



First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

October 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

Floyd Roebuck—Youth Director, Paul Fortier—Custodian

12517 Morseville Rd Birch Run, MI 48415

Telephone: 989-624-9473, Fax: 989-624-4904

Website: www.taymouthchurch.com, email: taymouthchurch@msn.com

Connect on Facebook: Taymouth Presbyterian Church

Welcome Back!

With the cooler weather approaching, we will be having indoor worship beginning October 11th. In regards to Covid-19 safety, we will be operating the heat indoors 24 hours before worship service only. Then at 9:00am Sunday morning, we will be turning off the heat. This will help prevent the circulation of any airborne viruses while we have people in the building. The Sanctuary will cool down, so we recommend you dress warm and keep your coat with you. Please do not use the coat racks at this time. Masks will be required to be worn inside and social distancing will be observed. Thank you!



Joys and Concerns

Prayer needs are on-going for Bea Savage, Debbie Minard, Abigail Peters, Elsie Gajewski, and the family of Dale Irish who passed to the larger life on September 4. Please keep them in your prayers and many others during this time. The church office is available to receive your joys and concerns.

Church Office Hours

We are here for you!

Please call the church with any concerns or prayers. The office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, 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! Currently they are asking for canned fruit, ramen noodles, and diced tomatoes. 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.



Thank you!

Many of us have been blessed to partake in free vegetables this year thanks to Master Gardner Ken Maurer and a few others. We appreciate all your hard work and generosity!

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.

“Never Stop Forgiving”

I would like for us to think about something important. In fact, what I want us to think about is one of the most important things in the whole of the Christian faith. It is something God gave us, and it is something God wants us to give others. What I am talking about is forgiveness. We deal with it every week when we say the Lord's Prayer. "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Simply put, in Jesus Christ, God has forgiven us, and God expects us to forgive others.

Now of course, it is not as simple as this. When we talk about forgiveness, we must understand from the start forgiveness does not come naturally. If we are hurt by someone, our natural tendency is to get angry and inflict our anger upon that person. In the natural world, if an animal is hurt its instinct is to fight to protect itself. In human society (including the church) we have a whole set of rules in how to cope appropriately with our anger.

Again, forgiveness does not come naturally. Like anything, we have to work on it. We have to work practicing our Christian faith. Forgiveness is one of those things we need to spiritually practice. In the beginning of the 18th chapter of Matthew, a question was asked by Jesus' disciples, "*Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?*" (v. 1). Throughout the 18th chapter Jesus tells his disciples to become humble, resist temptation, search for the lost, and practice forgiveness. Practicing these things will enable a person to become the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Of all these things mentioned by Jesus the one we have the hardest time with is the last one—forgiveness. Peter even interrupts Jesus and asks, "*How many times shall my brother/sister sin against me and I forgive him/her?*" (vs. 21). Jesus basically answers no one should ever put a limit on forgiveness. One should never stop forgiving.

Now that is quite a notion! Never stop forgiving. You may ask, "Even if my friends keep hurting me the same way, each time they ask forgiveness I should give it to them?" Jesus would say, "*Yes, that is correct.*" And you may ask, "What kind of crazy person would do that?" The answer is God. God forgives us over and over—even the same sins—and Jesus is telling us to do the same.

Shalom,
Pastor Scott



*Pastor Scott will be on vacation from October 14 thru October 27. Pastor Sue Trinklein, Christ Lutheran Church of Birch Run, will provide emergency pastoral coverage during this time. Pastor Sue can be reached at (989) 928-6845. Guest Speaker on Sunday, October 18th will be Kathy Maurer, and on Sunday, October 25, will be Robert Minard.

Mission Committee News

The "Cupcake War" was held on Sunday, September 13, 2020. This year we had to do it a little different due to the COVID-19 Virus, so it was held outside. There was a threat of rain in the early morning, but God was with us and knew we need to have a little fellowship thus the rain did not happen. Kim Britton was the winner this year with her delicious (I speak from experience) "Hugs and Kisses" cupcake. With your purchases and donations, Missions was able to add \$159 to help with future givings. Hope you enjoy your purchase and THANK YOU for your support in this event.

For the month of October, we will have a mission project for "One Great Hour of Sharing". The funds collected from this will go to the following Presbyterian programs: Disaster Assistance, Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. In your Sunday morning packet of October 4, 2020, you will receive items regarding your giving to this cause.



Collecting of empty "Shoebboxes" has begun for the annual giving we do in November. As in prior years, you will be given a list of suggested items along with the empty shoebox. They will be ready for you to pick up on Sunday, November 1, 2020.

We are hoping we will be able to do the annual "Cookie Walk and Holiday Treat". We want to make this a safe event for everyone so we are working on just how to do this. If all goes well, the event will be on Saturday, December 19, 2020.

