

**TAWAS METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Happy  
Father's  
Day**





Hello My Friends! I hope that you are enjoying the beautiful weather we are now experiencing! Like life, we have transitioned through a time of dark, cold, stormy weather into a time of beauty and wonder. I hope that you are enjoying each and every day!

King Solomon devoted a large portion of the book of Proverbs to the thought of wisdom. Early in his kingship, he asked God for the gift of discerning thought rather than riches or power. While he received the gift that he requested from God; in many ways, he failed to live in God's truth and wisdom. Solomon in Proverbs 2: 6-11 shares this gift of insight from God that will help us to consider making wise choices in daily life.

“For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk blamelessly, guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of His faithful ones. Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path, for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; prudence will watch over you, and understanding will guard you.” (NRSV)

King Solomon recognized the importance of God's wisdom in his leadership and daily life. Choosing the right path and goals will help to lead us to life, rather than death. We receive spiritual wisdom through God's Word, the Holy Spirit, and Godly teaching shared from experience and given with love. Jewish fathers were commanded to teach their children wisdom so that they may choose the proper path. As Christians, the progression of seeking, hearing, accepting, and applying God's wisdom will protect and elevate our walk-through life.

June 21st is Father's Day, the day that we celebrate the men in our lives that have helped us to become who we are. No matter our age, let us listen or remember the wisdom that has been shared with us. Men, let our wisdom and love be worthy of lasting and shaping memories.

May God Bless You!  
Pastor Dan

## MISSIONS

### CHRISTMAS CARD FOR THE VETS

We are planning to do Christmas Cards for the Vets again for next Christmas –so please start collecting your leftover Christmas cards. We are taking donations of Christmas cards. There is a red gift bag in the Gathering space for you to place any extra Christmas cards you would like to donate.

#### Noisy Offering:

June- Our local Fourth of July Fireworks

July- Iosco County Animal Shelter

August- Girl Scouts

Our community is so blessed by the Tawas Methodist Church, thank you!  
Hope you are enjoying the warmer days of Spring!  
The Missions Team

### CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

March 31, 2026

#### General Fund:

75,944	Giving
64,020	Expenses
11,924	Net Income

#### Facilities Improvements:

37,299	Donations
31,179	Expenses--2024-26
6,120	Balance

## MESSAGE FROM LAURA

Dear Friends,

After ten years I have decided to retire from my position as Office Manager. The ten years have flown by, and it has been a pleasure taking care of the office and helping anyone who needed assistance. I consider all the congregation as friends. Yes Friends, you have all been caring, polite, helpful and sometimes very entertaining. It has been so fulfilling to be able to answer your questions and help with your projects. I could mention the many times when I went home feeling proud of the work I did for the church but, there are way too many to list. I intend to still be involved with FISH, the Marketing Committee, and helping with the Tawas Methodist Women's Bazaar.

Thanks to all of you for your help around the office with your support, a shoulder when I needed it, your warm and fuzzy friendship and much needed prayers. I will miss seeing your smiling faces each day. Thanks again for being my FRIENDS. Love to all of you.

Laura



## **Tawas Methodist Church Memorial Committee Report**

May 1, 2026

Memorial Fund Total 5-1-2026:

HCB Account: \$ 6316

Organ Fund: \$ 880 \*per Burdett 2/28/26

Total 2025 Donations: \$ 905

Total 2025 Disbursements: \$ 4381

The Tawas Methodist Church Memorial Committee is charged with being good stewards of monies donated to the church Memorial Fund. We also maintain the beautiful Memorial Garden. The Memorial Fund received donations in memory of the following people in 2025:

Brooke Lixey and Rod Lixey

Elite Shellenbarger

Larry Malace

Scott Churchill

Lori Frederick

The Memorial fund has supported the following to benefit Tawas Methodist Church and its ministries in 2025.

Tawas MC Bell Choir Banner and Music Stand Lights

Tawas MC Building and Grounds

Tawas MC Nursery new Crib and Changing Table

Tawas MC Choir Music

Tawas MC Chairs for the Sanctuary, Choir room, Library, and Fireplace Room

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Menning

Memorial Committee Chair

**Other meetings and events**

- 6/6 Service at 4pm with Communion
- 6/7 Service at 10 am with Communion
- 6/9 Noon TMW Picnic at Durant Park
- 6/9 3pm Master Gardner Meeting
- 6/10 5:30pm FISH Picnic, Durant Park
- 6/11 & 12, FISH Collecting at Neiman's
- 6/15-18 Rummage Set up
- 6/19 & 20 FISH Rummage Sale
- 6/22-25 TMW Set up for Rummage
- 6/26 & 27 TMW Rummage Sale

**Regular Meetings**

**Mondays:**

Ladies Bible Study, 11am

**Tuesdays:**

- Ladies Pickleball 9-11am (if raining outside)
- Friends Together Cancer Support Group 5pm
- Prayer Ministry 5pm
- Bell Choir on break for summer

**Wednesdays:**

- Choir Practice 5:45pm
- Pastors Book Study 7pm

**Thursdays:**

Ladies Pickleball 9-11am (if raining outside)

**Saturdays:**

- MMPG 8:30 pm
- Casual Service 4pm

**Anniversaries**

- 6/26 Diane & Gary Bushman
- 6/27 Don & Joyce Lake
- 6/28 Heather & Brad Hasty

**Birthdays**

- 6/2 Gary Lynch
- 6/2 Adria Proulx
- 6/4 Olivia Proulx
- 6/12 Ed Storrs
- 6/13 Shirley Profitt
- 6/14 Janet Polinski
- 6/18 Sharon Madagame
- 6/18 Abram Malewska
- 6/18 Isaac Malewska
- 6/22 Vicki Hunt
- 6/23 John Thomas
- 6/26 Diane Bushman
- 6/30 Sean Caraher

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come; Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread, and forgive  
us our trespasses, as we forgive  
those who trespass against us. And  
lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory, forever  
and ever.

Amen.

### HEAVEN'S ENTRANCE EXAM

A man dies and goes to Heaven. Saint Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates and says, "Ok, here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into Heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I'll award you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay," the man says...."I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never once cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says Saint Peter, "That's worth three points!" "Three points?" he asks.

"Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithes and service."

"Terrific!" says Saint Peter, "That's certainly worth a point." "One point?!!"

"Hey, I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans!"

"Fantastic, that's good for two more points, " Saint Peter says. "Two points?!!!" the man cries.

"At this rate, the only way I'm going to get into Heaven is by the Grace of God!"

"Bingo, 100 points! Come on in!"

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REQUIRED  
IF  
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Join us for Sunday Service  
Saturday 4:00pm Worship  
Sunday School 9:00am  
Sunday Worship 10:00am  
At the Church, on WIOS-AM 1480  
or at [www.tawasmc.org](http://www.tawasmc.org)  
Pastor: Rev. Daniel Gonder  
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Music Director; Shawn Wygant  
Custodian: Judy Hills  
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Our Purpose...  
To connect people to  
God and one another  
through Jesus Christ.

