



**March/April 2019**

# The Connection

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



*Pastor  
Kathleen Rowe*



This is our spring newsletter. Being the eternal optimist, I know that by the writing of the next newsletter, the white will be gone and we WILL see the earth again! This month we begin our Lenten journey once again. We will join with Grace Lutheran this year for a joint service. I will be preaching and Pastor Matt will officiate Ash Wednesday. Join us March 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Grace.

Our Sunday Lenten services will incorporate our ministry theme for 2019-20, "Reflect-Reinvigorate-Reach Out." We will reflect on the journey Jesus walked, reignite our commitment to follow our call as his disciples and reach out with our actions to those around us. Thursday bible study will again use the wisdom of biblical scholar Ray Vander Laan as we study his series, the "Path To The Cross." Bring your lunch and join us for a time of study and fellowship. Invite a friend to come and experience the meaning of Lent with you. Then, join us for Holy Week. Come and lift palms, join us in remembering Jesus' final meal with his friends, his final words and join our celebration on Easter Sunday morning! This season is the reason we can believe in a Christ that can do all things, a God that can and has changed the world and will continue to change our lives if we let him. We have the greatest gift possible given to you and me, through his love and sacrifice...life forever and ever. That is why we walk this road of Lent. Please join me.

A final note, beginning after Easter, I will again be offering an "Exercise for Everybody" class. I need to get moving again! So join me starting Thursday, April 25th at 2:00 pm. This is part of our "Reinvigorating" ministry. Work at your own pace and give your body a chance to awaken again.

May this holy season bring you reflection of who you are in Christ, reinvigorate your passion for serving the God who gave you eternal life and bring you opportunity to reach out to family and friends in Jesus name.

Serving our Savior with you,

*Pastor Kathleen*

*From The  
Pastor's  
Pen*

## **Tawas Area Presbyterian Church Mission Statement**

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

# We Need You!

## Tech Team Members Needed

Thank you to Aaron and Jacque Brown for helping with the sound system and the streaming. They said “it is simple and we can do this.” So any one can help and we do still need volunteers.

The audio and video operations are an important part of our service and even one or two new people would help with the workload rotation. The jobs are much simpler than you might think; most of it just involves pressing a button throughout the service. If you can send an email or post on Facebook, you have more than enough skills to do the work. Training for the job takes about 15 minutes. If you would commit to one Sunday a month throughout the winter. You decide which Sundays you want to work.

If you are interested, talk to Kristy Prentiss. She would be glad to show you what the job entails, with no pressure. You can look it over and decide for yourself, if you want to try it.

### *In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...*

#### Our Shut-ins:

Ruth Perrigo, Edie Moore, Jim Leisher, Bill Nelson

#### 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*

### **Caregiver Conversation Hour**

The Caregiver Conversation Hour will be back in May. The response was overwhelming when we had special guest speaker Betty Clark. Betty has offered to help with the class. Watch the bulletin for the exact day of when it will be starting back. We will be inviting the community to join us.



**We need help for the year. Please sign up today.**

**It's Fun and Easy**

Set up, clean up, or host  
a Coffee Hour.  
We'll show you how!

### **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.



03/05 10:30am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
03/06 7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service at Grace Lutheran
03/10	<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>
03/12 4:00pm	Stewardship/Finance
03/14 10:30am	Deacons Meeting
03/14 12:00pm	Lenten Bible Study
03/14 2:00pm	Worship/Music/Education Session
03/20 4:30pm	Session
03/21 12:00pm	Lenten Bible Study
03/28 12:00pm	Lenten Bible Study
04/02 10:30am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
04/03 6:30pm	Choir Rehearsals Resume
04/04 12:00pm	Lenten Bible Study
04/08 8:00am	Mens Fellowship Breakfast at Big Boy Facilities
04/08 9:00am	Facilities
04/09 10:30am	Deacons Meeting
04/09 4:00pm	Stewardship/Finance
04/11 12:00pm	Lenten Bible Study
04/11 2:00pm	Worship/Music/Education
04/14 10:00am	Palm Sunday
04/18 10:00am	Iosco County Parkinsons Group
04/18 7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
04/19 12:30pm	TAMA Good Friday Service at TBA
04/21 10:00am	Easter Sunday
04/24 4:30pm	Session (Tentatively)
04/25 2:00pm	Exercise for Everybody
04/28 11:15am	Event Planning Meeting

