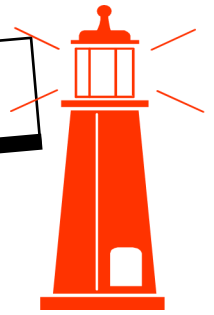


TAWAS METHODIST CHURCH

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HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



In all my years as a Christian worker, I never dreamed of writing an article designed to help people learn to spit. Well, here it is. We all ought to be very good spitters. Now for those who may imagine this article is off the rails already, spit is an acronym, S.P.I.T., for (Supplications, Prayers, Intercessions, and Thanksgivings). The New Testament of the Bible considers spitting an urgent matter, a matter of the first order.

Most of us are sick and tired of listening to News talk shows continuously spit out what is wrong with the country, [that's not real spitting]. They get us all worked up and we hope someone will do something, but it doesn't happen. We look at a generation, or two, of young people who are dangerously attached to their smart-phones. The result is rampant anxiety and anti-social behavior, but we feel helpless to do anything about it. In a nutshell, we are all distraught about our political, scientific, social, educational leadership and other leaders, but we do not all pray for them. Why not learn to S.P.I.T. for our leaders? There is a promise after all – “that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and dignity.” Here is how the Apostle Paul puts it:

1 Timothy 2:1-6

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, 6 who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.

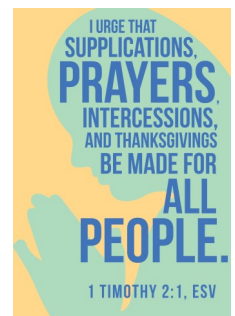
We all learned to pray by mimicking others. Here are four ways to pray that we can imitate and become good at. The above scripture text also suggests that this type of praying (spitting) may result in people coming to the knowledge of the truth and be saved. Here are basic definitions to help explain what each letter in S.P.I.T. means.

1. **Supplications** - the action of asking or begging for something earnestly or humbly.
2. **Prayers** - solemn requests for help or expressions of thanks addressed to God.
3. **Intercessions** - the action of intervening on behalf of another.
4. **Thanksgivings** - A simple prayer of gratitude.

As someone might conclude from the definitions of S.P.I.T., this kind of praying is intentional time set aside for the specific purpose of prayer. This is not a brief mention at the dinner table, or ruminating throughout the day. Rather these are specific prayers for those who rule our nation and anyone in high positions.

May our mighty God grant us grace to make this kind of time to pray, realizing prayer is hard work, but it is much better than the stress of living in a society engulfed in unrest.

God bless all of you,
Pastor Kris





CLASSY CRAFTERS

Classy Crafters will resume in the Fall.

Marilyn Denhoff
Leader/Chairperson

VBS VOLUNTEERS (ANGLES)

VBS Volunteers (Angles) are needed to help with guiding the youth, serving a snack, helping in the kitchen or helping with a craft. There is a sign-up list in the Gathering Area. You can help one day or all four, if you want. It is more fun than work.

4th. OF JULY PARADE FLOAT

Carol and I will be Co-Chairs and Marilyn Denhoff has volunteered to help. We will be looking for more volunteers, a trailer, candy, and donations for decorations in the near future (The 4th of July is only 2 months away!)



Thank you,
Laura

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday—Thursday June 17 –20, 8:30am-4:30pm

Tawas Methodist Church

5 years to 5th. grade

First 30 students to register have all expenses paid. After that, \$50 per student. Maximum 50 students accepted. Sign up today!

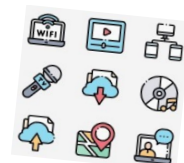
Register online: BAYSHORECAMP.org/DAYCAMPOTR



HELP NEEDED

IT Team Member: Be willing to learn to run the computers and videos for the Saturday & Sunday services. Try it, see if it is something you would like to do. Thanks for your consideration.

