

TAWAS METHODIST CHURCH

## THE BEACON

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*Happy New Year*

○ SING UNTO THE LORD  
*a new song;*  
FOR HE HATH DONE  
*marvelous things.*

PSALM 98:1, KJV



Hello My Friends! Happy New Year! I hope that your Christmas and New Year celebrations were wonderful this year. We have begun a New Year, the old year is now past and a New Year has begun. With a new start, what will you do different in the year to come?

In life, we have choices. We can choose to continue along the path that we have walked in the past or select a new direction for the future. For example, as a Family of Faith we chose to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church, we chose to become debt free, and we chose to be a Christ and Bible centered church. All three of these decisions have set the future course of our church. In our spiritual lives, we must also decide how we will go forward as people of Faith. Matthew 7:13-14 serves to illustrate the path that we may select,

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (NRSV)

As Christians, we really have only one choice. Society and the world around us call for us to forsake the truth of Christ that we have come to know. While this choice is popular and easy to make in our world today, it leads to certain destruction and separation from Christ. Jesus in John 10:10b shares this promise, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” As Christians we must continue through the narrow gate and walk the road that is hard, but leads to life. Jesus will provide the abundant life and salvation we seek.

With the start of the New Year and with our continued relationship with Christ, what will you do differently this year? How will you grow in your spiritual life? As we have seen within our Family of Faith, positive choices can produce a brighter future. Call upon the Holy Spirit to lead you to a greater commitment and love of God. Let us continue to seek a grow in devotion to our Lord and Savior through worship, study, prayer, and service. God is calling out to you with this new beginning!

May God Bless You!  
Pastor Dan

## **THANK YOU**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many prayers, concerns, cards and condolences. With Pam's passing and my mother's passing the end of last year was very difficult time. With your support and God's care I will get through this.  
Gary Lynch

Thank you to the congregation for the monetary gift at Christmas. It is very appreciated.  
Judy Hills

Thank You! Thank you for your very generous Christmas Gift this Christmas Season. It is a pleasure to serve with you in this Family of Faith!  
Tawas Methodist Staff  
May God Bless You!

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

This is the beginning of my 10th year here at Tawas Methodist Church. It does not feel like ten years, they have flown by so fast. It is a pleasure coming in each day and being able to talk to so many friends, to help with projects, to be a chair to a couple committees and be here to worship with all of you. I want to send a big thank you to the congregation for another gracious Christmas Bonus. You are always so generous and willing to open your hearts to your staff members.

I really do thank you from the bottom of my heart, for this bonus, and for this job.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

Laura Loeffler

## NEW TITHING ENVELOPES

Just received another shipment of the new envelopes, so if you didn't receive any of the new ones, please let me know so I can get you some. Either call me at 989-284-5898 or leave me a note in my mailbox at the church.

Deb

## TAWAS METHODIST WOMEN

The Ladies will have their next meeting in April.

## CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

### GENERAL FUND

2025	2025	2024
BUDGET	GIVING	GIVING
204,580	225,426	203,573

### Building and Grounds projects:

Donations	33,434	
Expenses	(9,923)	2024
	(16,720)	2025
Balance	6,791	

## MISSIONS

### ANGEL TREE

Once again the Angel Tree was a blessing to three of our local families. Eleven kids were showered with love on Christmas day because of you. Each family was given a gift certificate from Nieman's as well. We would like to thank the Anonymous donor who donated \$400 for the Neiman's certificates. What a blessing to each of those families!

### CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

\$1,031.00 was collected and will help the F.I.S.H. program as well as other local food banks. Thank you

### CHRISTMAS CARD CAMPAIGN

A big "Thank You" to our church family! We were able to collect and send out over 200 Christmas cards to our local veterans this Christmas!

We would like to make this a yearly event – so start collecting your leftover Christmas cards. We will put out a basket in the Gathering Space, for you to put your Christmas cards in. The basket will be left out all year long.

Again, thanks to you, we were able to bless many of our local Veterans. You are the hands and feet of our great God!

### MISSIONS CHILI COOK-OFF AND DESSERT BAKE-OFF

It will be on Sunday, February 8 after church service. There will be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship area next week. If you have a great recipe for Chili, enter it in the Chili Cook-off and/or if you would like to enter the Dessert Bake-Off Contest please sign up. It is always a fun time trying all the different Chili's and Desserts and being able to vote for your favorite.

Noisy Offering:

January: New kitchen supplies for TMC kitchen

Enjoy our beautiful White Wonderland that we live in! ❄️ 🧑‍🎄 🎅 🌨️ 🏂 🛷

Be Safe!

The Missions Team

## **OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Jan. 9th Un-Decorating the Church 10am  
Jan. 13th Tawas Methodist Women's Meeting 1pm  
Jan. 14th Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6pm  
Jan. 15th Worship Committee Meeting 1pm  
Jan. 19th Outreach Committee Meeting 12:15pm  
Jan. 29th Trustee Meeting 6:30pm

## **REGULAR MEETINGS**

### **Mondays:**

Ladies Bible Study, 11am

### **Tuesdays:**

Ladies Pickleball 9-11am

Friends Together Cancer Support Group 5pm

Prayer Ministry 5pm

Bell Choir Practice

### **Wednesdays:**

Choir Practice 5:45pm

Pastors Book Study 7pm

### **Thursdays:**

Ladies Pickleball 9-11am

Flourish Home School Group 1-4pm

### **Saturdays:**

MMPG 8:30 pm

Casual Service 4pm

## ANNIVERSARIES

1/27 Randy & Ileen Brewer  
1/27 Dianne & Harold Knight

## BIRTHDAYS

1/2 Carol Wilcox  
1/6 Robert Moore  
1/7 Phyllis Bessy  
1/9 Heather Hasty  
1/9 Theresa Wilt  
1/11 Tim Schirmer  
1/15 Ralph Boudreau  
1/17 Charlotte Vetter  
1/18 Jean Kriebel  
1/18 Cathy Menning  
1/19 Dennis Durant  
1/19 Gwendolyn Phillips  
1/20 Stephanie Davis  
1/21 Della Harris  
1/21 Julia Schlagel  
1/24 Margot Tetley  
1/25 Sharon Franks  
1/30 Mandy Jo Madagame

### PRAYER CHAIN

We are developing a Prayer Chain that will also serve as a way to notify our congregation about schedule changes, delays, cancellations, sickness, deaths, special meetings etc. Once you are on this list, you will receive a call when special info needs to go out to the congregation.

Please list your name and phone number if you would like to be added to this list. We also want to include our shut-ins and those that may not live in our immediate area.



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REQUIRED  
IF MAILED

Please share this newsletter  
with anyone you know who  
may be interested in visiting  
our Church.

Join us for Sunday Service  
Saturday 4:00pm Worship  
Sunday School 9:00am  
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.  
At the church, on WIOS-AM 1480 or at  
[www.tawasmc.org](http://www.tawasmc.org)  
Pastor: Rev. Daniel Gonder  
Parsonage: 989-362-5399  
Office Manager: Laura Loeffler  
Music Director: Shawn Wygant  
Custodian: Judy Hills  
Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday  
9:00am to 2:00 pm (Lunch: 11:30—Noon)  
Monday Closed  
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Our Purpose...  
To connect people to  
God and one another  
through Jesus Christ.