## Happy Birthday!

03/13 Ed Davis  
 03/15 Matthew Prentiss  
 03/22 Ray Chambers  
 03/25 Ann Coates  
 03/26 Susanne Brzakowski  
 03/28 Jim Murton  
 03/31 Ronald Doak

04/01 Jan Doak  
 04/02 Patty Chonich  
 04/02 Janice Fox  
 04/04 Sue Murton  
 04/10 Alyse & Alysa Gould  
 04/12 Edie Moore  
 04/15 Sharon Gramer  
 04/27 Evelyn Moon

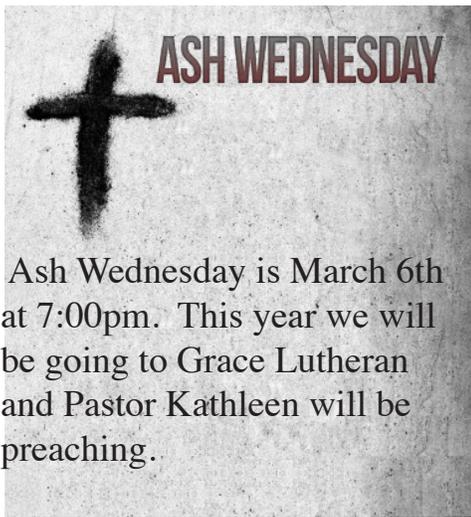
## Happy Anniversary!

03/25 Dale & Lue Verran  
 03/27 Ed & Susan Davis  
 03/31 Jeanne & Mike Hebner

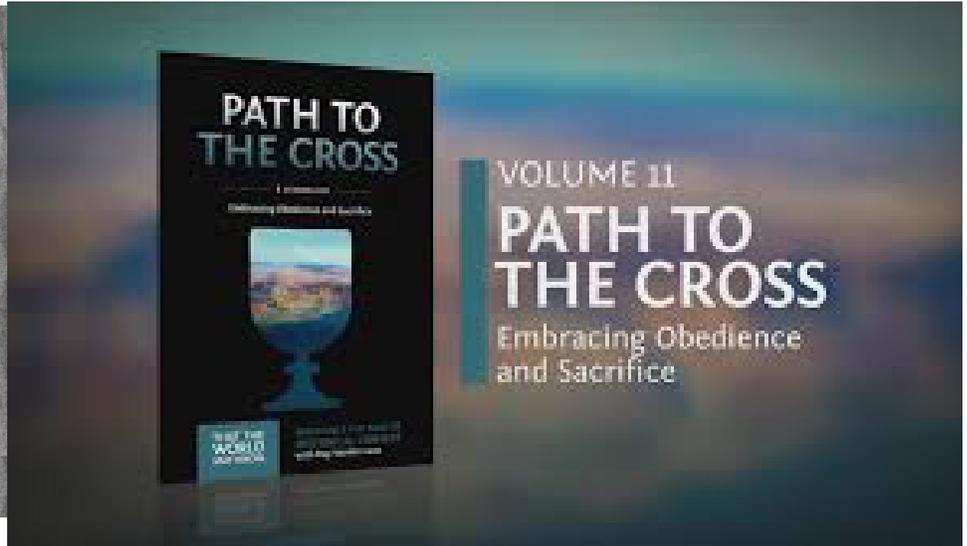
04/20 Sharon & Wally Gramer  
 04/25 Darla & Bill Arn  
 04/30 Nan & Randy Scales



# Lenten and Easter Season



Ash Wednesday is March 6th at 7:00pm. This year we will be going to Grace Lutheran and Pastor Kathleen will be preaching.



## Lenten Bible Study

Once again we will experience the holy land with author and study leader, Ray Vander Laan. This year we will use his study, "That the World May Know - Series #11: Path to the Cross." Join us every Thursday, March 14th- April 11th at Noon. Back by popular demand, we will be bringing our own lunch and TAPC will provide the drinks. The bible study portion will begin at 12:30pm.



With the Lenten season now upon us, what a great time to bring someone to church with you. If you have a friend or neighbor you been wanting to invite to church NOW is a great time!

## Holy Week Services

Sunday, April 14th, Palm Sunday Service at 10:00am at TAPC  
 Thursday, April 18th, Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm at TAPC  
 Friday, April 19, TAMA Good Friday Service at 12:30pm at TBA  
 Sunday, April 21st, Easter Service at 10:00am at TAPC



## Easter Flowers

Flowers are an expression of new life and new hope. As we remember Jesus' rebirth, you are invited to help bring this hope and promise of renewal to our chancel by donating a beautiful plant(s) 'in memory' or 'in honor' of someone you wish to acknowledge. Again this year, we are offering you a choice of an Easter lily or a spring daffodil.

