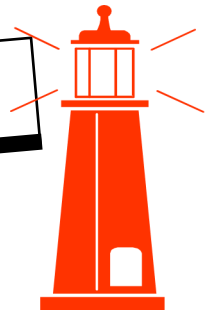


TAWAS METHODIST CHURCH

THE BEACON

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*Her children rise up
and call her blessed...*

Proverbs 31:28, ESV



Hello Friends! As residents of the Tawas area, we have the benefit of four climate seasons and I hope that you enjoy at least a portion of what each can provide. I believe that the Tawas Methodist Church in its long history has experienced four distinct seasons as well. As a church we have enjoyed exciting moments, bountiful seasons, cleansing, and new, abundant life. I believe this Family of Faith is about to enjoy a season of growth and new life as the body of Christ.

Dave Ramsey, a radio and internet personality, recently shared in a broadcast these words of King Solomon from Proverbs 22:7,

“The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.” (NRSV)

Slavery and bondage were familiar terms in the Bible. The Hebrew people were slaves in Egypt for nearly 400 years and elements of slavery still exist in the world today. Here in America, the words of Solomon remain true, the borrower is a slave to the lender in our age.

By the time you read this article, our Family of Faith will enjoy new freedom without the burden of bondage. As a congregation, we were ruled by a denomination that adapted a more progressive view of God’s Word and we were in bondage to the bank for our mortgage. Now, we have disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church and we are no longer dependent on the bank to finance God’s property. While, the disaffiliation notes will still remain as debt (the bonds will be paid later this year), with this payment, the church will truly become debt free. Thank you to God and everyone who made this miracle possible!

The question becomes, what will we do as God’s people with this new found freedom? The Tawas Methodist Church will continue to follow in obedience to God’s leading and we will remain as a scripture-based congregation. Together we may make improvements to God’s house and we will pursue ministries that will grow this Family of Faith. As a result, God will truly bless our church!

May God Bless You!
Pastor Dan



BIBLE, JESUS, CHURCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 5/2 Diane King
- 5/3 Teddy Caraher
- 5/5 Riley Millard
- 5/6 Madison Laster
- 5/9 Nick Revord
- 5/10 Dave Wilkinson
- 5/21 Francis Eaton
- 5/21 Judy Hills
- 5/22 Richard Look
- 5/22 Betti Jo Schlagel
- 5/22 Saylor Shaw
- 5/23 Sharon Wohlhueter
- 5/26 Sally Wetzel
- 5/27 Brad Hasty
- 5/27 Colton Hasty
- 5/29 Pam Moore

- 5/4 Jim & Sandee Simmons
- 5/15 Jon & Jennifer Look
- 5/20 Gary & Pam Lynch
- 5/22 Lee & Julie Lockman
- 5/24 Brian & Laura Loeffler



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!



THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers,
visits and phone calls.

Lori and kids Frederick



CHURCH MORTGAGE

Thanks to our generous congregation, we were able to pay off the church mortgage on April 28. We will no longer need to spend \$4,560 each month on a mortgage payment.

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.



Wipes & Dipes (diapers)

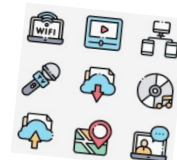
The Tawas Methodist Women are starting a new collection campaign. They are collecting diapers and wipes for little ones. Diapers of any size even, pull ups and wipes any size will do. Collection tote is outside the office door. Thank you!



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	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> National Correctional Office Week May 5 –May 10, 2025 </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> National Nurses Week May 6—May 12 </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15, 2025 National Police Week May 11—May 17 </div>			1 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 12-4pm Homeschoolers 6pm Finance mtg. 7pm Church Council mtg	2	3 8:30 Men's Breakfast 4pm Casual Service Communion Saturday
4 Service with Communion After Service: Spring Fling Dinner sponsored by the Missions Committee	5 11am Ladies Bible Study	6 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry 6pm Handbell practice	7 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	8 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball VE DAY 1945	9	10 8:30 Men's Prayer Group 4pm Casual Service
11 Noisy Offering 	12 11am Ladies Bible Study	13 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry 6pm Handbell practice	14 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	15 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball	16	17 8:30 Men's Prayer Group Storrs/Compton Wedding 4pm Casual Service Armed Forces Day
18	19 11am Ladies Bible Study	20 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry 6pm Handbell practice	21 12 noon Ladies Lunch Bunch 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	22 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 6pm Celebration of Women Dinner Maritime Day	23	24 8:30 Men's Prayer Group FISH collecting at Neiman 's 4pm Casual Service
25 FISH collecting at Neiman 's	26 11am Ladies Bible Study 	27 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry 6pm Handbell practice	28 12 Noon Ladies Lunch Bunch 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	29 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 6:30pm Trustee meeting	30	31 8:30 Men's Breakfast 4pm Casual Service

THANK YOU

Dear Tawas Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your prayers for our family over the last several months. Sarah and I received an avalanche of sympathy cards, filled with overflowing love from all of you. My mother's funeral was beautiful. It was a fitting memorial to a dearly beloved mother. Her ashes were laid to rest in the memorial Garden at Plymouth church where my father's ashes are as well.

God's timing is surely different from ours! Even though we descended to the land below and settled in Farmington Hills, I continued to look for work since leaving the Tawas area. I did eventually find work as a hospice chaplain, but my heart has always been in the pulpit. On Maundy Thursday, the day of my mother's funeral, that evening the leader of the search committee at Thrive GMC Church of Highland invited me to an employment interview. Only God could have timed it that way. Thrive GMC Church offered me the position of pastor and I accepted. So, now Sarah and I will begin the next chapter of our lives, grateful for all we learned from all of you.

With eternal gratitude,
Kris Kappler



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 March 31, 2025

GENERAL FUND

2025 <u>BUDGET</u> \$44,400	2025 <u>GIVING</u> \$50,833	2024 <u>GIVING</u> \$52,357
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DEBT FUND

2025 <u>BUDGET</u> \$13,680	2025 <u>GIVING</u> \$10,077	2024 <u>GIVING</u> \$5,042
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Building and Ground projects:

Donations: \$18,088

Expenses: (\$10,316)

Balance: \$7,772

Debt Elimination Project:

\$77,603

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 MOTHERS DAY TO ALL OF OUR LADIES!!!!!! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6th at 1 pm. The sign up sheets for the CELEBRATION OF WOMEN is on the table in the Gathering Space. You may sign up until the 19th of May. The \$16 needs to be paid before the dinner. The dinner is being catered by Swine Meister of Hale and will be delicious. If you are beginning your spring cleaning do not forget about the RUMMAGE SALE which will be on June 27 and 28. Lunch bunch continues on May 28th. at 12 pm. at the Big Boy.

Sincerely,
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.





Please join us on Sunday, May 4th following the Sunday Service for a time of fellowship. We will be serving Meatballs (both burger and turkey), 2 sauces (spaghetti and gravy) with egg noodles. We will also have salads and desserts. If you are interested in making a salad or dessert, please see the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Noisy Offering:

May: Tawas Fireworks

June: Tawas Bay Vets and Nets

July: Tawas Pregnancy Center (we'll also be collecting needed items for the center)

August: FISH

September: Friends Together

Thank you again for supporting the Missions of our church.
We hope you are all enjoying this Spring season!

The Tawas Methodist Missions Team

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.



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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.

