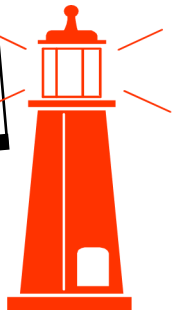


TAWAS METHODIST CHURCH

THE BEACON

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Throughout the scriptures, individuals were sent to offer service on behalf of God. Abraham was sent into the land of milk and honey, Moses was sent to deliver the Hebrew people out of bondage in Egypt, and Jesus was sent to live among us here on earth. Christians today are being sent into our neighborhoods, communities and the world as God's spokespersons or representatives. The question becomes, are you willing to respond to God's call? How are we being called to serve?

In Luke 9: 1-6, Jesus sent the disciples out into Israel as witnesses. They had the power and authority over demons, to cure disease, to heal, and to proclaim the Kingdom of God. The power He gave them was the ability to complete the task and the authority to do it. But, how did the disciples feel about the task and responsibility of ministry before them? They must have felt overwhelmed and unqualified! Jesus remained by their side.

Christians today have the responsibility to serve God in whatever form God requests, including evangelism. People are dying in their sins outside the doors of the Church without a relationship with Jesus Christ. We must respond to the call from God to share the "Good News" of Christ to our dying world.

Our church is filled with people that come from different experiences, situations, and knowledge. Together, we can find ways to grow the church and the Kingdom of God. Growing our church begins with marketing or talking about the various activities and programs within our congregation. What are the studies, style of worship or programs available? Our outreach continues with hospitality or making people feel welcome when they attend. Be brave, extend yourself, and seek to meet people. People are looking for genuine relationships. Finally, as a Family of Faith, we need to be different than the world around us. Our church teaches the truth, God's Word, and Christ remains at the center of the ministry we offer. God's truth is not always popular, but within our church we will continue to follow the word of God.

May God Bless You!

Pastor Dan

Birthdays & Anniversaries



10/3 Howard Burdett
10/3 Larry Williams
10/14 Audrey Dresselhouse
10/17 Vivian Malewska
10/22 Cathie Storrs
10/22 Lillian Engle
10/23 John Franks
10/23 Nancy Kloska
10/23 Krystal Proulx
10/30 Kelsey Look
10/31 Ken Cook

10/7 Bruce & Cathy Menning
10/12 Joe & Linda Koehn
10/22 Gwen & Daryl Burt



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!



Bell Choir Practice canceled until further notice.



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

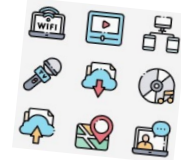
The New Outreach group has been formed to help meet the needs of some of our congregation. We send out Christian cards to help lift spirits, and in sympathy. We also have some people who are making phone calls, and a few who are making home visits. If you know of someone that is sick/infirm, who needs 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



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)





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am Adult Sunday School 10am worship At the church or (WIOS-AM) or (ZOOM) tawasmc.org			1 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	2 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5 to 8 Harbor Lights Banquet 7pm Church Council mtg	3	4 8:30 Men's Breakfast 4pm Casual Service Communion Saturday
5 Communion Sunday New member installation	6 11am Ladies Bible Study	7 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 1pm Methodist Women 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry	8 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	9 Flourish Home School begins 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball	10 Men's Emmaus Walk	11 8:30 Men's Prayer Group 4pm Casual Service
12 Noisy Offering (Operation Christmas Child) Emmaus	13 11am Ladies Bible Study US Navy Birthday Columbus Day	14 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry	15 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	16 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball Education Meeting	17 12—6 Bazaar Setup	18 8:30 Men's Prayer Group 9—3 Bazaar by the Bay 4pm Casual Service
19 Annual Church Business Meeting	20 11am Ladies Bible Study	21 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry	22 Lunch Bunch at the Lodge 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's	23 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball	24 Women's Emmaus Walk	25 8:30 Men's Prayer Group 4pm Casual Service
26 Day of the Deployed Emmaus	27 11am Ladies Bible Study	28 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:00pm Prayer Ministry	29 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's	30 9am-11am Ladies Pickleball	31 Halloween	

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

August 31, 2025

General Fund:	General Fund:
Giving	138,508
Expenses	<u>129,999</u>
Surplus	8,509

Building & Grounds:

Donations	20,402
Expenses	
2024	(9,923)
2025	<u>(10,000)</u>
	479



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.

