



September 2019

The Connection

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Matthew 25 invites the PC(USA) to boldly live out Christ's call

This excerpt from an article in "Presbyterians Today"

A wondrous change is taking place — a movement of the Spirit. Presbyterian congregations are reprioritizing the work of the Church, taking it from an institution of survival to a way of getting actively engaged in the community and making the world a better place.

What is Matthew 25?

Matthew 25 is an invitation from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that calls us to actively engage in the world around us. We are called to act boldly and compassionately to serve the people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seeks to become a Matthew 25 denomination and invites congregations and mid councils to join in this journey.

Accepting the Matthew 25 invitation means churches will embrace one or more of three areas of focus in their communities:

- Building congregational vitality**
- Dismantling structural racism**
- Eradicating systemic poverty**



In keeping with our ministry theme for 2019-2020 "Reflect-Reinvigorate-Reach Out. We will embrace the "Building congregational vitality" of the Matthew 25 invitation. Personally I am reaching out as your representative to the women of our community through my coffee talk serving at Tim Hortons. Sunday September 29th we will begin to serve designated community groups by reaching out in love.

Pastor Kathleen

Tawas Area Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

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



09/02 9:30 am	Bible Study
09/02 10:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
09/08 11:00 am	Congregational Meeting to vote on new Elders and Deacons
09/09 8:00 am	Mens Fellowship Big Boy
09/10 9:30 am	Bible Study
09/10 10:30 am	Deacons Meeting
09/10 1:00 pm	Worship/Music/Ed
09/10 4:00 pm	Stewardship/Finance
09/15 11:00 am	Passmore Dedication
09/17 9:30 am	Bible Study
09/18 4:30 pm	Session
09/19 10:00 am	Iosco Parkinsons
09/24 12:00 pm	Beach Belles at The Boathouse
09/25 9:30 am	Coffee Talk at Tim Hortons
09/29 10:00 am	Sermon of Service

Happy Birthday!

- 09/05 Vida Minard
- 09/06 Duane Watson
- 09/11 Dale Verran
- 09/14 Candace Anderson
- 09/22 Patty Blomberg

Happy Anniversary!

- 09/03 Kathleen & Bill Moore
- 09/06 Bob & Candace Anderson
- 09/16 Richard & Patty Blomberg
- 09/21 Amber & Brad Trickey
- 09/23 Mike & Sandy Hollenbeck
- 09/30 Bob & Rachel Haviland

Dates to Remember

Sunday September 15

Dedication of Passmore Stained
Glass Window

Tuesday September 24

Beach Belles lunch at the Boathouse

Wednesday September 25

9:30 am Pastor Kathleen's Tim Hortons
"Coffee Talk"

Sunday September 29

Worship and Service in Community



In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

Our Shut-Ins ...

Ruth Perrigo, Edie Moore, Jim Leisher, Bill Nelson,
Phil and Shirley Macleod, Ginny Scales, Paul
Hamilton

Mission Co-Workers

Rev. Cathy Chang & family, serving in Philippines.
Michael & Rachel Ludwig, serving in Niger.
Rev. Dr. Lucy Der-Garabedian, serving in Lebanon.

We have a contact and visit sheet in the meeting room for everyone to fill out when you call or visit a home bound member. The office appreciates your help in keeping us updated. You can also email JoAnn(finsecretary@tawaspresby.org), who will add it to the prayer list for you. Thank you everyone for keeping us updated.



Manna From Heaven News

MEATLOAF FROM HEAVEN

“Manna from Heaven”, our in-church program of providing meals for members and friends who are confined to home due to illness, convalescence, caregiving, limited mobility, or just deserving some TLC, is designating September as “Makin’ Meatloaf Month.”

Here’s how you can participate:

1. Make a meatloaf (ground beef or ground turkey) and/or a casserole of cheesy or scalloped potatoes (enough to serve two people for one or two meals, prepared in disposable foil pans)
2. Bring it to church any day from September 15-22 and place it in the kitchen refrigerator. (Deacons will deliver it that week to a recipient, or label and freeze it for later use.)

Over twelve meals have been delivered to congregation members in recent months, thanks to cooking and pantry provisions supplied by our helpful church family. Those who have received deliveries are always appreciative of this extra blessing!

