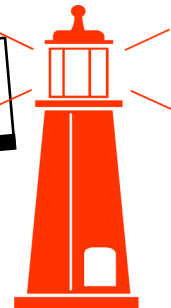


TAWAS METHODIST CHURCH

THE BEACON

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Hello My Friends! Fall may be the most beautiful time of the year in our community. We recognize this season as a time of harvest, bounty, and thanksgiving for all that God provides. Let us take time to offer praise and thanksgiving for the abundance of God's presence around us!

As Americans, we live in a land of great opportunity and abundance. God has blessed our nation in so many ways. Despite our advancements in medicine, there still are many who need healing, and despite our bountiful harvests, there are many throughout the world starving in need of food. Today, there are many living in desperation and loneliness without heartfelt compassion from family and friends. Jesus in Matthew 9: 35-38 offers this example of those in need, "Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (NRSV)



In our nation and even in this community there are people living without hope, promise, love, and joy in their lives. Some, especially in this area, would rather end their lives than continue to live in pain. Many people, living outside the doors of our church, are dying in sin because they do not have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus is calling us to harvest these lost souls. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Are we willing to labor for the Lord?

Jesus is calling us to leave our pews and reach out to our families, go into our neighborhoods, and visit the surrounding communities in order to share the "Good News" of Jesus. Each of us has a story to tell about how Christ forgave our sins, changed our lives, and then transformed us into something new. It may seem uncomfortable, but the eternal souls of people are at stake. Sharing Christ might be as simple as inviting people to church, Men's Breakfast, a woman's event, or for fellowship at a church function. Inclusion, hospitality, and a warm welcome can make people feel welcome and accepted in the church. Let us find a method of "harvesting" that brings people into the Kingdom of God!

May God Bless You!
Pastor Dan



CLASSY CRAFTERS

There will be no "Classy Crafters" until further notice.
Question please call Marilyn Denhoff 989-362-1380

PEANUTS FOR SALE

Tawas Methodist Women are selling peanuts. 7ounce bag for \$5.00. You get a coupon for a free appetizer at Texas Roadhouse to use at any one in the United States. Coupon good until June 30,2025.

FALL BAZAAR

Tawas Methodist Women's *Fall Bazaar by the Bay & Craft Sale*, October 19th. Our Bake Sale will need a lot of bakers to whip up their delicious cookies, breads, cakes, or pies. Grandma's Attic needs some new or barely used treasures. Let's make this the best Bazaar we have ever had. Everyone can add something to this event. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for helpers and if you are baking something just put your name down.

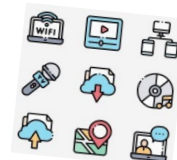


Thanks.
Judy & Laura

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 Communion Sunday		1 TMW mtg. 3pm Master Gardner mtg 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5pm Prayer Ministry	2 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	3 1-4pm Flourish Home School Co-Op 7:00p Church Council mtg.	4	5 8:30 Men's Prayer Group 4pm Casual Service Communion Saturday
6 Communion Sunday Missions Fundraiser Chicken Dinner after service	7 11am Ladies Bible Study	8 9:30—10:30a Work Based Learning 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5pm Prayer Ministry	9 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	10 1-4pm Flourish Home School Co-Op	11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Joyce Meyers Conference </div>	12 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4pm Casual Service
13 ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING AFTER SERVICE Noisy Offering (Meals on Wheels) US Navy Birthday	14 11am Ladies Bible Study	15 9:30—10:30a Work Based Learning 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5pm Prayer Ministry	16 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	17	18 12- 6pm Bazaar setup	19 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 9a—2p BAZAAR 4pm Casual Service
20	21 Worship Mtg. 11am Ladies Bible Study	22 9:30—10:30a Work Based Learning 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5pm Prayer Ministry	23 12 noon Ladies Lunch Bunch Big Boy 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	24 1-4pm Flourish Home School Co-Op	25	26 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4pm Casual Service
27	28 11am Ladies Bible Study	29 5pm Friends Together Cancer Support 5pm Prayer Ministry	30 9:30—10:30a Work Based Learning 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	31 6:30pm Trustee mtg	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH </div>	

Birthdays & Anniversaries



10/3 Howard Burdett
10/3 Larry Williams
10/14 Audrey Dresselhouse
10/17 Vivian Malewska
10/22 Cathie Compton
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 Joesph & Linda Koehn
10/22 Daryl & Gwen 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!





Tawas Food Backpack Program

I am reaching out with hopes that you will again join other individuals and businesses in our community in supporting the Tawas Food Backpack Program. This program provides for children each school year who depend on school breakfast and lunch programs, but are at risk of having little, if any access to nutritional foods over the weekend through no fault of their own.

The past 15 years of this program have been a success thanks to the generosity and care in our community for the children in need. Over the years we have served anywhere from 85 to 192 children each school year.

Every dollar you donate provides food for Tawas Area Students at risk of not having enough, if any food over the weekends. The program provides two Breakfasts, two Lunches and two Dinners for each child.

The cost for each child is \$100.00 for the entire school year.

Donations of any amount are welcome.

This program is not federally funded and therefore must rely on the generosity of our local businesses, service organizations and individuals who believe in our mission.

The Tawas Food Backpack Program is our community working together to support our children in need.