Laura,
Office Manager,
please call 362-4288





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship At the church or (WIOS-AM) or (ZOOM) tawasmc.org			1 1pm MW meeting 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	2 7pm Church Council mtg	3	4 8:30 Men's Prayer Group 4pm Casual Service Communion Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S WEEK </div>						
Communion Sunday	11am Ladies Bible Study	1pm Worship mtg. 5pm Prayer Ministry 6:15pm Handbell	5:00pm Missions mtg. 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study		11am Memorial Service for Richard Frederick	8:30 Men's Prayer-Group Car Wash-parking lot 4pm Casual Service
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> NATIONAL POLICE WEEK </div>						
Noisy Offering	11am Ladies Bible Study	5pm Prayer Ministry 6:15pm Handbell	5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study Police Officer Memorial Day		4-11pm Adult Education Academy Prom -FLC	8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4pm Casual Service
Mother's Day						
Pastoral Candidate election after service.	11am Ladies Bible Study	5pm Prayer Ministry 6:15pm Handbell	12noon Lunch Bunch Big Boy 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	6pm Celebration of Women Dinner-FLC		25 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4pm Casual Service
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	11am Ladies Bible Study Memorial Day	5pm Prayer Ministry 6:15pm Handbell	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> Quota Rummage Setup </div> 5pm FISH Picnic Dewey D. Park 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> Quota Rummage Sale </div> 6:30PM Trustee mtg	Pre-school Graduation in Well and Party in Fire-place room	

Birthdays & Anniversaries



5/2 Diane King
5/5 Riley Millard
5/7 Kraig Papenfus
5/7 Tracy Stevelinck
5/21 Frances Eaton
5/21 Judy Hills
5/22 Richard Look
5/22 Betti Jo Schlagel
5/23 Sharon Wohlhueter
5/27 Brad Hasty
5/27 Colton Hasty
5/29 Pamula Moore

5/4 Jim & Sandee Simmons
5/7 Jim & Eva McArdle
5/15 Jon & Jennifer Look
5/15 Elite & Nancy Shellenbarger
5/18 Paul & Tracy Stevelinck
5/20 Gary & Pam Lynch
5/22 Lee & Julie Lockman
5/24 Brian & Laura Loeffler

BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARIES

If you do not see your Birthday or Anniversary date listed here, it may not have been placed in our Church Data Base. We strive to honor your special days, so just give the Office a call at 989-362-4288 with your information.

Thank you so much!



CHURCH ENVELOPES



If you are running low on envelopes please call or leave a message in my mailbox.

Call me at 989-284-5898. Deb

COFFEE DONATIONS REQUEST



We are in need of regular and decaf coffee for the coffee before and after service. If you would like to donate a can of coffee please put it next to the coffee maker in the Gathering Space.

Thank you!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CHECK THE CHURCH

We are in need of several volunteers to check the church every Wednesday and Thursday. A church walk through to check for lights that should be off and doors that should be locked. Please contact the Church Office if you can help. A Trustee will contact you with more information.

Thanks,
Laura



Noisy Offering:
May-Project Graduation
June-Iosco Ministerial Association
July-Iosco County Children in Crisis
August-Rachel's Closet

Happy Spring everyone!!
Missions Team

AFTER SERVICE COFFEE AND SNACKS

Snacks are provided on Sunday after Service. We are always looking for volunteers to bring some snacks. There is a sign-up list on the refreshment table. Please help out and sign up. Thanks.

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE
as of March 31, 2024

GENERAL FUND

2024	2024	2023
BUDGET	GIVING	GIVING
54,270	52,357	47,722

DEBT FUND

2024	2024	2023
BUDGET	GIVING	GIVING
11,205	5,042	9,601

To give by credit card go to: tawasmc.org

CHECK YOUR
CHURCH
MAILBOX

Make sure you
check your
mailbox at church.



MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Pastor will hold a membership class starting on three Saturdays, May 18th, 25 & June 1st. Class will start at 10am and end at 12 noon. It is important that you be at all three classes. We are so pleased to bring new members into our congregation!

