



October 2018

The Connection
Tawas Area Presbyterian Church
2095 E. U.S. Hwy 23, East Tawas, MI 48730



*Pastor
Kathleen Rowe*

Fall Greetings!



Is it just me, or did summer seem to fly by so quickly that I missed it? I admit fall is my favorite season. Color everywhere! God's creative hand visible everywhere you look.

For us as a church it's a time to install new elders and deacons, celebrate World Communion Sunday, remember our reformed theology, send off our snowbirds with a potluck, lift up all our ministry partners in prayer... and the list goes on. At times it seems the business of the church takes up a large amount of our time. We are an active church continuing to do God's work here in this place. But in these last weeks the body of Christ was visible to all in a special way. You welcomed and served many friends, colleagues, and strangers. Your light was truly Christ's light to all those present for meetings, worship and memorials. You were Christ's love in action. It was present everywhere. From the parking lot, to the kitchen, to the choir and everywhere in between. My thanks to all who took part. What joy fills my heart, Jesus said "Rise up church" and you did.

With thanks,

Pastor Kathleen

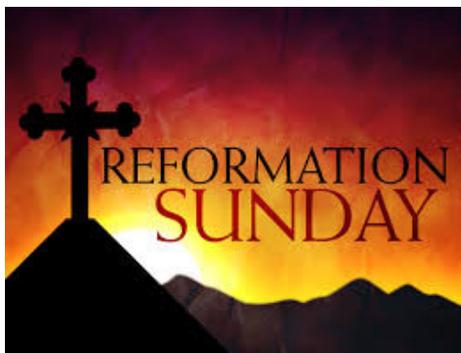
*From The
Pastor's
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Tawas Area Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

To commit to God's guidance and passionately share God's love with people of all ages.



- 10/02 11:00am Personnel Committee
- 10/02 1:00pm Mission/Outreach/Event
- 10/07 10:00am World Communion
Sunday/Peace & Global
Witness Offering
- 10/07 3:00pm Jeffrey Walker Concert
- 10/08 8:00am Mens Fellowship
Breakfast at Big Boy
- 10/08 9:00am Facilities
- 10/09 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance
- 10/10 5:00pm Snowbird Potluck
- 10/11 1:00pm Worship Music and
Education
- 10/17 4:30pm Session
- 10/18 10:00am Iosco Parkinsons Meeting
- 10/23 10:30am Deacons Meeting
- 10/28 10:00am Reformation Sunday
2 Coins a Meal Offering



Happy Birthday!

- 10/02 Jerry Puckett
- 10/02 Paul Chonich
- 10/04 Marion Whetter
- 10/06 Kenneth Myles
- 10/10 Trisha Ward
- 10/12 James Carruthers
- 10/14 Audrey Dresselhouse
- 10/15 Dale Wenzel
- 10/18 Michael Hollenbeck
- 10/24 Ruth Fullerton
- 10/26 Bill Moore

Happy Anniversary!

- 10/01 Matthew & Kristy Prentiss
- 10/13 George & Bev Sivertson

Iosco Coats for Kids

As winter approaches, Iosco Coats for Kids is there to help. They have a drop box in our church (and other places in town). They need new or gently used warm coats, snowsuits, and snow pants to distribute free to needy children in Iosco County. Warm gloves, new hats and scarves are also accepted and appreciated.

Ask any teacher in this town who has watched kids arrive at school with no jacket. They will tell you that the need for kids' coats is much bigger than most of us realize. It is a gift that will be greatly appreciated by children in our area.

The drop boxes are out now and will be available until October 23th. For more information call 989-362-8161 or email ioscocoats@gmail.com. You can also find Iosco Coats for Kids on Facebook.

Do you love singing and making music?

Do you play guitar or piano? How about a string instrument like violin or cello? Or a wind instrument like clarinet or flute? If you have any musical talents whatsoever and would consider sharing of your gifts for our worship service, please contact Patty at 989-295-6444. We hope to get as many soloists and instrumentalists involved in our music program as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you!



New Website Update

We are excited to announce the new church website will be up and running in the next couple of weeks. It is finished, we are waiting on a couple certifications and then it will be ready to explore.

Wear **RED** for Reformation Sunday on October 28th

Reformation Sunday is coming on October 28th and the congregation is asked to wear red that day. We wear red on that day to represent the Holy Spirit and the Martyrs of the Christian Church.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

Recently hospitalized, had surgery, had tests, or have been ill ...

Tom Hall, Vida Minard, Scott Carruthers, Lue Verran

Our Shut-in:

Ruth Perrigo, Edie Moore, Jim Leisher, Mary Wenzel
Arlene Salibury (moved to Florida and her new address is in the directory)

Prayers to the family of Rev. Robert Leas who passed on to glory on Saturday September 15th.

Prayers to the family of Allen Hearn who passed on to glory on Tuesday September 18th. A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

Mission Co-Workers

Rev. Cathy Chang & family, serving in Philippines.

Michael & Rachel Ludwig, serving in Niger.

I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes. - Ezekiel 36:27

Grief Support Program

St. Joseph Health System provides a variety of Grief Support services for patients, families, employees and members of the community. Grief Support groups are held monthly on Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at SJHS in Classroom C.

