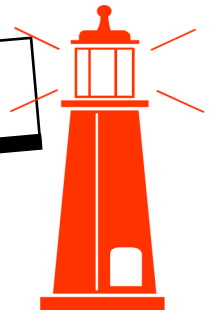


TAWAS METHODIST CHURCH

THE BEACON

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Happy New Year



○ SING UNTO THE LORD
a new song;
FOR HE HATH DONE
marvelous things.

PSALM 98:1, KJV

HAPPY NEW YEAR
From the Staff
Of the
Tawas Methodist Church



Hello my friends! Happy New Year! I hope your New Year is filled with wonder, excitement, and a sense of peace.

2024 was a year of transition for the Tawas Methodist Church. As a congregation we continued the transformation from a denominational to an independent church, we welcomed a new pastor, and together we grew as a Family of Faith. 2025 will be an exciting and busy year as well. The building renovations will continue, a new member class will be offered, and the reintroduction of a young, youth program will begin. In this New Year, let us find a way to serve God within our church and build the Kingdom of God.

It is customary with the beginning of a New Year to set goals for the coming year. What are the goals that you have set for this New Year? What do you hope to accomplish in your personal life, spiritual life, and service to God? As we consider a new direction for our lives, let us learn from the teaching of Paul in Romans 12:1-2, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." (NRSV)

As children of God, let the dedication of our bodies, mind, and will for God, be our goal for the New Year. To live as a living sacrifice is to commit ourselves to God and God's leading in a Christ-like, worshipful manner. As Colossians 3:12-17 teaches us, let us clothe ourselves with the appearance of Christ. We are to be compassionate, kind, humble, meek, and patient to the people around us. As disciples, we are called to witness to the world with care, authority, and the love of Christ.

In order to renew our minds, let us step away from the influence and thinking of this world. Instead, as Christians, let our thoughts be transformed by God's Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit. We are not to be conformed to this world, but rather to God's kingdom.

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane lifted this prayer to God in Luke 22:42, "Father, if you are willing remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." As disciples of Christ, let us place ourselves in God's hands and let His will be done. God's plan is far greater than any we can conceive.

As a Family of Faith, let us set our goal as God's people to dedicate ourselves to our Lord and Savior in the New Year!

May God Bless You!

Pastor Dan



BIBLE, JESUS, CHURCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries



01/06 Robert Moore
01/07 Phyllis Bessey
01/08 Pam Lynch
01/09 Heather Hasty
01/09 Theresa Wilt
01/11 Tim Schirmer
01/15 Ralph Boudreau
01/17 Charlotte Vetter
01/18 Jean Kriebel
01/18 Cathy Menning
01/19 Dennis Durant
01/19 Gwendolyn Phillips
01/20 Stephanie Davis
01/21 Della Harris
01/21 Julia Schlagel
01/24 Margot Tetley
01/25 Sharon Franks
01/30 Mandy Jo Madagame

1/27 Eileen & Randy Brewer
1/27 Harold & Dianne Knight

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!



January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship At the church or (WIOS-AM) or (ZOOM) tawasmc.org			1 New Years Day Office Closed	2	3	4 8:30 Men's Breakfast 4pm Casual Service Communion Saturday
5 Communion Sunday	6 11am Ladies Bible Study	7 9am-11am Ladies Pickelball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:30pm Prayer Ministry 6pm Handbell practice	8 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	9 9am-11am Ladies Pickelball Law Enforcement Appreciation Day	10	11 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4pm Casual Service
12 Noisy Offering	13 11am Ladies Bible Study	14 9am-11am Ladies Pickelball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:30pm Prayer Ministry 6pm Handbell practice	15 12 noon Ladies Lunch Bunch Big Boy 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	16 9am-11am Ladies Pickelball	17	18 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4pm Casual Service
19	20 11am Ladies Bible Study Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21 9am-11am Ladies Pickelball 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5:30pm Prayer Ministry 6pm Handbell practice	22 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	23 9am-11am Ladies Pickelball	24	25 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4pm Casual Service
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HURRICANE VICTIM COLLECTIONS

Your kind donations collected \$2,266.00 for the hurricane victims.

Thank you for assisting those who lost so much.

My Unseen Guest

God walks the trail with me each day,
He is my Friend, My Guide
However long or steep the road,
He's ever by my side.

He sits with me in evening's hush;
We speak, we laugh, we pray,
And my heart sings a joyful song...
He's never far away.

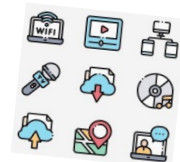
And through each dark and lonely night,
He's guarding from above.
In perfect peace, I rest secure
In His eternal love.

