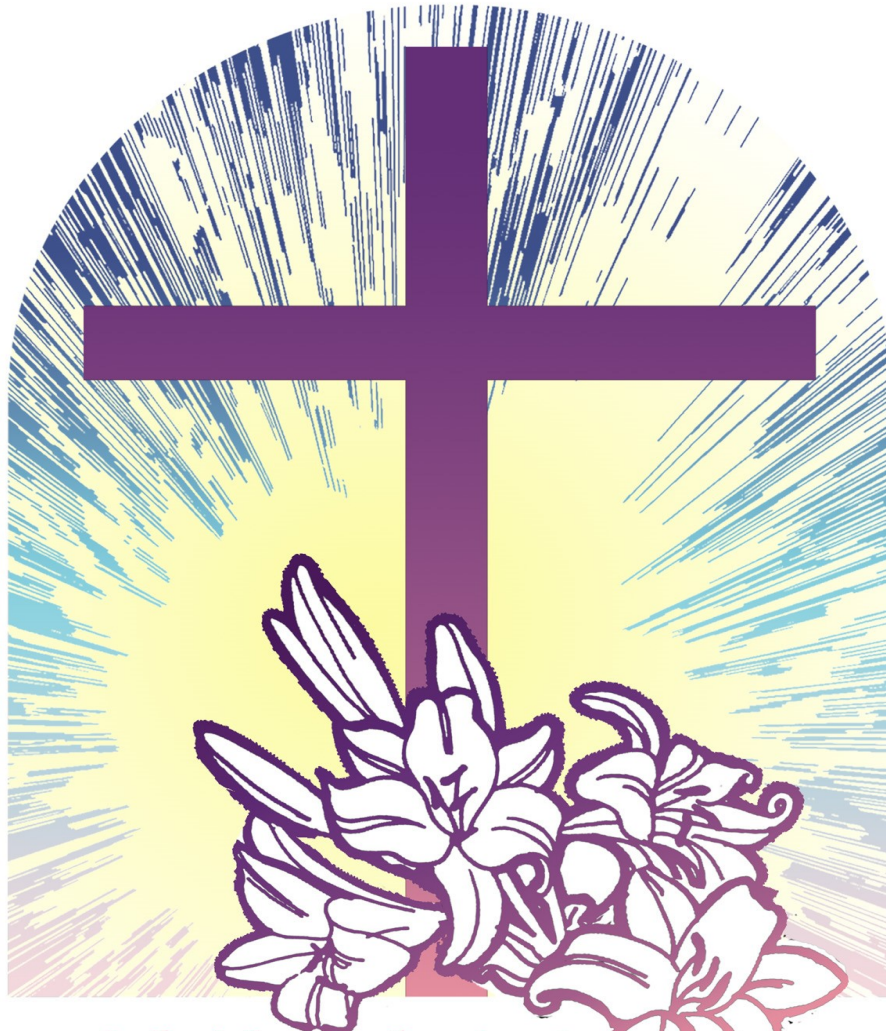
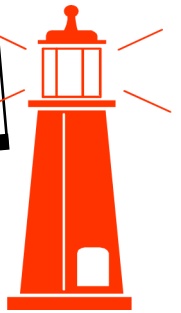


TAWAS METHODIST CHURCH

THE BEACON

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**"HE HAS
RISEN!"**

Luke 24:6

**HAPPY EASTER FROM THE STAFF
OF THE TAWAS METHODIST CHURCH**



Hello my friends! I hope all is well with you! Here in the Tawas Area, we are still waiting for Spring to arrive, yet all around us we see the stirrings of New Life. The Holy Spirit is moving in this Family of Faith and New Life is apparent among those who worship here. While many of our membership are still enjoying the warmth of far away places, I encourage everyone to attend the many offerings available within our church as we approach Easter Sunday.

During this time of Lent, we have explored Paul's teachings in the book of Romans. We have considered the sin in our society, the battle between the Spirit and the Flesh within us, and the judgment of God. But there is also "Good News" in the lessons of Paul. Jesus provides the way of salvation! The Gospel message gives us hope, we can know a just relationship with God through our faith in Jesus Christ, and we have the promise of eternal life. How is this possible? Peter speaking to a crowd on the Day of Pentecost shared this truth in Acts 2:32-33,

"This Jesus, God raised up, and of that, all of us are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you both see and hear." (NRSV)

On Easter morning, the tomb was empty and our Lord and Savior is alive! The shed blood of Jesus paid the price of our sins and God accepted the atonement offered and raised Jesus from the grave. Paul's teachings reveal that we need salvation and a Savior. Even as people of faith, we sin and fall short of God's expectations. Jesus died for us and we can know salvation through Faith in Jesus.