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

The Tawas Methodist Women will host a "Celebration of Women" Dinner on Thursday, May 23 at 6pm. Enjoy a dinner of Chicken and Beef Brisket and a program, cost is \$13.00 .

AA MEETING WEBSITE

www.dist26aa.org



LAYETTE MINISTRY

Layette Ministry is in need of baby boy and girl long sleeved onesies, hats and booties (0-3 months). There is a tote in the Gathering Space for your donations.

Thank you,
Sharon Schlagel



TAWAS METHODIST WOMEN

Happy Spring to everyone!! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7th at 1 pm. Plans are underway for the Celebration of Women on Thursday, May 23rd in the Family Life Center at 6 pm. The dinner will be buffet style featuring Chicken and Brisket. It is being catered by Jamie Proulx of Kienow's. Gwen Burt will give us a presentation about her recent mission trip after the meal. The tickets will be \$13. It will be a very enjoyable evening. Please plan to attend. The tickets will be on sale before and after both services. The deadline will be on May 16th. Also, while you are spring cleaning don't forget about the upcoming Rummage Sale in June. The Lunch Bunch will be meeting at the Big Boy Restaurant on Wednesday, May 22nd at 12 noon. We always have an enjoyable time with good food and fellowship. Please join us.

Sincerely and in Christian Love,
Judy Hills

Methodist Women

If you would like more information of the Methodist Women activities, please contact:

Judy Hills ~~~~~MW President..... 984-4154
Wanda Roach Archer~~~~MW Vice President.....
Marilyn Denhoff~~~~MW Secretary.....362-1380
Candy Thomas ~~~~~MW Treasurer.....739-2635
Marilyn Denhoff~~~~MW Asst. Treasurer.....362-1380

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT

A bathtub chair is available should someone need it contact Pam Lynch or the Church Office. Also there are two (2) walkers (one at each door) if someone needs one, free for the taking. Pam

HARVEST TABLE

If you have excess produce, fruit, baked goods or crafts that you wish to donate, please place them on our Harvest Table in the Gathering Space.



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Non-perishable food items are needed for the community food pantry. Donations can be placed in the tote outside of the Church Office.

The donations will be collected and delivered to the community food pantry on the third weekend of every month.



Greeting to all Church Members,

There have been some inquiries as to why the Pastor Search Committee did not select a younger candidate for our next pastor. I would like to take you through a summary of the steps we took for this selection.

We advertised on ChurchJobs.net and Indeed.com. We received a total of 32 applications from these two sources plus one other in the mail. In addition, we wrote a letter inviting a current United Methodist minister that grew up in our church to apply. We never received a response to this letter. Out of these 33 applications the committee narrowed it down to four that we wanted to interview.

Upon contacting the first one, he said that he wanted to withdraw his application for theological reasons. The second one (that had deep United Methodist roots) did not respond to our calls for over a week and when he did, he said that he had taken another position. The third one was a 49-year-old with a wife and four sons that lived in Tulsa. This person was ordained in the Global Methodist Church. When I talked to him on the phone, he seemed very interested and even excited about the prospect of an interview. We set up a time for a Zoom interview, but the night before the interview he emailed me and said that he had to decline the position because his family didn't want to move. The fourth candidate was Reverend Dan Gonder.

All through this process, our committee was fervently praying that God would lead us to the person that He wanted to lead our church and that He would make His will clearly known to us. With three of the top four choices falling away so decisively, in addition to the fact that we quit receiving any qualified applications from our sources, we were sure that God was giving us a clear indication that His choice was Reverend Gonder.

Reverend Gonder advised that if he is selected and during his time as pastor we found a candidate that met more of our search requirements, i.e. a younger pastor with a family, he would graciously step aside to accommodate our wishes. We therefore considered Reverend Gonder our very best candidate at this time.

We ask that you prayerfully consider our recommendation of Reverend Gonder to be our next pastor between now and the vote of the membership on May 19, 2024.

