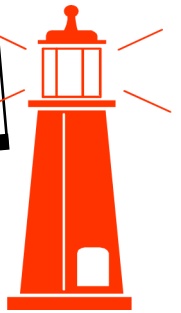


TAWAS METHODIST CHURCH

THE BEACON

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Hello my Friends! During the last couple of weeks, I witnessed the character of this Family of Faith lived out in a significant way. People of this community donated more things (beloved, treasures I am sure) than I could imagine. Then individuals, (12-16) carefully displayed these treasures and made them available to the people of our community. These items were sold for a donation and the monies raised will then be used for mission related projects. This is faith in action! This ministry will serve to fill the needs of the less fortunate people in our community and it gave us the opportunity to love our neighbor as ourselves. Thank you to everyone involved in the F.I.S.H. and the Tawas Methodist Women's Rummage Sales. There were some great treasures available as well!

Here in America, we enjoy and sometimes take for granted the freedoms and liberties available to us. We have the opportunity to worship, speak freely, gather in a peaceful manner, and pursue the happiness we desire. We are blessed and very fortunate to live in this country.

The Hebrew people were slaves in Egypt for nearly 400 years. God convinced Pharaoh to release His Chosen People, led them across the Red Sea, and provided food and water for the journey. At the mountain of God, He gave them the Ten Commandments so that they may live in a covenant relationship with Him. How did they respond to this new-found freedom? They groaned, complained, desired to return to Egypt, and then rebelled against God.

Our Family of Faith is about to enjoy new a found freedom. On or about July 2nd our church will be free from the bondage of debt. The mortgage and disaffiliation debt will be paid in full. God has made this miracle happen and led us here. The question becomes, what will we do with our new-found freedom? We can choose to grumble, complain, and do as we wish or we can find new ways to serve our Lord and Savior. Galatians 5: 13-14 offers us this wisdom, "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ... (Continued next page)

(Pastor's message continued)

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (NRSV) Let us not use our freedom to indulge ourselves, but rather to become more effective in ministry for our Lord and Savior. God has given us this place of worship and as illustrated by the recent Rummage Sales, we can use this freedom in very effective ways. We can love our neighbors into the Kingdom of God.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this miracle of freedom available for our Family of Faith. I would also like to thank all those who persevered through the split in our congregation so many years ago and through the disaffiliation process from the United Methodist Church. You could have given up and found a new worship experience, but you chose to stand strong together and overcome the challenges before you. The people who now worship here and those who have yet to come, will be very grateful for the commitment you made.

May God Bless You!
Pastor Dan



Birthdays & Anniversaries



7/3 Elizabeth Denas
 7/7 Virginia Cox
 7/9 Al Davis
 7/10 Dennis Rousseau
 7/14 Joyce Lake
 7/16 Jon Look
 7/18 Shawn Wygant
 7/19 Mike Kloska
 7/21 Lesha Boyke
 7/26 Pam Baker
 7/28 David Revord
 7/30 Chuck Klenow

7/13 Wanda Roach & Bill Archer
 7/17 Gar & Coleen Keith
 7/26 Jeffrey & Betti Jo Schlagel
 7/27 David & Shelley Revord
 7/30 Dennis & Sallie Wetzel
 7/31 John & Candace Thomas



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!



From a Noisy Offering Recipient

Thank You!

We thank you so much for supporting our mission for Foster Children, with your loose change offering. We are thankful, grateful and truly blessed with people like you, who care for others. We can and will make a difference.

Jesse & Kids
Fill a Bag



Wipes & Dipes (diapers)

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!



NEW OUTREACH GROUP

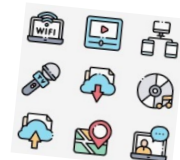
The New Outreach group has been formed to help meet the needs of some of our congregation. We send out Christian cards to help lift spirits, and in sympathy. We also have some people who are making phone calls, and a few who are making home visits. If you know of someone that is sick/infirm, who needs 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	2 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	3 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball NO CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	4 11am Parade Office Closed Independence Day	5 8:30 Men's Breakfast 4pm Casual Service Communion Saturday
6 Communion Sunday	7 11am Ladies Bible Study	8 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry	9 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	10 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball	11	12 8:30 Men's Prayer Group 4pm Casual Service
13 Noisy Offering (Pregnancy Center)	14 11am Ladies Bible Study	15 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry	16 1pm Worship mtg. 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	17 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball	18	19 8:30 Men's Prayer Group 4pm Casual Service
20 DEBT CELEBRATION POTLUCK DINNER. After church. .	21 11am Ladies Bible Study	22 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry	23 12 noon Ladies Lunch Bunch 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	24 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball	25	26 8:30 Men's Prayer Group 4pm Casual Service
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DEBT CELEBRATION POTLUCK DINNER

Come join us on Sunday, July 20 after church.

The church will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and cake for dessert.

Please bring a salad or side dish to share.



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 May 31, 2025

GENERAL FUND

2025
BUDGET
\$74,000

2025
GIVING
\$81,869

2024
GIVING
\$81,457

DEBT FUND

2025
PAYMENTS
\$13,680

2025
GIVING
\$17,899

Building and Ground projects:

Donations: \$19,393

Expenses: \$9,923

Balance: \$9,470

Debt Elimination Project:

Donations: \$105,556

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

WELCOME TO SUMMER....FINALLY! Many thanks to everyone that has been helping out with our Rummage Sales. There were so many ladies and gentlemen helping out this past two weeks.....we just could not do it without each and everyone. I know it will be successful. There is not much going on this month. We will have LUNCH BUNCH on Wednesday, July 23rd at Tawas Big Boy at noon. If you have not joined us before please come . Great eats and good fellowship. AGAIN A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPEDIT DOES TAKE A VILLAGE.

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

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.



Thank you's from the Office.

Now that VBS is behind us, a BIG thank you goes out to all those who helped create it, did the prep for it, and worked at the event. This year there was a new Chair for the event and she did a great job. Thank you to, Nancy Eldred, Tom King, Pastor Dan, Sharon Schlagel, Gwen Burt, Cameo Shaw, Eddie Storrs, Kelly Seitter, Wanda Roach, Pat Miner, Julia Hurley, Bonnie Hartley, Melissa Caraher, and Bill Archer. I hope I did not miss anyone; I am truly sorry if I did. We are lucky to have such wonderful people who are willing to do the important job of teaching our kids about Jesus. Thank you VBS Crew!

Thank you to Jessie Sanker for coming up with, and providing the wonderful 6-week studies. "Whisper" was the last study and I heard it was very good. Thank you, Jesse!

Thank you to Gwen & Daryl Burt who provided the entertainment part of the Celebration of Women Dinner. They provided a Power Point show about their trip to Africa. They showed this film last year but didn't have a Mic available and most of the attendees did not hear anything Gwen was presenting. So, it was brought back, so we could all enjoy it again. Thank you, Gwen & Daryl!

Thank you to the Worship Committee for providing the special treat bags for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Each bag had a cute saying on it and the inside had candy and a couple other items. It is always sweet to remember these special days with a sweet treat. Thank you Worship Committee!

Congratulations to Cathie Compton and Ed Storrs who were joined in Holy Matrimony on May 17th. It was a beautiful wedding. Cathie wore a pink dress with a mesh overlay garnished with assorted small spring flowers of different light colors. Cathie's veil was the same mesh overlay and flowers. Eddie looked handsome in his suit and a pink tie. They were so happy and the wedding was very romantic. Congrats to Cathie & Eddie!

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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

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.

