

TAWAS METHODIST CHURCH

THE BEACON

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Happy Thanksgiving



Let us give thanks!



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome my friends to the season of Fall in the Tawas area! The beauty and wonder of God's creation is certainly on display. November reminds us of Thanksgiving, a bountiful harvest, and the abundance that God continually provides for us. What are you thankful for this year? How has God blessed your life?

As Christians, we do have reason to feel thankful and blessed by God. We know salvation through Jesus, the Holy Spirit dwells within us, and we have the hope and assurances of God's promises. Philippians 4: 4-7 helps to remind us of the providence that God continues to provide.

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (NRSV)

As Christians, we need to rejoice, because God provides for us in so many ways; consequently, we have hope and no need to worry about the things of this world. When we do experience challenges, we can lift our concerns, our needs, and our thanksgiving for all that God provides. We can know peace and receive the assurance of God's presence as we journey through life.

However, not everyone in our world knows Jesus. The current government shutdown, high prices for the necessities of life, and division among the people of our nation are causing concern for many as the holiday season approaches. They may not know the assurance that only Jesus can provide. For some, this uncertainty can be overwhelming, they may lack hope, and may suffer needlessly. How as God's people can we hope and thanksgiving to those facing uncertainty?

We can share Jesus and the loving support of our family of Faith! We know the truth and with the power of the Holy Spirit can overcome the challenges and uncertainty of this world.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Pastor Dan

EDUCATION GRANTS

Over the years Tawas Methodist Church has received monetary gifts from individuals and estates given with the intent that they benefit the church for years into the future. Some of these gifts have been designated for specific purposes, others have been undesignated. Those gifts make up an Endowment Fund which has been invested with the earnings from those investments used to benefit the church and its missions. One of the missions is to assist young people from our church who choose to pursue further education after graduating from high school. The fund has existed for almost 40 years and has provided more than \$100,000 in grants to hundreds of students from our church. To qualify for a grant an individual must be a recent high-school graduate, be a member or otherwise associated with TMC and by personal actions display Christian principles and beliefs. A recipient is eligible to receive grants for four years of post-secondary education. Applications for grants may be obtained at the church office and should be returned there when completed. The applications are reviewed by the Education Grant Committee to determine those who qualify for a grant and the amount to be awarded. In 2025 two grants were awarded in the amount of \$500.00

TAWAS METHODIST WOMEN

Greetings and Happy Fall, Our BAZAAR is now behind us and what a wonderful day!!! Thank you to each and everyone that had any part in it. We did wonderfully well on all aspects of that day. Whether you made something to sell or you worked at a booth or in the kitchen or if you just stopped by to give us all encouragement, it is well appreciated. Just like the old saying says "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK" especially when it is works for of Savior Jesus. We will not be having a LUNCH BUNCH this month but will resume in January. We will decide on the place at our November meeting. Please be thinking about the COOKIE FEST. It will be here before very long. The date is the first Saturday in December 6th. Have a lovely THANKSGIVING and please remember our Sisters that are struggling with so many health issues.

Sincerely and in Christian Love,

Judy Hills

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

September 30, 2025

General Fund:

Giving 154,776

Expenses 142,907

Net Income 11,869

Building & Grounds:

Donations 20,854

Expenses

2024 (9,923)

2025 (8,720)

Balance 2,211

To give by credit card go to: tawasmc.org

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER

Thursday Nov. 27th 1pm

Bring a dish to pass. Ham will be provided.

(Turkey if enough people sign up).

We would love to see a big turnout.

Bring friends and family. Everyone is welcome.

Signup sheet is in the Gathering Space.

Let us know how many you are bringing.

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been admitted into membership of the Tawas Methodist Church

Dennis Ashmore

Betti Schlagel

Michael Freytag

Kelly Seitter

All Davis

Molly Highstreet

Carol Wilcox

Gary Wilcox

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for you prayers, calls, thoughts, well wishes and visits. I sure do appreciate it.

Lori Frederick

ITEMS FOUND AT THE CHURCH

1 small blue earring

Subaru fob

These items are in the church office (989-362-4288)

COMMENT FROM THE EDITOR

I have received questions as to the accuracy of information and / or the lack of information in the BEACON. The information in the BEACON is received from Committee Chairs, Church Office, Pastor, etc. If I do not receive information about an event, event dates, etc., I cannot put it in the BEACON. If I receive information and later it is found not to be correct or not all of the information is there, it is not up to me to verify it (although I have on several occasions). Your assistance with this is appreciated.

Ralph (BEACON Editor)

MISSIONS

PIE SALES

Missions would like to thank everyone who purchased a pie/pies. Pie sales are so important as that is what funds our local Clara Bolen Shoe Project.

CLARA BOLEN SHOE PROJECT

We are nearing the end of the Missions Shoe Project for students at Clara Bolen Elementary. We are blessed to be able to provide shoes for our local school children. Thank you to everyone who supported Missions by purchasing a pie or two. We appreciate your support as do the local children at Clara Bolen Elementary who benefit from the Shoe Project.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT

In the Gathering Space, is a table with the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) boxes. Inside each box are two sheets 1) Shoebox Gift Suggestions sheet for a girl or boy-- PLEASE read the flier as it tells what IS and IS NOT acceptable and there have been some new changes 2) "Let's Be Friends" sheet, an optional information sheet you can fill out to share a little about yourself for the OCC box recipient. Inside the box is the GIRL/BOY label and 3-rubber bands. Please take an OCC box home, decide if your gift will be for a boy or girl and check the age range, fill the box with items from the list for either a girl or boy, cut the label out and tape it to the outside of the box, and place the three rubber bands around the outside of the box.

