200 was collected with the noisy offering. Thank You Holly Wendzik for turning the coins in. This year's theme is "Shine Jesus' Light."
- The Emergency Planning Committee policy update is ready and approved. Next on their planning list is drills and implementing the plans.
- Member Care held Bingo at BR Fields and had 13 residents and 8 others attend. Next Bingo is on October 27th at 1pm. Member Care will be making cards for the VA on October 20th after church.
- Old prayers cards did not get burned at the Campout/movie night; a new date will be announced.
- Next meeting September 10, 2024.

**For a complete list , please contact the church office or the Clerk.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- Thank you to the people helping clean the church– looking for more helpers. Cleaning of the church is on Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
- Thanks to all our lawn mowers!
- Gutter covers will be installed on the manse soon. We have ordered the product.
- Thank you to Rick Hauk for replacing the rope on the north side of property and working on the lawn mower tires.
- Rummage Sale is here! Helpers are needed for set up, days of sale, and tear down. Come find your treasures!
- **Pasty orders are now being accepted.** Cooks and helpers are needed for making pasties in November. Donations are appreciated to help cover costs– eggs, butter flavored Crisco, rutabaga, onions, carrots, potatoes, and stew meat (beef).
- Painting of the Fellowship Hall will continue soon.

Thank you!

Terri Rudzitis, Building & Grounds Chair

Pasty Fundraiser

The cooks are ready to go!
Pre-order your Pasties now!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School kick-off took place on September 8 with Noisy offering and Bible presentations during the Worship service. Four Bibles were given out to Grace Schrubbe, Bo Periard, Caleb Dice and Tobeigh Robinson. Congratulations all! The young people then participated in an activity to “find” some special things around church. How often do we just come and go and not pay attention to the special and beautiful things our church has? The Sunday School and Youth classes will be learning about these different things as a part of the new theme for this year- “Shine Jesus’ Light” and the verse “When I’m afraid, I put my trust in you” Psalm 56:3.

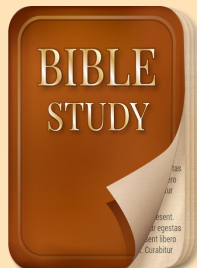
The classes this year will look a bit different from the last few years. Children 3rd grade and younger will meet in the Sunday School room and be led by Elizabeth Roebuck or Megan Schrubbe. The Youth Group, along with 4th grade and up, will meet in Ms. Dawn’s office for class time. We are excited that we can offer the flexibility in learning styles for our young people. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Next up is our Fall Festival on Sunday, October 6th at 3:45pm. We will be visiting Montrose Orchards to take part in a bonfire, hay ride, and donuts and cider. Everyone attending picks out their own pumpkin to take home, too! We always have a great time and all are welcome to join in the fun!

Blessings, Dawn Patrick, CE Director

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study has begun and will continue on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. There is still room to join in on the study of the book of Revelation. Please contact the church office to get on the list, 989-624-9473.



WORSHIP SERVICES LIVE STREAM TO FACEBOOK, 9:30 A.M. SUNDAYS.

Bulletins are available at taymouthchurch.com.

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!*



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FAMILY GAME NIGHT'S

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.

Friday's 7:00 - 9:00 pm
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

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Fall Festival

Outdoors at

MONTROSE ORCHARDS

Sunday, October 6, 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.

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth
156th Birthday Celebration
Sunday, October 13, 2024

Please welcome the Auburn Glen School of Highland Dance, performing during the **Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.**

All are invited following the Worship Service for Potluck Luncheon and door prize's.

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
- Envelopes, self-sealing, 4 1/8" X 9 1/2"
- Copy Paper, Letter Size, White, Multiuse
- Coffee, Maxwell House, Regular and Decaf
- Hand Sanitizer
- Napkins
- Clorox Wipes
- Ziploc bags, Large and Medium
- Styrofoam Coffee Cups
- Plastic Juice Cups
- Kitchen Trash Bags, 13 gallon, Unscented
- Palmolive Dish Soap
- Swiffer Duster Refill, Unscented
- Swiffer Wet Jet Refill Pads

TRUNK OR TREAT

10.31.24
5:00PM

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PER CAPITA

Thank you all that have made their contribution to the Per Capita commitment for this year. As of the end of August, we have received \$2,270.27 to the total needed of \$3,098. If you have not had the chance to contribute, you still have until December 31. The rate for 2024 is \$29.50 per member.

MEAL TRAIN

If you are injured, healing from surgery, sick, etc., and would benefit from a few meals brought to you from your church family, or if you would be willing to make a meal for someone in need of this blessing, please call Carolyn Weston at 989-798-0212. Thank you!

MONTHLY GENERAL FUND

Received	Needed	Difference
January \$10,456	\$13,000	(-) 2,544
February \$ 8,656	\$13,000	(-) 4,344
March \$12,781	\$13,000	(-) 219
April \$10,052	\$13,000	(-) 2,948
May \$14,178	\$13,000	(+) 1,178
June \$15,955	\$13,000	(+) 2,955
July \$10,402	\$13,000	(-) 2,598
August \$10,992	\$13,000	(-)2,008

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family and Friends!

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, August 20, to discuss the needed budget for the remainder part of the year. Several discussions took place, and many ideas were presented. Some topics under discussion include bills, staff pay, checkbook balance, and savings options. We will meet again on September 10th, at 11:00 am, to review the options, then present them to Session that evening.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns that we can discuss at the next meeting. The Finance Committee includes Lynn Hauk, Terri Rudzitis, and Judy Robertson. We appreciate all your input and help these last few months!

Blessings!

Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary

MISSIONS

SHOEBOXES FOR SAGINAW

Once again Taymouth Presbyterian Church will be participating in Shoeboxes for Saginaw. This is our 1th year of helping women. Last year 35 boxes were filled by the women in our church and were given to women in the Saginaw community who may not be as fortunate as we are, are unemployed, or may be experiencing difficulty in their life and find they are lonely or hurting from life's challenges. Some of the agencies that receive the shoeboxes are: The Salvation Army, Emmaus House, East Side Soup Kitchen, McNally House, Ascension House (Emerson House), Rescue Mission, Underground Railroad and many others.

PLEASE NOTE: THE TOPS OF THE BOXES NEED TO CLOSE. YOU ARE ALL SO GENEROUS WITH LOTS OF WONDERFUL ITEMS, BUT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO CLOSE THE BOX AND WRAP IT.

What you pack into your shoebox can be as unique as you are but please make sure the items are NEW and have some gift appeal to them. NO PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS. AVOID BULKY ITEMS SUCH AS SHAWLS OR TOWELS. Here is a list that will help you. Do Not feel that you have to provide all of these items. Some suggestions for the shoebox: full size bottle of shampoo, brush, comb, toothbrush & paste, deodorant, nail file, perfume, lotion, watch, small notebook & pen, book, hat, gloves, socks, non-perishable candy, small sewing kit, calendar, Kleenex, coin purse, bracelet, scarf.

The deadline for shoeboxes will be Nov. 27th. Do not wrap the box. Mission Committee will do the wrapping.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kathy Rogers at (989) 624-5700 or klrog2001@yahoo.com.

Life at Taymouth!





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