As we approach Easter morning, let us use this time to consider and reflect on our relationship with Christ. Are you living with sin in your life? We can be cleansed of our sin through repentance and then approach the living Lord with a clean heart. Like the crowd on the Day of Pentecost, we can enjoy New Life in Christ and receive direction and fulfillment in the Holy Spirit!

May God Bless You!
Pastor Dan



BIBLE, JESUS, CHURCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries



4/7 Gwen Burt
4/12 Kay Klenow
4/12 Sharon Schlagel
4/13 Marsha Kerr
4/16 Nancy Seymour
4/22 Jessica Sanker
4/23 Sandee Simons
4/26 Mindy Caudill
4/27 Ashley Boudreau
4/27 Al Denhoff
4/27 Bev Williams
4/29 Nancy Shellenbarger
4/30 Linda Koehn

No Anniversaries



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!





April 12th Palm Sunday
Saturday Service at 4:00
PM

April 13th Palm Sunday
Service at 10:00 AM

April 17th Maundy
Thursday Service at 7:00
PM

April 18th Good Friday
Service at 1:00 PM

April 19th Holy Saturday
Service at 4:00 PM

April 20th Easter Sunday
Traditional Worship Service
at 10:00 AM



NEW OUTREACH GROUP

The New Outreach group has been formed to help meet the needs of some of our congregation. We send out Christian cards to help lift spirits, and in sympathy. We also have some people who are making phone calls, and a few who are making home visits. If you know of someone that is sick/infirm, who needs to be contacted, please let us know. We would need to have their information (name/phone/address).

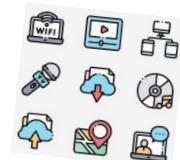
We are in need of stamps right now. If you can donate some stamps, or money to help purchase them, it would be appreciated. If you would like to help out, please call or text Jess Sanker @ 989-820-7023 or Kay Klenow 989-305-6926.



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 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry 6pm Handbell practice	2 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	3 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 12-4pm Homeschoolers 6pm Finance mtg. 7pm Church Council mtg	4	5 8:30 Men's Breakfast 10—3pm Community Carnival 94pm Casual Service Communion
6 Communion Sunday	7 11am Ladies Bible Study	8 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry 6pm Handbell practice	9 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	10 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 12-4pm Flourish Home- schoolers	11	12 8:30 Men's Prayer Group 9-11am Quota Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 4pm Casual Service
13 Noisy Offering (Jesse's Kids) PALM SUNDAY	14 11am Ladies Bible Study	15 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry 6pm Handbell practice TAX DAY	16 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	17 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 12-4pm Homeschoolers 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	18 1pm Good Friday Service GOOD FRIDAY	19 8:30 Men's Prayer Group 4pm Casual Service HOLY SATURDAY
20 EASTER SUNDAY	21 11am Ladies Bible Study	22 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry 6pm Handbell practice EARTH DAY	23 12 noon Ladies Lunch Bunch 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	24 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 12-4pm Flourish Home- schoolers .	25	26 8:30 Men's Prayer Group 4pm Casual Service
27	28 11am Ladies Bible Study	29 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry 6pm Handbell practice	30 12 Noon Ladies Lunch Bunch 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	Sexual Assault Awareness Month		

CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR

I would like to thank the congregation of the Tawas Methodist Church for permitting me to be your Church Council Chair since September 2019. During the past several years major changes have taken place in our church. Your support and trust in your Church Council and the many Committees which make up the Church Council assist in guiding and meeting the challenges and missions of the Tawas Methodist Church.

My last Church Council meeting as Chair was April 3, 2025. Diane Bushman volunteered, was nominated and elected by the Church Council to be your next Church Council Chair at this meeting.

Again thank you for your support during my time as Church Council Chair.

Respectfully,

Ralph

GIVING ENVELOPES

Reminder that envelopes have come in if anyone needs them. Call me at 989-284-5898 or text me at same number. Deb



COMMITTEE CHAIRS

When you have a meeting, please be sure to put a copy of your minutes in the Office Managers mailbox or drop them off at the Office. Thank you.



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 February 28, 2025

GENERAL FUND

2025
BUDGET
\$29,600

2025
GIVING
\$35,816

2024
GIVING
\$36,918

DEBT FUND

2025
BUDGET
\$9,120

2025
GIVING
\$7,723

2024
GIVING
\$4,454

Donations for the Building and Ground projects:

Donations: \$17,963

Expenses: (\$10,316)

Balance: \$7,647

To give by credit card go to: tawasmc.org



NEW EMAIL FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE

office.tawasmc@gmail.com

CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX

Make sure you check your mailbox at church.