Remember that the "Community Food Pantry" is always in need of items. Once we get back to having worship into the building, the drop off station is located at the top of the south stairs. Here are some of the suggested items they can use: Chicken soup, tomato soup, canned chicken or tuna fish, Ramon noodles, juices, instant potatoes (box or pouch), scallop potatoes (box), Zataran rice and beans, Rice-A-Roni, canned peas and canned carrots, and dry powered milk. You may also use a pew envelope for donations to this cause.

Keep reading your newsletters and weekly bulletins for any changes that may occur regarding missions giving and other happenings of our church.

Bonnie Pratt, Chair, Mission Committee

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	1 Thursday	2 Friday	3 Saturday
<h1>October 2020</h1>						
4 Communion Outdoor Worship Service At 9:30 am Worship Comm. At 10:30 am	5	6 Bulding & Grounds 7:00 pm	7	8	9	10
11 Indoor Worship Service At 9:30 am	12	13 Session Meeting 7:00 pm	14 *Pastor's Vacation, see article.	15	16	
18 Indoor Worship Service 9:30 am	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Orchard Visit Indoor Worship Service At 9:30 am Mission Comm. at 10:30 am	26	27 P.W. 1:00 pm	28	29	30	31 

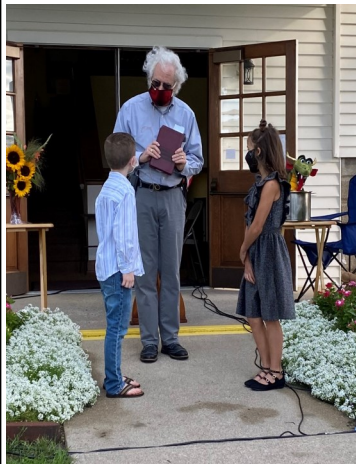
Christian Education

Congratulations Quinn and Jaxon on your beautiful new bibles! May they be well used!

Christian Education Committee is planning a new activity for our Youth and Sunday School Kids families and friends. Please join us on Sunday, October 25, 4pm, at the Montrose Orchards for a fun time! More details will be in the bulletins.

Virtual Sunday School plans are underway with very exciting new ideas and friends. (Hint-Hint). Stay tuned! Also, if you would like to print your own children's bulletin, just call the church office and we can email you a pdf file to download.

God Bless, Dawn Patrick
Christian Education Director



Quinn Periard and Jaxon Reed



Noisy Offering



Presbyterian Women will NOT be hosting the Rummage sale this year. Please DO NOT drop off any items as we are unable to store them. Thank you!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 27, 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Thank You



Cindy Maher made and donated over 90 masks to our North Elementary in Birch Run! Thank you Cindy for sharing your time and talent with our community!

Member Care

"REACH UP, REACH OUT, REACH ALL"

Can you guess "who" for October? The questions and answers from this person are on page 5 of the newsletter. Also, Member Care is re-starting its card ministry to shut-ins, military buddies, and youth. Please let me know if you would like to include someone on the list. Thank you!

Holly Wendzik, Member Care Chair

News from the Clerk's Desk

September 25, 2020, movie night at 7 pm. Bring your own snacks. This is not a potluck. Must bring your own chair/blanket.

Lakey Scholarship presentation on September 13, 2020.

Bible presentations on September 13, 2020. Two recipients: Quinn Periard and Jaxon Reed.

Buildings & Grounds met on September 1, 2020, at 7 pm.

Approved: To have Jason Ward from Jigsaw Jams continue providing sound for outdoor service through October 4, 2020.

We will have outdoor communion on October 4, 2020. Then beginning October 11, 2020, we will move indoor for worship service.

Many of the new technology items have come in and will be installed soon.

Cupcake Wars will be September 13th, 2020. They will be outside where there will be separate stations set up and Mission committee members will put the cupcakes into boxes.

Christian Education meeting on September 20, 2020.

Approved: Community Thanksgiving service to be held on November 24, 2020, at 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth.

Approved: Pastor's vacation October 14- October 27, 2020. Worship committee to find guest speakers.

Session gave a big thank you to all who have been helping with the outdoor services. Also a big thanks was given to Christine Callender as she continues to tape and live stream services each Sunday.

Next meeting October 13, 2020.

Submitted by 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.

THE CLIPPER CHALLENGE

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated to this challenge.

To date we have raised \$1,456 dollars! We have met our goal and surpassed it.

Pastor is finally getting his haircut, and he is ready.

Thank you those who entered to choose Pastor's Hairstyle

Janette Gonzales

Rob & Deb Minard

Dick & Sharon Leach

Glen & Erma Tanner

Ken & Kathy Maurer

Jim Peters

Sue Gosen

Dan and Pat Periard

Jason Reed

THANK YOU!



PASTOR'S HAIR
WILL BE CUT
SEPTEMBER
27



VOLUNTEER



Spaghetti Supper Benefit

Christ Lutheran Church in Birch Run will be hosting a Drive-Thru Baked Spaghetti Supper to benefit the North Elementary School, on Thursday, October 1, from 4–7 pm, curbside take-out only, and cost is \$10.00 per person. Menu includes Baked Spaghetti, Bread and Butter, Salad with choice of dressing, and Cookie dessert. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling the church office at (989) 624-9378. Helpers would be welcome and appreciated!



