

First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth

APRIL 2021

Taymouth Tidings

WELCOME!

Sunday Worship—9:30am

Rev. John Scott Kroener, Pastor

Sarah Schriber— Secretary, Heidi Smith— Music Director

Christine Callender-Clerk of Session, Carolyn Weston-Treasurer

Dawn Patrick-Financial Secretary and Christian Education Director

Floyd Roebuck-Youth Director, Paul Fortier-Custodian

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm Sunday/	March 28	9:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Service	April 1	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service	April 2	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday (<i>Sunrise Service and Regular</i>)	April 4	7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

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 to the Sanctuary or to the Fellowship hall. Social distancing is in place in both areas. Please keep your coat with you. After the service, we ask that you wait to be dismissed. Hand Sanitizer and masks are available. Thank you!

MASKS  **ARE REQUIRED**

BULLETINS

For those watching from home, weekly bulletins are available on our website at taymouthchurch.com.

Call the church office for assistance or more information.

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 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sunday School

In-person Sunday School will be held in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Prayer Circle

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

Prayer requests are conveyed by telephone.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 3
10:00a.m.

Bring your basket and energy for a fun filled morning.

Dress warm, we will be outdoors only.



"EASTER EGG MARCH"

The other day I was reading one of my devotional books, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*, by Edward Hays (1989), about the "Festival of the Easter Eggs." He comments this simple festival was first observed by European Christians around 700 A.D., and it was primarily a religious rite celebrated in people's homes. He notes many holy days or holidays are not necessarily celebrated in the church, rather they are celebrated in the home with special foods, decorations, and symbols (p. 74).

I remember in my childhood, helping my mother dye and decorate Easter eggs. I recall like it was yesterday, drawing crosses and writing my name with a white crayon on the shells of hard boiled eggs. I remember the stench of hot vinegar water where we dropped the eggs to change them into colored eggs. Once the kitchen timer went off my brother, my sister, and I would spoon the eggs from the colored vinegar water. We would observe our creative artwork of geometric designs, crosses, and letters spelling our names. Decorating Easter eggs was fun, and hard work. It took time to complete the necessary steps to create the finished product. Now, the one thing I didn't enjoy was eating those decorated hard boiled eggs. That was the one thing I couldn't stomach.

I couldn't stomach them until one day many years later I was humping (a.k.a. hiking) with Marines just a few days before Easter. You might say it was our "Easter" outing. As you may know from my different military stories Marines enjoy their nature "walks" whether they are a hike, a hump, a march, or a run. They enjoy being on the move creating and building camaraderie. I was grateful for this spirit of camaraderie because we shared a little Easter treat with one another in the Company. When we took our midmorning rest period we were instructed to go up and down the line sharing our special Easter treats. Let me tell you, the most loved person that day was a Marine whose wife and children dyed hard-boiled Easter eggs for his fellow Marines, his Navy Corpsmen, and his Battalion Chaplain. I couldn't believe it! This Marine with the help of some of his fellow Marine buddies provided us with old fashioned Easter eggs. To say the least, unlike my childhood, I didn't hesitate to crack my egg on the side of my helmet to peel back the shell. It had been a while since I ate breakfast.

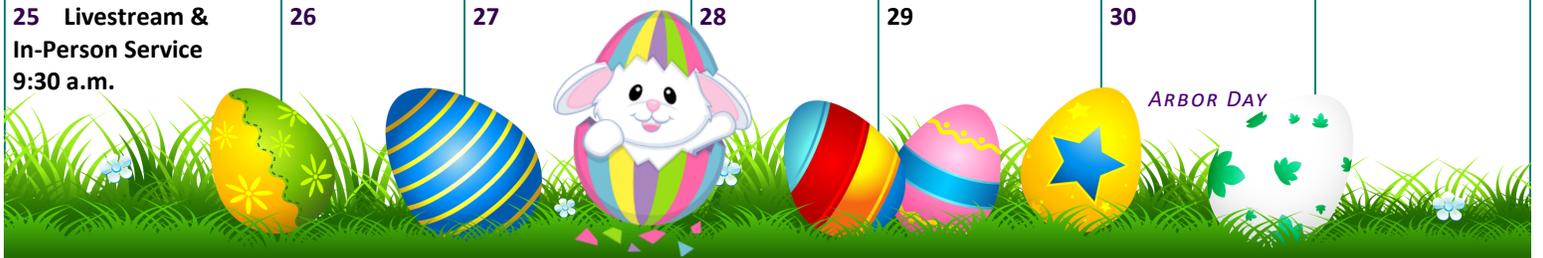
I am touched how a mother and her children from their home kitchen provided us Marines with the sacred gift of the Easter egg. Edward Hays is right about the idea holy days begin in the home with special foods, decorations, and symbols. May you have a blessed Easter knowing the Festival of the Easter Eggs begins in your home.

