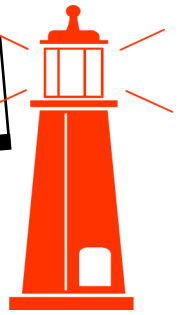


TAWAS METHODIST CHURCH

# THE BEACON

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I will pass over you,  
and no plague  
shall destroy you  
when I strike  
the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:13, NRSV





## TESTIFY

Christian testimonies are some of the most encouraging words in all of life. A testimony is simply one person's account of meeting God. One person's story of new life, repentance and faith, leaving behind the old to embrace the transformed new, being born of God's Spirit. In light of the Bible teaching about encouragement we would do well to take an opportunity from time to time, just to share how the Spirit of Jesus Christ is changing or has changed us.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:11**

1 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,  
as indeed you are doing.

Looking back in remembrance, some of the most moving messages have been the ones that recounted God's supernatural work in a person's life. These stories stay with us and can even motivate us to press on in our Christian faith. The mystery experienced by one person may ignite a dormant desire in another person to also know and experience that mystery. We may think, God did something for someone else and He can do it for me too! That certainly is the pattern we see in the Bible. Paul wrote about it in his book, 1 Corinthians.

### **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

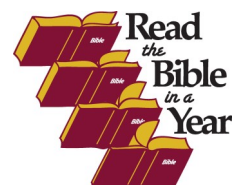
1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Isn't it interesting that the great evangelist, Paul, had shaking knees when he shared his testimony and the gospel. We know he often shared about what God had done to transform his life. His testimony is repeated three times in the book of Acts. Why not take some steps to write down your testimony, make it simple. Write two sentences about your life of unbelief before you met Jesus. Write three sentences about what happened when you met Jesus. End your testimony with two sentences about how your life with God has changed since you met Jesus. I'd love to read some of the testimonies our congregation writes.

God bless all of you,

Pastor Kris

BIBLE, JESUS, CHURCH



## CLASSY CRAFTERS

Bring your hobby projects to “Classy Crafters” Thursday’s at 2pm. Whatever you are working on, bring it along! Knitting, crocheting, coloring, whatever. Come and share with a fun group for fellowship & friendship.

Marilyn Denhoff  
Leader/Chairperson



## VERSITI BLOOD

Versiti Blood has been coming to the Tawas Methodist Church for the past 6 months. This group used to be Michigan Blood and they help supply blood for our hospital and people in our area. They have not been successful in obtaining the minimum number of donations from this site. I was informed that if they did not collect 12 pints on the **April 18** visit that the Tawas Methodist Church would be removed as a donation site. Please consider a blood donation. If you are interested in making a donation (blood), please contact the Church Office 989-362-4288. 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](http://BAYSHORECAMP.org/DAYCAMPOTR)

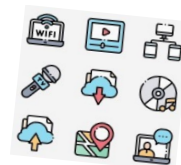
Need help registering, call: 989-362-4288



## 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	
<b>9am Adult Sunday School</b> <b>10am Worship At the church or (WIOS-AM) or (ZOOM) tawasmc.org</b>	1  11am Ladies Bible Study	2  5pm Prayer Ministry  6:15pm Handbell	3  1pm MW meeting 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	4 2pm Classy Crafters 6pm Finance mtg. 7pm Church Council mtg	5  Gold Star Spouses Day	6 8:30 Men's Prayer Group 4pm Casual Service  <b>Communion Saturday</b>	
7  <b>Communion Sunday</b>	8  11am Ladies Bible Study  Solar Eclipse	9 1pm Worship mtg. 5pm Prayer Ministry 6:15pm Handbell  Former POW Recognition Day	10 2:30pm FISH mtg.  5:00pm Missions mtg. 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	11  2pm Classy Crafters  National Submarine Day	12  Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day	13  8:30 Men's Prayer-Group  4pm Casual Service	
14  <b>Noisy Offering</b>  USAF Reserve Birthday	15 11am Ladies Bible Study  Tax Day	16  5pm Prayer Ministry  6:15pm Handbell	17  5:45pm Choir  7pm Pastor's Book Study	18  <b>1pm-5:30pm VERSITI BLOOD</b>  2pm Classy Crafters	19  National Garlic Day	20  8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4pm Casual Service	
21	22  11am Ladies Bible Study  Passover	23 5pm Prayer Ministry  6:15pm Handbell  English Muffin Day	24 12noon Lunch Bunch Big Boy  5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	25  2pm Classy Crafters  Take Your Daughter to Work Day	26  Arbor Day	27 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group  10 and 11am Memorial for Leona Deering  4pm Casual Service	
28	29 11am Ladies Bible Study  National Shrimp Scampi Day	30  5pm Prayer Ministry  6:15pm Handbell		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             Sexual Assault Awareness Month           </div>			

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 4/7 Gwen Burt
- 4/12 Kay Klenow
- 4/12 Sharon Schlagel
- 4/16 Nancy Seymour
- 4/16 Doug Toska
- 4/18 JoAnn Lamb
- 4/22 Jessie Sanker
- 4/23 Sandee Simmons
- 4/26 Mindy (Brandmair)Caudill
- 4/27 Ashley Boudreau
- 4/27 Al Denhoff
- 4/27 Bev Williams
- 4/29 Nancy Shellenbarger

No anniversaries for April



## **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.

Offering  
Envelopes



. 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!!