Thank you to those who have already taken a shoebox, filled it and returned it. Children all over the world will be blessed by your giving.

Missions will be covering the cost of the shipping of the boxes, but if you choose to make the payment for shipping, please make a check out to Samaritan's Purse and place the check or money in the enclosed OCC envelope and put it on top of the contents inside the OCC box. OCC boxes MUST be returned to the church by Sunday, NOVEMBER 16th!

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MISSIONS: CONTINUED

VETERANS LUNCHEON

We will be having a Veterans Luncheon after church on Sunday, November 9th. We will be serving two different Pasta dishes. We will also be having Nacho Chips and Cheese along with many delicious salads and desserts. Please join us in celebrating our military heroes!

If you have a picture of someone who has served or is currently serving in a military branch, please bring it so it can be displayed on our Veteran's Table. We appreciate all who are currently serving or have served in our armed forces and want to celebrate and honor our wonderful Veterans.

ANGEL TREE

Once again, the TMC will be blessing families from our local area during the Christmas season. Our Angel Tree will be set up the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The angels will be hung on the Angel Tree. Please take an angel /angels from the tree, purchase the item listed on the tag for the child and wrap the gift and tape the angel tag to the gift. Please be sure the gift is placed back under the Angel Tree by Monday, December 15th. Thank you!

Noisy Offering:

November: Patriot's Place

December: FISH Christmas House

January: New kitchen supplies for TMC kitchen

The Mission Team is always thankful for the support our church family and community gives us for our Mission projects.

We pray everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving! 🍁

BEACON DIFFERENT VIEW

I am working on a laptop computer that does not have Microsoft Publisher (thanks to Microsoft). To get this edition on paper I am using Microsoft Word, it is not very user friendly!

THE OUTREACH GROUP

The mission of this group is to make contact with those who may be lonely, or in need of encouragement. We do this by sending out cards, making phone calls, and personal visits.

We want you to know that you are not alone. We are here to support you!

If you know of someone who does need our support, please, let us know.

If you'd like to help, we'd love to have you join us!

Call or text:

Jess Sanker 989-820-7023 sanker@chartermi.net

Mary Bean 989-387-8681 queenbee1997.mb@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CARD CAMPAIGN

We are planning to send out Christmas cards and letters to our veterans in Iosco County. We are asking you, your families and your friends to participate in this ministry.

We are working alongside the Tawas American Legion Auxiliary. We are asking YOU to take some Christmas cards and write a note inside to our veterans. Or write a letter to our veterans. You will be able to pick out some cards, so help yourself to as many as you need.

Christmas cards are provided – but you are more than welcome to use your own cards, or make your own! There will be a table in the Gathering Space with cards and information. There will also be a box for your returned card(s). You will need to return the cards by December 7th.

We will kick this campaign off at the upcoming Veteran's Dinner, November 9th.

Your Mission Team is thanking you in advance for all your help!

Nov. 1st Men's Breakfast

Service with Communion

Nov. 2nd All Saints Sunday

Service with Communion

Nov. 4th 1pm Tawas Methodist women's Meeting

3 pm Master Gardener's Meeting

Nov 5th 3 pm Marketing Meeting

7pm FISH Meeting

Nov 6th 1 pm Worship Meeting

1-4pm Flourish Home Schoolers

6pm Finance Meeting

Nov 9th Veteran Luncheon (after service)

Noisy offering going to Patriots Place

Nov 12th Red Cross Blood Drive

Nov 13th 1-4pm Flourish Home Schoolers

Nov 19th Ladies Lunch Bunch at Noon

Nov 20th 1-4pm Flourish Home Schoolers

Nov 30th Advent Begins

Regular Meetings

Saturday: MMPG 8:30am

Monday: Ladies Bible study 11am

Tuesday: Friends Together 5pm

Prayer Ministry 5pm

Bell Choir Practice 6pm

Wednesday: Choir Practice 5:45pm

Book Study 7pm

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Lee Lockman

11/3 Sheila Malewska

11/5 Kelly Zidick

11/8 Joe Koehn

11/9 Jamie Proulx

11/9 Mindy Schirmer

11/11 Margaret Hoerner

11/14 Wanda Roach

11/17 Lee Bielby

11/19 Laura Loeffler

11/20 Benthe McKay

11/22 Betty Driskell

11/24 Brenda Lich

11/30 Diane Papenfus

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/5 Gene & Jess Sanker

11/09 Art & Bev Williams

11/14 Howard & Mary Jane Burdett

11/21 Pete & Amy Peterson

11/28 Tim & Mindy Schirmer

EVENTS

Sunday November 9 Veterans Luncheon after service.

Please join us in Honoring our Vet's Past and Present.

Wednesday Nov 12th 12-6pm Red Cross Blood Drive.

Donate Blood and Save a Life! Call 800-733-2767 for appointment.

Tuesday Nov 25th we are going to decorate the Church for the Holiday Season. Starting at 9am. Stay as long as you like. Lots of helpers needed.

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.

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 and sign up. Thanks.

CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX

Make sure you check your mailbox at church. You may have mail!

WIPES & DIPES

The Tawas Methodist Women are starting a new collection campaign. They are collecting diapers and wipes for little ones.

Diapers of any size even, pull ups and wipes any size will do.

Collection tote is outside the office door. Thank you!

Tawas Methodist Church

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Tawas City, MI 48763

POSTAGE
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

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

Church Office: 989-362-4288

Fax: 989-362-6320

Email: office.tawasmc@gmail.com

Our Purpose...

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