Shalom,
Pastor Scott



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	29	30	31	1 Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. <i>MAUNDY THURSDAY</i>	2 Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>	3 EASTER EGG HUNT HUNT 10:00 A.M.
4 Livestream & In-Person Service w/Communion 7 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	5	6 B&G Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11 Livestream & In-Person Service 9:30 a.m. 10:15 Social Media 10:15 Worship Committee	12	13 Session 7:00p.m.	14	15 <i>TAX DAY</i>	16	17
18 Livestream & In-Person Service 9:30 a.m. 10:15 Dinner Committee	19	20	21	22 <i>EARTH DAY</i>	23	24
25 Livestream & In-Person Service 9:30 a.m.	26	27	28	29	30 <i>ARBOR DAY</i>	



COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS

ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Martin's April 9th 11 a.m.– 2 p.m.
Fish Fry 4 p.m.– 7 p.m.

St. Martin's Fish Fry is typically held on the 2nd Tuesday of each Month, with this March also holding a second. The cost is \$12 and includes 4 pieces of Cod, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, and Bread. (Drive-Thru Only)

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BIRCH RUN

Little Tots Open M-F 6 A.M.—6 P.M.
Learning Spot

The Day Care Center is open for business! The LTLTS provides care for children birth to age 12. They are still accepting applications for the program. If you or someone you know is interested you can call Sam or Jordan at (989)443-3144

The Christ Lutheran Church is also accepting donations for their garage sale scheduled for a weekend sometime in May.

Christian Education Newsletter

On Saturday, March 20, 2021, we hosted a Confirmation Class for the youth. We are happy to report that three joined in the class time. Next, if a youth makes the decision to join the church, they will be confirmed during the worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28. This is an exciting opportunity for all our young people and we are looking forward to their Confirmation!

Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 3, at 10:00am. We will host the event outdoors only this year, so please dress warm! Bring a basket, a friend, and plenty of energy! If the weather turns to rain, we will have a drive-by to pick up goodie bags!

Sunday School is back in full swing in the fellowship hall following worship services on Sunday mornings. We are learning about David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lion's Den, and Jonah and the whale.

These topics are a lot of fun and we even have a song to match!
All little ones are welcome to join Sunday School!

God Bless,
Dawn Patrick
CE Director



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Session Meeting: March 9, 2021

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

Dinner Committee will go ahead to begin plans for a future take out dinner. Meeting to be announced.

Muriel Lakey Scholarship application is available until March 31, 2021.

The remaining tree stump has been cut down.

Committee chairs:

Building & grounds: Gary Brabant

Finance: Carolyn Weston

Missions: Janette Gonzales

Worship: Sharon Peters

Christian Education: Floyd Roebuck

Member Care: Holly Wendzik

Personnel: Rob Minard

Social Media & Communication Outreach: Christine Callender

Emergency & Disaster Planning: Rob Minard

Clerk of Session: Christine Callender

Treasurer: Carolyn Weston

Next session meeting: **April 13, 2021, at 7 p.m.**

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.*

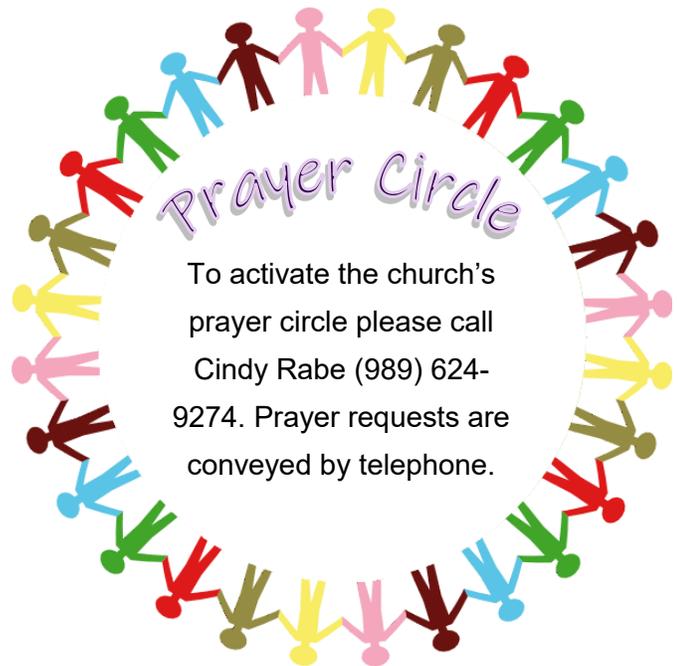


National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is a confidential support group for loved ones of individuals living with mental illness.

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 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frankenmuth United Methodist Church for Saginaw County, and on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 7p.m. for Genesee County.

For more information, call (810) 232-6498 or email: namigenesee@gmail.com.



EASTER LILIES & SPRING FLOWERS

Please bring your Easter Lilies or Spring Flowers to the church by no later than Saturday afternoon on April 3rd, to allow time for Nancy Fortier to arrange the sanctuary for our Sunday Morning Easter Services. Flowers may be dropped off Sunday mornings, T/Th/F 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. (during office hours), or by appointment. Flowers will be placed in the Geneva room prior to Easter. Please label you flowers with your name so church staff can identify your flowers. Please contact the church secretary if your flowers are given in memory or in honor.



Stewardship

Dear Church Family and Friends!

The Presbyterian Foundation has selected Ten Scriptures for Stewardship to help all churches and encourage congregations through this time. The scriptures help us to reflect on stewardship, generosity and gratitude. Each newsletter, we will highlight a new scripture.

Next up: From Genesis 9:1-3, 16-17 (Noah, the aftermath of the flood and the rainbow.) *Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea: they are given into your hands. Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. . . ."Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on earth."*

This story is another reminder of God's generous provision to humanity. God provides for our basic needs and also establishes an everlasting covenant with us. Our response must be one of gratitude and generosity for this abundant provision. We can be inspired by the image of the rainbow and the reminder that God will provide for us, so we are called to respond generously to provide for the needs of others through stewardship. (Presbytery Foundation)

Trying something new this year, Session and the Finance Committee have approved to try – "Adopt-a-bill". The idea is pretty simple and just like the title, you can help with church expenses by selecting a particular expense to "adopt". The bill can be adopted for a 1 month, 3 month, 6 month, or longer period of time. There are many different types and amounts to choose from. Also, the person adopting a bill will receive credit on their giving statements. Please call the church office at 989-624-9473 when you are ready to adopt. Thank you to all that have already participated!

Offering envelopes are still available for pick-up. They are located on a table, second level, by the sanctuary doors.

Thank you all and God bless,

Dawn Patrick, Financial Secretary



BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Want to help? We would love your help!
Please call Gary Brabant, Chair of
Building and Grounds.

SUNDAY SHEPARD & USHERS

In order to make each Sunday's worship a wonderful experience for all. We are in need of volunteers for ushering and Sunday Shepard duty.

Ushers pass out bulletins, collect the offering, get to ring the church bell, and light the alter candles.

The Sunday Shepherd oversees and monitors the safety of our congregation, and is responsible to call 911 in case of an emergency.

Thank you to **Sharon Peters** for being our primary Sunday Shepard for April.

If you are interested in volunteering, please see Sharon Peters for April.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Personal and Household Item Assistance

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. 12265 Church St, Birch Run.

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.

Sweet Pea's Pantry: hosts food distribution on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 9-11a.m. 108 W. State St., Montrose. Located in the back of the Strong Inspirations Building. (810)350-2254 sweetpeapantry.org

Old Town Christina 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.



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