If you are able to help us with our 2024-2025 school year, please make your check payable to and send to:

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

518 Meadow Road

Tawas City, MI 48763

Sincerely, Terri Boudreau, Fundraising Coordinator

If you would like more information, please contact me at 989-329-4153 or terri.boudreau55@gmail.com

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's (FREE) Breakfast! On Saturday, October, 5th at 8:30 AM. All men are invited! (not just men of the church but they can bring a friend or two!) . Call the office and let s know if you are coming and how many you are bringing.



Rebroadcast of Joyce Meyers "Love Life" Conference

There will be a rebroadcast of Joyce Meyers "Love Life" Conference on Oct. 11th (9:30—2pm) & 12th (9—12) at the church. All are welcome to attend for the cost of \$10 per person. The \$10 charge is for the JM Ministry and will cover the person whether they attend one day or both days. A sign-up sheet will be available this Sunday, Sept. 29th in the Gathering Area.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CHECK THE CHURCH

Wanted: We are still looking for one person who can check the church doors on Thursday evenings. Just stop by around 8:30 pm and check the doors to be sure the Church is locked-up. If you can do this, let the office know. Thank you for your consideration.

Laura
989-362-4288



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 August 31, 2024

GENERAL FUND

2024	2024	2023
BUDGET	GIVING	GIVING
\$138,900	\$122,166	\$131,357

DEBT

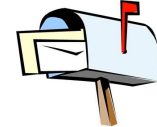
2024	2024	2023
BUDGET	GIVING	GIVING
\$30,000	\$21,185	\$28,834

To give by credit card go to: tawasmc.org



**CHECK YOUR
CHURCH
MAILBOX**

Make sure you
check your
mailbox at church.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

All Saints Sunday! On November 3rd we will honor our loved ones that have gone to be with Jesus in the past year. If you would like to submit a picture to the church office, their image and name will be presented during our worship service



**NEW EMAIL FOR THE
CHURCH OFFICE**

office.tawasmc@gmail.com

AA MEETING WEBSITE

www.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

Well, I can not believe it but it is time for our annual Bazaar. I hope you all have reserved Saturday, October 19th. We will need lots of helpers. There is a sign up sheet outside of the office. We need books, baked goods and grandma's attic items. Any donations can be brought to the church anytime during regular work hours, Tuesday through Friday 10 until 2pm. Vendor reservations are coming in so I am confident that it will be very successful. Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, October 23rd. at the Tawas Big Boy , We have averaging 10 people. We have wonderful fellowship and great food so please try to join us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of our ladies. Without all of your hard work we could not do any of these projects so thank you from the bottom of my heart.



In Christian love.

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.





.Thank you to those who donated to Rachel's Closet--they were VERY appreciative of the items they received to help the students at T.A.H.S.

Missions will be doing a fundraiser called That's My Pan. A display of personalized cookware and items will be on display in the Gathering Space. Orders for the products can be placed from October 6th through November 17th.



We will be having a chicken luncheon on Sunday, October 6th after the church service. At this luncheon we will be taking orders for our That's My Pan fundraiser. The money we raise from this fundraiser will go towards the needed projects to be done at the church and parsonage. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship!

Please join us as we will be having a Veteran's Luncheon on Sunday, November 10th after the church service.



We have made all of the pies (Blueberry, Cherry and Apple). We will be selling the pies on Saturday, October 12th and Sunday, October 13th after church service. The cost of the pies is \$12.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) boxes are in the Gathering space. Please take a box, fill it with selected items, mark if it is for a boy/girl and the age, tape the label onto the top of the box. Place the three rubberbands around the box. Missions will be paying for the shipping, which is \$10/box. If you plan to pay for the \$10 shipping fee for the OCC box, please be sure to fill out the envelope, enclose your money inside--checks are to be made out to Samaritan's Purse and place the envelope on top of the items inside of the box.



Please DO NOT include any of the following items in your box:

Food, candy, gum, toothpaste, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, wearable traditional camouflage, seeds, or organic matter, liquids, medication, money, breakable items, matches, firestarters, or aerosols, knives, saws or razor blades. Thank you!

Noisy Offering:

October-Meals on Wheels

November-Patriot's Place

December-Angel Tree (gift certificate for Neiman's for the parents)

Enjoy the beauty of this time of year!

The Missions Team

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Tawas Methodist Church will be holding our Annual Business Meeting after the service on Sunday October 13. Important decisions which will need to be voted on by the church members and information from the various Committees will be available.

Please plan on attending.



SPRC News

October 2024

The last couple Beacon installments from the SPRC have centered on actions concerning “Staff”, the first term in the Committee’s title. This installment deals with “Parish”, the next term in the title. It is an old word, apparently dating from the 14th century. The word has a few meanings, but one from the Webster dictionary describes a Parish as “A local church community composed of the members or constituents of a Protestant church.” Synonyms include “laity” and “congregation.” At Tawas Methodist Church that is ALL OF US. SPRC aims to serve the whole church. However, in order to do this successfully, the Committee needs your input.

Please contact any Committee member with your comments or concerns. Alternatively, you can use the SPRC slot in the mailbox matrix in the west hallway. Please know that your input will be held in confidence, but anonymous mail will be disregarded. The Committee needs to be able to fully understand an issue, and follow up is impossible if the source is unknown. We look forward to hearing from you, the Parish.

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.



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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.