May God bless all of you.

Diane Bushman
Chairperson, Pastor Search Committee



Pray for the Pastor Search Committee

Day 1

1. Unity

Pray for the unity of your committee. There are many potential areas for disagreement, both small and big. Members will have to figure out which qualifications are negotiable and which aren't, and what makes for a good sermon. Some will like things about a pastoral candidate that others don't like at all. Some are willing to overlook things about a candidate that others aren't. Unity is essential for the committee. If they aren't united, they'll struggle to settle on a pastor to call. And their disunity will spread to the rest of the church, likely creating wider discord.

Day 2

2. Spiritual Strength

Spiritual attacks can easily overwhelm a pastoral search. Spiritual strength will support the ongoing desire of each committee member to remain on the committee and diligently carry out their duties. Pray for committee members to stand strong, even through hardships. Pray for their personal lives and their families too.

Day 3

3. Wisdom

Pray for your committee to filter through the options that come their way to find the pastor who best fits your church's needs. Pray they'd set aside distractions and secondary issues and focus on what's important. Pray they'd be able to quickly identify pastors who wouldn't be a good fit for your church. Pray for the many decisions they must make.

Day 4

4. Endurance

The search-committee process is a long process. It takes most churches months, if not a year or more to find a new pastor. People will regularly ask, "Why haven't you found someone yet?" The committee will ask themselves the same question. They'll grow weary from the work and discouraged when the applicants don't fit their standards. Pray for your committee members to have endurance to find the pastor you need.

Day 5

5. God's Will

Pray that the Search Team will seek God's will for the church, and not their own will or even the will of the congregation. There should be an appreciation for the needs of the congregation, but ultimately we believe God knows what kind of a person we need to be our next pastor.

Pray for our next pastor

Day 6

Called to Preach.

If your pastor is called to preach, he/she will know it and be able to communicate it. There will be a sense that nothing else will satisfy quite like declaring God's word. The call should be clear and compelling.

Day 7

Love for family.

Although a pastor is called to a ministry, the pastor's family is also a divine calling. The two loves will conflict from time to time, and there are times when family will be the priority. The pastor should be able to recognize this.

Day 8

Vision.

There is a saying, if there is mist in the pulpit there is fog in the pews. The pastor may or may not be a great Bible scholar, but must have a clear vision of what the ministry will accomplish, where it's going, and what the success of the mission will look like.

Day 9

Shared Vision.

At least one thing the pastor cannot do, is to create a vision that all will embrace. The congregation must have a shared vision of the future. A pastor can pray for this and seek to enable it, and encourage the congregation toward it. The congregation that adopts a shared vision will become very successful, and will avoid fragmentation and division. (Proverbs 29:18)

Day 10

Discernment.

One of the greatest needs of the church today is the ability to discern what is right and wrong, true and false. Any pastor with this grace from God, will be a tremendous benefit to the congregation. (1 Corinthians 12:10)

Day 11

A Humble Teachable Spirit.

A very beneficial quality is curiosity to learn about God and the things of God. When curiosity to learn is combined with humbleness, you will find a teachable spirit.

Day 12

Consistency - Revelation 2:1-4

Pray that our congregation will stay on the path, always looking to Jesus and carry out the ministries to which we are called, without wavering, while we search for our next pastor.

Day 13

Deep love and burden for people and souls.

The essential key for any fruitful outreach is a burden for the souls of people. Pray that your pastor will look out on the unbelieving world and see people who are troubled and helpless until they find rest in Jesus.

Day 14

Clear, personal love for Jesus.

Your pastor's love for Jesus will help to communicate that your congregation is authentic in your faith and service to the community. Love for Jesus can be contagious. Your pastor's love for Jesus will be a testimony of his walk as one of His disciples.

Day 15

Reverently devoted to God.

1 Timothy 3:2 identifies the need for a pastor to have a respectable character. Devoting oneself reverently to God is a good step toward cultivating a respectable character.