Please place your Easter flower order by completing the information in the special EASTER FLOWER ORDER ENVELOPE. Place your completed order envelope, with your payment payable to TAPC, in the **special Easter basket in the servery** or at **the entrance to the Sanctuary**. Please **do not** put your Easter flower order in the offering. Easter lily or daffodil plants are \$15.00 each.

**Deadline for ordering is  
 Sunday March 31st**

***(Please DO NOT place your Easter flower orders in the offering.)***



## Event Planning Meeting

Outreach/Events Committee will have a meeting on Sunday, April 28th after service, to plan our church event schedule for the coming year. Committee chairs and others will be invited to attend. Please mark your calendars for April 28th.

## Financial News

Winter attendance and contributions are down significantly. If you have been unable to attend or have not put us on your “to do” list, please help us catch up.

### Contributions for January and February

*Needed: 23,200*

*Received: 12,337*

If you would like to make your contribution automatically through your bank account, please see JoAnn, in the office, for the information you will need.

## Exercise for Everyone

Pastor Kathleen will be offering an “Exercise for Everyone.” It will be on Thursdays at 2:00pm starting on April 25th. The class will be for everyone. Please plan to join us.



## Wanted! Singers!

Our choir is in need of more singers, both men and women. If you would like to serve your church through singing and you enjoy singing (yes, we have fun!) and, can sing in tune, we invite you to try us out for a few weeks. You do not have to read music or be here every week. We will be starting back up on April 3rd. Rehearsals are Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and we warm-up at 9:15 on Sundays. Call Patty at 989-295-6444 if you are interested or have questions.



## 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 oboe 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!



**THANK YOU** for your support with the TAPC Per Capita Apportionment. Our total responsibility for the year was \$3,538.71, of which you contributed \$2,779. Gratefully, we were within \$760.00 of our apportionment, the closest we have come over the past few years!

**THANK YOU** to Tom Neuenfeldt and the Johnny Appleseed Gang for leading worship the last two Sundays when Pastor Kathleen was on vacation.

A BIG **THANK YOU** to Marjory Leas, B.J. Neuenfeldt and Janice Fox for being so willing to help make the Sweet Heart Tea a success. Also, thank you to the twenty brave souls who came out to celebrate Love on Valentines Day. A lovely time was had by all.

To God be the glory, Jan Doak.



**THANK YOU** to Pastor Kathleen and Rachel Haviland for organizing the Emergency Care Workshop. It was attended by over 25 people. It opened our eyes to the planning we need to start doing in dealing with legal and medical concerns/resources. Thank you also to Joe and Amber from Iosco County EMS. They informed us of how things happen at Central Dispatch when 911 is called and what forms have filled out to help us get the care we need. Sometime this spring we will be offering this workshop again for the snowbirds.

**THANK YOU** for the soup makers and donations for our Souper Bowl of Caring. We raised \$144.00 for the Skidway Lake library program.

### Staffing Update

As you know the office hours for this winter have been Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm weather permitting

JoAnn is adjusting to her new duties as office/manager/financial secretary

Kristy is busy doing the Sunday service media and streaming. She is also assisting Pastor Kathleen with pastoral care issues, bible studies and administrative duties.

JoAnn is assessing the Volunteer needs for the office and the tasks needed to help run the office smoothly and efficiently. Stay tuned for updates as Spring nears. Thank you, in advance, for your support and patience.



Because of your gifts ...  
We have:

- Served **172** people in worship in January 2019
- Served **151** people in worship in February 2019

*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  
May  
Articles:  
Wednesday,  
April 17, 2019

The Connection welcomes your contributions! Send them to Kristy's email listed below, or drop them off at her office.  
Sunday Worship 10:00 am • Nursery provided • 989-362-2371 • www.tawaspresby.org

**Kathleen Rowe,**  
Pastor  
pastorkathleen.rowe@yahoo.com

**JoAnn Edwards,**  
Office Manager  
tapcsecretary@tawaspresby.org

**JoAnn Edwards,**  
Financial Secretary  
finsecretary@tawaspresby.org

**Kristy Prentiss,**  
Media and Ministry Specialist  
media2@tawaspresby.org