Bazaar by the Bay & Craft Show

Saturday, October 18, 2025

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Lunch Service 11am—2pm

**Tawas Methodist Church
20 E. M-55, Tawas City, MI**

**Homemade Pies
Apple, Cherry or Blueberry
\$12 each**

(Proceeds from the pie sale benefits local school children)

**Vendors
Holiday Gifts
Baked Goods
Books
Roda Cutlery
Grandma's Attic**

He was just a little boy,
On a week's first day.
Wandering home from Bible school,
And dawdling on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the grass;
He even found a caterpillar.
He found a fluffy milkweed pod,
And blew out all the 'filler.'

A bird's nest in a tree overhead,
So wisely placed up so high.
Was just another wonder,
That caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zig zag course,
And hailed him from the lawn;
Asked him where he'd been that day
And what was going on.

'I've been to Bible School ,'
He said and turned a piece of sod..
He picked up a wiggly worm replying,
'I've learned a lot about God.'

'M'm very fine way,' the neighbor said,
'for a boy to spend his time.'
'If you'll tell me where God is,
I'll give you a brand new dime.'

Quick as a flash the answer came!
Nor were his words faint.
'I'll give you a dollar, Mister,
If you can tell me where God ain't...?'
Amen

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check your
mailbox at church.



PIE SALES

Missions will be selling Blueberry, Cherry and Apple pies on Saturday, October 11th after the 4:00 church service as well as on Sunday, October 12th after church. The TMW Bazaar is on October 18th, and we will be selling pies at the bazaar. Just a reminder that the money from the Mission's Pie sales goes to help fund the Clara Bolen Shoe Project. For example, if you buy two pies you are essentially buying a pair of shoes for a student at the school.



CLARA BOLEN SHOE PROJECT

We are in the middle of the Missions Shoe Project for students at Clara Bolen Elementary. Once the Shoe Project form is filled out, a \$20 voucher is issued to the student and then the parent and child use the voucher to purchase a pair of shoes from our local Walmart.



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.



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!

We will be having a Veteran's Luncheon after church on Sunday, November 9th.



The Angel Tree will be set up the Sunday after Thanksgiving as well.

Noisy Offering:

October: Operation Christmas Child Postage

November: Patriot's Place

December: FISH Christmas House

Enjoy the Fall Season!

The Tawas Methodist Missions Team

Tawas Methodist Church Memorial Committee Report October 1, 2025

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 – please be sure to look outside at the garden next Sunday and enjoy the beauty of God's creations!

The Memorial Fund has received donations in memory of the following people this year.

Brooke Lixey and Rod Lixey
Elite Shellenbarger
Larry Malace
Scott Churchill



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

Tawas MC Parsonage
Tawas MC Family Life Center Kitchen
Tawas MC Choir
Tawas MC Bell Choir
Tawas MC Building Fund
Tawas MC Nursery

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine Menning, Memorial Committee Chair

TAWAS METHODIST WOMEN

Happy Fall. We certainly have been blessed with lovely weather. The Bazaar will be coming up really fast. We are still looking for items for Grandma Attic. You can drop them off anytime Tuesday through Friday. The sign up sheets are in the Gathering Area. The BAZAAR will be on Saturday, October 18th from 9 until 3 pm. The LUNCH BUNCH will be on the 4th Wednesday, October 22nd at The LODGE. Last month we had 10 attend and a great time was had by all. Please join us.

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.



I'm looking for monetary donations from the TMW for the meat and buns for the craft show for our lunch. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you! Deb 989-284-5898

I'm still checking on prices of new envelopes. Please continue to use old ones. I will let you know when the new ones are available.

FROM THE OFFICE

The Nomination Committee has just about finished their task of finding talented, helpful, positive people to accept Committee positions and I want to thank all those who warmly accepted a position. We are now a new church and we have a well rounded group of people to lead us through this next year.

THANK YOU

I would like to Thank all of you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits, while I have been recovering from multiple hospital and physical therapy time. You are a very devoted and supportive church family, and very much appreciated.

Sent with Love,
Diane Papenfus



THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for your cards, prayers, calls, visits, well wishes and thinking of me.

Lori Frederick



FISH SAYS THANKS

Thank you, Tawas Methodist Church, for the noisy offering you collected last summer for FISH. So far this year, FISH has helped 42 families in the Tawas area pay their rent, or their utility bills, or their car repair bills.

Last December, we had 140 families visit our Christmas Gift House to pick up toys, books, and coats for their children to put under the Christmas tree.

All our volunteers appreciate your support of FISH.



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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.