Day 16

A Teacher, Unique ability to understand and explain God's Word.

In order to adequately teach God's word, the preacher must not only prepare the teaching, but must also be prepared by the Spirit of God. Pray for the Pastor in both respects.

Day 17

Warmth in personality that people respond to well.

In general your pastor takes on the role of a shepherd and must bring the presence and love of God into conversations. Pray that there will be a godly and holy warmth to the pastor's ministry.

Day 18

A clear communicator.

Good communication is a needed quality in every organization. A pastor who communicates clearly will set a good example for others. Good communication is a key step toward fulfilling a congregation's mission and vision.

Day 19

Authentic, honest awareness of his heart and personal brokenness.

The “fruit of the Spirit, in Galatians 5, is evidence of an authentic person. Pray that your pastor is bearing the fruit of the Spirit.

Day 20

Great listener.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, said, “I know my sheep.” In order for the pastor to know the congregation, patience, careful listening, and true understanding will be required. Pray that your pastor will be quick to listen and slow to speak.

Day 21

Intentional about personal witnessing.

Jesus gave the Great Commission to the church. The pastor must not see the Great Commission as an abstract concept or something others are supposed to do. The Pastor should love to share the gospel personally with others.

Day 22

Unconditional love toward those who criticize.

When criticism of your pastor comes with impure motives, there will be a need for unconditional love. Pray for your next pastor to love and gladly minister to those who criticize and gossip.

Day 23

Having a gentle spirit.

Gentleness is so important in pastoral ministry and is one of the qualifications that Paul gives in 1 Timothy 3. Remember, gentleness is not the absence of strength. It is the addition of virtue to strength.

Day 24

Perseverance.

Sometimes effective and fruitful ministry is accompanied by severe difficulties. Pray for your pastor to persevere through difficulties, while remaining faithful to the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Day 25

Loving and Compassionate.

The great passion of any pastor’s heart should be the care of the people whom God has given him to shepherd – to care for. But the greatest passion should be to more and more love and know Jesus intimately. The ministry of any pastor or church leader should come out of the overflow of his relationship with Jesus.

Day 26

Honest and Accountable.

Honesty can be a sticky wicket sometimes. Some people can't take the truth about themselves. Some just want to think they're right and hear the pastor tell them they're right. The pastor also must practice caution when giving personal testimonies. Some are not ready to hear it all. One thing that helps achieve the transparent-ness that's needed, is accountable relationships. Your pastor must have accountable relationships in his/her life.

Day 27

Loyal, faithful to their commitments and obligations.

Pray that your pastor will be loyal to Christ and to your congregation. And pray that you also will be loyal to your pastor. Loyalty is remaining committed to those whom God has brought into our lives and has called us to serve, even in times of difficulty. loyalty helps to increase respect and avoid manipulation. The church that embraces loyalty, also engages in many righteous causes.

Day 28

Understanding of the times in which we live.

1 Chronicles 12:32, "men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do." Your congregation will benefit greatly by understanding the times in which we live. Pray that your pastor will have keen insight into trends in your culture and society, as well as into biblical truths that speak effectively into such trends.

Day 29

A Leader and Overseer.

As shepherd of a church, your pastor has a clear responsibility to lead. The apostle Paul wrote about this as an instruction to pastors, in Acts 20:28, "Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son."

Day 30

A Counselor.

Not only does a pastor preach and give spiritual guidance, but a pastor also acts as a shepherd and counselor to each member. This involves visiting members' homes for prayer sessions and officiating marriage ceremonies or funerals.

Day 31

Filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the life of God the Father and Jesus in a godly church. For a congregation to be loving, fruitful, unified, and able to pursue a vision for ministry, they must be filled with the Holy Spirit. It only stands to reason that the pastor should be filled with the Holy Spirit

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our Church.



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- Saturday 4:00pm Worship
- Sunday School 9:00am
- Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

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 through
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