Poet, Lee Simmons

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



CHILI AND DESSERT COOK-OFF

February is football season and here at Tawas Methodist that means “Chili & Dessert Cook-off Time! On February 9th we will once again gather in the Family Life Center and taste all the Scrumptious Chili and the Heavenly Desserts and then huddle together to vote for the best in the land, (well... our Land, here at church anyway!). The winner will get a fabulous prize and the Honor of being the Chili or Dessert King or Queen for the next year. So, dig out those recipes, plan your dish and be ready for the Big Day, Feb 9th. Oh Yah, and there’s some-kind of big deal football game on that day too! Sign-up sheets will be out soon.

Attention: Former First Place Cook-off winners. Carol would like to have you give her a call, 989-329-7007. She is planning some type of group picture. Please call her, thanks.

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.

Tawas Methodist Church Memorial Committee Report, January 6, 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 received donations in memory of the following people in 2024.

Margaret Lixey
Leona Deering
Richard Frederick
Robert Tetley
Joann Lamb
Kraig Papenfus



The Memorial fund has supported the following efforts to benefit Tawas Methodist Church and its ministries in 2024.

Tawas MC Baby Layette Ministry
Stained Glass Refurbishment
Tawas MC Office Computer and Monitor
Tawas MC Memorial Garden Mulch and Plants
Tawas MC Vacation Bible School
Sanctuary Clavinova Piano
Kitchen Swivel Chairs
Parsonage Exterior Door
Tawas MC Choir
Kitchen Light Fixtures

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine Menning, Tawas MC Memorial Committee Chair

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE as of December 31, 2024

GENERAL FUND

2024	2024	2023
<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>GIVING</u>	<u>GIVING</u>
\$213,025	\$203,454	\$237,545

DEBT FUND

2024	2024	2023
<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>GIVING</u>	<u>GIVING</u>
\$54,720	\$40,356	\$52,215

Donations for the Building and Ground projects: \$13,836

To give by credit card go to: tawasmc.org

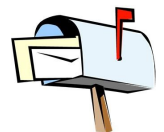


NEW EMAIL FOR THE
CHURCH OFFICE

office.tawasmc@gmail.com

CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX

Make sure you check your mailbox
at church.



AA MEETING WEBSITE

ww.dist26aa.org



LAYETTE MINISTRY

Layette Ministry is in
need of baby boy and girl
long sleeved onesies, hats
and booties (0-3 months).

There is a tote in the
Gathering Space for your donations.



Thank you,

TAWAS METHODIST WOMEN

Happy 2025. I hope everyone survived the holidays and is ready for a lovely 2025. We will have a short meeting on Tuesday January 14th at 1 pm. We need to review the Cookie Fest and the Christmas Tea. We did very well with the Cookie fest. Everyone was so very generous. Many thanks to everyone that helped. Following that meeting we will not meet again until April.

Again thanks for all of you help all through the past year.

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 to those who packed a box for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Forty-one OCC boxes were taken to the drop-off site. May God bless those children who received a box.



Who will be the winner of the BEST Chili and the BEST baker at Tawas Methodist Church for the Super Bowl Cook-off and Bake-off on Sunday, February 9th? Will you be the next winner??? If you are planning to join in the competition, please be sure to sign up to either make Chili or a Baked good. The sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering space, so please sign up. We are looking forward to the fellowship on that day. This is a really fun event, so please everyone come out and vote for your favorite Chili and Baked item. At this event, we will be taking an offering that will go towards VBS.



Noisy Offering:

January- Iosco Animal Shelter

February- TMC Carnival

Thank you for all the support you give to the mission projects of our church. We are looking forward to another fabulous year in 2025!

Happy New Year!
The Missions Team

FROM THE OFFICE

All is good for the start of a New Year. Trying to file and sort all the 2024 items and records, and bring out new one's for 2025. Hardest thing to do in the new year is to remember the new date "2025". Hope all had a very Merry Christmas and that all will have a great new year.

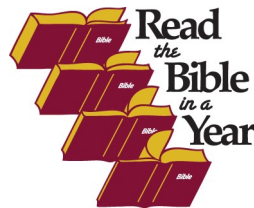
Laura, Office Manager

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many cards, well wishes, visits, phone calls, treats, cookies and most importantly your prayers this Christmas Season. The kids and I truly appreciate it.

Lori Frederick



SPRC NEWS

The SPRC wishes everyone at TMC a Blessed and Healthy 2025.

We want to acknowledge our dedicated staff for their efforts in keeping the building and church operations functioning. Thank You Pastor, Shawn, Judy, Laura and Ken for a very successful 2024. In addition, we want to thank Howard Burdett and Diane Bushman for their contributions and service on the SPRC. Their appointment tenure was successfully completed at the end of 2024.

Sincerely,
Gene Danielson



Tawas Methodist Church

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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.