These groups provide support and information for anyone whose life has been disrupted by a significant loss due to the death of a loved one. Sessions are facilitated by a qualified member of the Spiritual Care Team. There is no fee, however advance registration is appreciated.

To register, call 362-9368 and talk with the Chaplain.



Attention Snowbirds

We will be having a potluck to wish you well before you leave us for the winter. It is Wednesday October 10th at 5:00pm. Bring your favorite dish to pass and own table service. Pastor Kathleen is sponsoring the event. Be sure to attend this fun event.

Also remember to let Judie know when you will be leaving and plan to come back.



Jeffrey Walker Organ Concert Sunday October 7 at 3:00pm



Jeff was the past Organist/Choirmaster at First Presbyterian Church and at Christ Church in Detroit. He has played organ, piano, and harpsichord with the Flint Symphony for 20 years. He won the prestigious American Guild of Organists National Competition. Don't miss this special event!

Samaritans Purse Shoebox project

It is time to think about packing a shoe box for a child somewhere around the world for Christmas. Boxes are due by the second week in November.

You can find the empty shoe boxes and brochures on how to pack a shoe box in the Servery. Each shoe box will contain a water bottle until our supply is gone. This water bottle can be filled with gifts that will fit in it. Remember nothing edible, toothpaste, liquids or creams of any kind are allowed. Remember to attach the Boy or Girl tag and check what age you did your box for. **ALL BOXES MUST CLOSE TIGHTLY.** If you can put the postage in the box also that would be great but not required. Remember to pray over your box and if you wish enclose a letter or card to the child. If you would like to track your box there is a way to do that by going to Samaritan's Purse track my box on the Internet. When you complete your box please place it in the meeting room in the cupboard marked SHOE BOXES. Any questions ask Audrey, Candace or Jan Doak. Thank you for your faithfulness over the years to this blessed project.



CARDS

We are still selling greeting cards that are donated by you the congregation in the servery. The money earned from these cards helps support the shoe box project. If you receive new cards in the mail as promotionals and would like to donate them to this cause please just place them on the table with the rest of the cards in the servery. Thank you, Jan Doak

September Presbytery Meeting

We were privileged to have the Presbytery of Lake Huron here on September 20th. The meeting began with an uplifting worship service. Thank you to all the congregation and friends that joined us for worship.

Thank you also for all the help serving to the presbytery. From parking lot attendants, to ushers and very welcoming greeters, we received lots of compliments on our salad luncheon and our choir anthem. We were excited to welcome our fellow churches to Tawas Area Presbyterian Church. Great Job Everyone!

New Members

On Sunday Sept. 9th we welcomed 4 new members into our church body. Aaron and Jacquelyn Brown, Michele Griesmer and Trisha Ward have joined TAPC. Please continue to celebrate with us and welcome them into membership.



New Elders and Deacons

On Sunday Sept. 23 we installed and ordained our new Elders and Deacons during the service and training will be during the first week of October.

New Elders are Ed Davis- Elder/Session and Kristy Prentiss- Elder/Ministry Assistant.

New Deacons are Darla Arn and Jan Kamrath.

We thank God for your willingness to serve your Lord and our church. We hope to provide a meaningful and joyful time of service.

Tawas Area Presbyterian Church says ...

THANK YOU

for allowing God to minister through you.

To everyone who contributed to the pig roast. The Minards, Christian Ed, Mission/Outreach for the pig, Mission/Outreach for games, The Doaks for the place settings, Ernie and Lucky for the entertainment. The Goulds for helping set-up and the bottled water. Everyone who helped in the kitchen, especially Rhonda Perri and Carol Berry and everyone who contributed sides, a hearty thank you. It wouldn't have been possible without all of you. Many hands make light work.

Bob and Audrey Dresselhouse

Thank you to all those who helped with the Presbytery Meeting, prepared and served lunch for the Bob Leas memorial and all those who helped clean the church in September.

Thank you to Betty Clark for coming and speaking during our Caregiver Conversation Hour. It was much appreciated by the attendees.

Thank you to the choir for the extra work you put in to give us amazing worship anthems each Sunday.

Thank you to those who have sponsored the coffee hour on Sundays.

Also... A **BIG** thank you to everyone that contributed to the Summer Stewardship letter. Your gifts made all the difference.



Looking ahead to the coming months

Changes coming to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We are looking at meeting once a month this winter. We are open to anyone who can knit and crochet to join our group. We are getting ready to start a couple new projects for the hospital. More details coming soon. If you have any questions you can contact Kristy either by email kristy.behm@gmail.com or phone 810-614-8117.

Caregiver Conversation Hour will be continuing and we would like to do it once a month for everyone interested in attending.

New changes are coming to The Connection January 2019. We will start a bi-monthly newsletter. Look for the new submission dates in the near future.



"God Can Do It: We Can Help"

*Because of your gifts ...
We have:*

- Served **500** people in worship
in September 2018.

*We could not do this without your weekly offerings.
Thank you for financially supporting your church;
we need each and every one of you!*

*Deadline for
November Articles:
Wednesday,
October 24th*

The Connection welcomes your contributions! Send them to Kristy's email listed below, or drop them off at her office.
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