AA MEETING WEBSITE

ww.dist26aa.org



TAWAS METHODIST WOMEN

HAPPY EASTER AND A BLESSED SPRING TO EVERYONE. God has shown down on us this beautiful sunshine and the beginnings of a much anticipated spring. Everyone that attended the March Game night seemed to really enjoy themselves so we will have another one on Friday April 25th at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Space of the church. Please try us out you will not be disappointed.... If you have begun your spring cleaning do not forget about our Rummage Sale in late June. We do have some storage if needed. Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, April 23rd at 12 noon at Tawas Big Boy. Everyone is welcome. We had 11 today and a very enjoyable lunch too. Hope to see all of you soon.

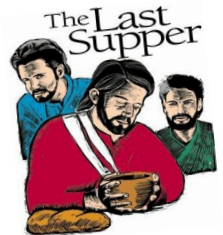
Sincerely and in Christian Love,
Judy Hills

P.S. Next meeting is Tuesday May 6th at 1 pm

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



PEANUTS FOR SALE

The TMW have no peanuts left. Thank you to all who bought a bag!



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.





Noisy Offering
April-Jesse's Kids

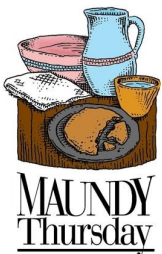
Missions will be doing a luncheon after church coming this Spring. Look for more information to coming soon

Thank you for all the support you give to the mission projects of our church.

Happy Spring everyone!

The Missions Team

FAMILY FUN SUCCESSFUL



The Family Fun Nights have been pretty successful. Last game night we had 19 people there and the snack table that was unbelievable! Everybody brought some games in, so we had a wider variety of games, we even had some kid's games. All who attended had a fun time chatting, playing and trying to win or to stick your other teammates. Next game night will be announced in the Mid-Week or on the bulletin back page. I have a great idea, at the next game night, everybody can bring their left-over Easter candy or their leftover desserts, let's make it an Easter themed game night. Never know, maybe the Easter Bunny may be rested up and ready to make a visit. Hope to see you there.

EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATIONS

If you are about to graduate from high school or have already recently graduated and are planning to begin college or are already attending college, Tawas Methodist Church would like to give you a little financial support. For over thirty years the church has been providing financial help to young people from the church while they are attending college. If this is something you would like to be considered for, pick up an application form from the church office, complete it and return it to the office by June 30. These grants are renewable each year for a full four-year term in college by simply completing another form each year. Individuals who are currently attending college and have received one or more grants already will also need to complete an application form and return it to the church office by June 30.



CHURCH COUNCIL VOTES TO ELIMINATE ALL CHURCH DEBT

At its meeting April 3, the Church Council voted to eliminate all church debt. Responding to the challenge put forth by three individual donors, other members and supporters of the church during the month of March indicated the ability to make extra donations in the amount of \$134,300 toward eliminating all church debt. Based on these indications, the Finance Committee recommended to the Church Council that the church begin the process of repaying all church debt using a portion of the \$87,000 of undesignated Endowment Funds to cover any shortfall. In a unanimous vote the Church Council accepted this recommendation.

The debt elimination will occur in two steps as funds become available. The first step will be the prepayment of the loan from Huron Community Bank with a target date of April 21. Next the Disaffiliation Notes will be redeemed on one of their interest payment dates, either July 1 or January 1, 2026.

Donations toward debt elimination have already begun to arrive at the church with almost \$37,000 in the bank.



FOR I, THE LORD YOUR GOD, WILL HOLD YOUR RIGHT HAND,
SAYING TO YOU, 'FEAR NOT, I WILL HELP YOU.'
(ISAIAH 41:13 *NKJV)

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Upcoming Event.....Friday April 25, at 6:30 pm, in our Gathering Space. It's FAMILY FUN Night. We'll have all sorts of games, board games, card games, dice games. OR,,if you have a favorite game, please bring it along. A very fun evening. The admission is \$5. per person. Snacks too. Sponsored by the Tawas Methodist Women, and all proceeds go toward the Church Renovation Fund. Save the date ..



COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

When: Saturday April 5th.

Time: 10am to 3pm

Where: Tawas Methodist Church

Who's invited: Everyone



A Message from the Open Tomb

Poet: Unknown

Thrills all the list'ning earth; —
Death's reign is ended! — night is o'er!
A New Life springs to birth.
Love's Miracle has swept away
The barriers from the soul!
Christ walks beside us! — and we need
No hand the "stone" to "roll"!

Oh, little birds, and blossoms fair.
Bright heralds of the Spring, —
About our loved ones' sepulchres,
Your sweet assurance bring!
For them, — for us, — there is no death-
But Life, forevermore!
Through this low gateway, sanctified
By Him Who passed before.

Oh Easter bells, ring tenderly!
You ring the Master's Word; —
The sweetest note of victory
Earth's warriors ever heard!
'Peace be to you!' — Because I live,
Ye shall live also! — Ring,
Till ev'ry prisoned soul shall rise,
And find The Christ — its King!



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

*Worship With Us
This Easter*



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

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.