SUNDAY SHEPHERD

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 **Ed Savage** for volunteering in **October**.

Robert Minard, Chair of Emergency and Disaster Committee.



SHOEBOXES FOR SAGINAW

Once again Taymouth Presbyterian Church will be participating in Shoeboxes for Saginaw. This is our 9th year of helping women. Last year over 30 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.

Boxes will be available later in October, but I thought I would get the information out to you so you could start looking for items for the boxes. 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 November 29th. 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 klog2001@yahoo.com.

Stewardship

Per Capita. Not something we all like to think about but a very important responsibility as a member of our church. Per Capita has been a 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. Per capita is used to fund these governing councils that represent us. The whole church shares in this expense 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, thus providing for unity and mutual responsibility within the church.

The Per Capita cost per member is \$29.00. As of August, we have collected \$1995.00. Our total cost due is \$3944.00. Within the last four months of the year, the remaining balance will be divided into equal payments of \$487.25. If you have already paid your Per Capita-Thank you! If you haven't been able to pay yet, there is still time. Please prayerfully consider sending in your \$29.00 before the end of the year.

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

"Guess Who?" - October 2020

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

1. What is your favorite Hymn and why?
A: "Here I am Lord".
2. Where were you born? A: Saginaw.
3. What is your favorite Bible verse and why?
A: John 3:16.
4. Are you married? A: Yes.
5. Who would you invite to have breakfast with?
A: A good conversationalist!
6. Where did you go to school/Are you still attending?
A: Graduated in Saginaw County.
7. Where do you work and what do you do?
A: Retired, work for spouse!
8. What are you working towards?
A: Making spouse happy!
9. How many siblings do you have? A: Two.
10. How many are in your family or at same address?
A: Two.

Thank you! Member Care

Building and Grounds

Thank you to Adam Smith, Ken Maurer, Jim Mather, Gary Brabant, Pete McIntosh, and Dick Leach for mowing the church grounds. Thank you to Floyd and Elizabeth Roebuck, Pete and Barb McIntosh and Dave and Cheryl O'Connell, for maintaining the flower beds. Very thankful for all the help and support!

Want to help? We would love your help! Give Gary Brabant or Ken Maurer a call.



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!

Loving God and Loving Our Neighbor in Worship

SERVICES WILL BE INDOORS STARTING

OCTOBER 11TH

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED

Virtual Worship by way of video or live-streaming will continue to take place to ensure those who choose to remain home will have a meaningful worship experience.

Those who remain home may receive a telephone call from a Session Elder in order to remain connected to the congregation.

What We CANNOT Do

We cannot guarantee that there will be no one present who has the virus.

We cannot guarantee that the COVID-19 virus will not be present in the church.

All people who attend public worship at the church do so knowing that there is a risk of contracting the virus.

WHAT WE NEED YOU TO DO

STAY HOME if you are high-risk or in any way think you have the virus or were exposed to it.

Services are planned to last between 30-40 minutes. You may remain in your vehicle during the worship service, or sit on the lawn with a mask.

If you do depart your car, you are asked to wear a mask and maintain a six-foot distance.

The east doors of the church building (location: the elevator entrance) will be open for bathroom usage only.

Please immediately return to your vehicle after using the bathroom.

PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU...

- Have the virus or might have been exposed to the virus
- Feel sick or ill on any Sunday morning,
- Are At high-risk if you contract COVID-19

M A S K S A R E



R E Q U I R E D

Outdoor Service Format

Upon arrival:

- We ask that you will either pull into the front row reserved for those watching from their car, or pull into the second row for those planning to watch from the lawn.
- If pulled into the front to watch from your car, we ask you pull in square to the grass regardless of the parking lot's lines.

Just before Worship:

- An usher will greet you with a prepackaged Ziploc bag with worship items: a bulletin; a prayer card; and offering envelope (if needed in case you didn't bring your own). Please prepare these items so they can be collected during the service by ushers.

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 upstairs to the Sanctuary or downstairs to the Fellowship hall.
- Upstairs, every other pew is marked off to ensure social distancing, and downstairs, tables are spaced to ensure social distancing.

Just before worship:

- Please keep your coat with you in the pew.
- An usher will greet you with a prepackaged Ziploc bag with worship items: a bulletin; a prayer card; and offering envelope (if needed in case you didn't bring your own). Please prepare these items so they can be collected during the service by ushers.

During worship the furnace heating the sanctuary will be turned off so as to minimize the closed air circulation.

After the service we ask that you wait to be dismissed.

Psalms 95:1,2,6

**O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the
rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a
joyful noise unto him with psalms.**

**O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD
our maker.**



**First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth
12517 Morseville Road
Birch Run, MI 48415**

Plant Blessings, Harvest Blessings!