## STAINED GLASS IN GATHERING SPACE

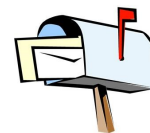
The stained glass in the Gathering Space is from the former East Tawas Methodist Church (circa 1870). It was removed when the building was refurbished for the Tawas Bay Players. This piece was above the main entrance door facing Newman Street.

When the stained glass was taken down it was given to former Pastor Rev. Ken Tousley and stored in his garage until he moved in the summer of 2022. Rev. Tousley gave the piece to Al Denhoff. The bottom row of glass was damaged and a stained glass shop in Alpena was contacted, it was taken there for repairs in the summer of 2022. The repairs were completed in February 2024. Gary Bushman made the wooden frame and mantel on which has been placed. A plaque was added in memory of Rev. Tousley.



## CHECK YOU CHURCH MAILBOX

Make sure you check your mailbox at church.



### CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

as of February 29, 2024

	General Fund:	Debt Fund:	Disaffiliation Fund:
Giving:	36,917	3,018	
Expenses:	<u>39,019</u>	<u>9,119</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Surplus	( 2,102)	Deficit (6,101)	Deficit -4,000

To give by credit card go to: [tawasmc.org](http://tawasmc.org)

## FISH

The FISH Group is about to gear up for their Spring/Summer/Fall season. If you don't know, FISH is a wonderful group of volunteers who are dedicated to help people in our county. They do fundraising so they can help people with groceries, medicine, baby items, utility bills, rent, and more. They also host the Christmas Gifthouse, which offers people the opportunity to obtain gifts and winter coats for their children. They are always looking for more volunteers. Their first meeting is Wednesday, May 10th a 2:30 pm here at the church. Come and see what the group is all about and maybe your heart will lead you to join this great group of volunteers.

## 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



## AA MEETING WEBSITE

[ww.dist26aa.org](http://ww.dist26aa.org)



EVERYDAY HEROES

# TAWAS METHODIST WOMEN

## 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



## 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.





## PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Tawas Methodist Church Pastoral Search Committee has a pastoral candidate who has been approved by the Staff- Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). Per the Tawas Methodist Church Bylaws (Adopted June 22, 2023) the following procedure is to be followed:

—Upon a majority vote of the SPRC, the SPRC will formally announce the candidate to the church, after which the candidate must preach at least one regularly scheduled church service and be available for a churchwide question/answer time prior to being voted upon by the church membership.

—Notice from the pulpit must be given two (2) consecutive Sundays prior to a formal candidate's preaching service (s), and two (2) Sundays prior to the church membership vote.

—The candidate must be elected as pastor by a majority vote of members present and qualified to vote. This vote shall be taken by written, secret ballot at a meeting at which the candidate is not present.

The pastoral candidate, Reverend Daniel L. Gonder, will be preaching on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday April 28 with a question and answer session after each service. This will be announced from the pulpit on Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14 along with Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21.

On Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5 along with Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12 it will be announced from the pulpit that a formal vote will take place on Sunday, May 19 after the service.

Thank you for your support and prayers,

Tawas Methodist Church Pastor Search Team:  
Diane Bushman, Larry Williams, Ralph Boudreau,  
Tom King, Krystal Proulx



## **JOANN LAMB'S AWARD WINNING APPLE PEAR PRALINE PIE**

6 cups sliced peeled Granny Smith apples.  
3 cups sliced peeled pears  
3/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 cup plus 1 Tbsp. flour, divided  
4 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1/4 tsp. salt  
Double crust pie pastry  
1/4 cup plus 2 Tbsp. butter, divided  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
1/4 cup half & half  
1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Combine apples, pears, sugar, 1/4 cup flour, cinnamon and salt, toss gently.  
Let stand 15 minutes.

Place bottom crust in pie pan. Sprinkle with 1 Tbsp. flour, spoon in filling.  
Dot with 2 Tbsp. butter. Place top and flute edges. Cut slits in top crust.  
Bake for 50 minutes.

Melt 1/2 cup butter over low heat. Stir in brown sugar and half & half. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, stir in pecans. Spread over top of baked pie. Bake 5 minutes. Cool 15 minutes on wire rack.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

(Joann's pie won first place at the 2020 TUMC Chili Cook-off and Dessert Challenge.)



**Tawas Methodist Church**

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Tawas City, MI 48763

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



ADDRESS LABEL

**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. Kris Kappler**

**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**

**Church Office: 989-362-4288**

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**Our Purpose...**

To connect people to God and one another through Jesus Christ.