Watch for an October Soup Cook-in date in the church kitchen – the next opportunity for you to participate as an angel of “Manna from Heaven”! (Contact Marjory Leas or B.J. Neuenfeldt with questions.)



STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE UPDATE

As we move into Fall, the church continues to need your prayers and your support.

This time of year, our giving tends to run behind and our expenses continue.

This report reflects the needed funds to meet budgeted operating expenses and the amount collected as of August 31, 2019:

Amount needed to meet operating expenses (Jan. 1 – Aug. 31, 2019):	\$98,600
Amount received (Jan. 1 – Aug. 31, 2019):	\$81,241
	(Needed by end of year: \$156,600)

Your help is needed to meet our operating budget but it will take everyone contributing a little extra.

You can help in several ways:

- Prayer – Prayer makes a difference!
- Giving a little extra each week.
- Extra cash in the plate helps!



And also, pay your Per Capita NOW, before you leave for the winter!

Per Capita is \$28.77 per member and, adding a little extra for someone else, helps!

Your gifts and support are truly needed and appreciated!

Want to learn more about Tawas Area Presbyterian Church?

Pastor Kathleen will be holding an informational workshop on all things Presbyterian.
E-mail or talk to Pastor Kathleen about this workshop.



Look What's New in the Pew!



“Glory to God” is the newest Presbyterian Church USA hymnal (published 2013) and we will now join most churches in our Presbytery of Lake Huron by placing it in our pews! (replacing the blue Presbyterian Hymnal from 1990)

The purchase of this current hymnal was recommended by the Worship, Music, and Education Committee, approved by Session, and made possible thanks to designated funds from the Sally Voshell Memorial Gift.

Letting go of the old hymnbook may tug at our comfortable familiarity with it, but embracing the new volume brings positive change and opportunity for our worship.

It condenses all our hymns into one volume, with no need for the supplemental book “Sing the Faith”.

All the music from the new hymnal is digitally provided to us for use on our sanctuary screen. This technological component will help eliminate the need for bulletin inserts and typing hymn words for the screen, as well as provide options for hymns and music resources to be used in a variety of ways for worship, live-streaming, hymn sings, funerals, etc.

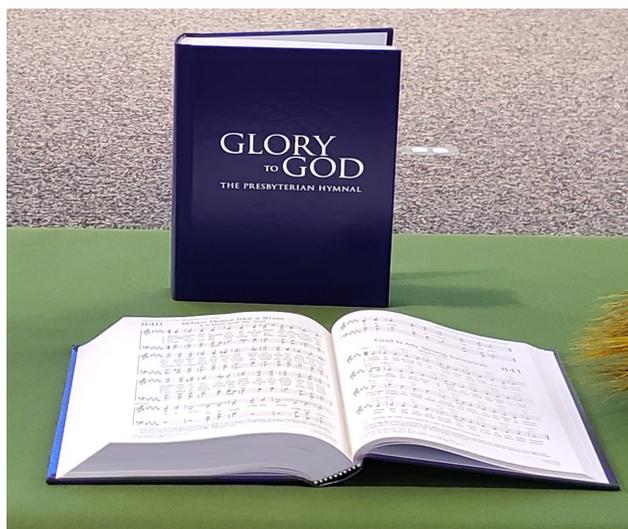
In this overview from the publisher, we see that “Glory to God” contains:

- Over 800 hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs.
- Approximately 50% of included hymns will be from the 1990 Presbyterian hymnal. The remaining pieces will come from former Presbyterian hymnals, other denominational songbooks, and individual authors and composers.
- A musical setting of almost every Sunday lectionary psalm.
- Music from six different continents.
- Music covering all major historical and contemporary sacred genres, including approximately thirty-five African American/Gospel hymns.
- Comprehensive indexes.

At TAPC we are good at honoring traditions as well as stepping out into new endeavors, so it will be in keeping with this spirit that we explore musical ways to continue showing Glory to God together!

(Enough new hymnals have been purchased to supply the sanctuary, but if you would like to place an extra copy in the pews with a nameplate in honor or memory of a loved one, or would like a copy for your own use at home, you may make that purchase in the church office for \$20.)

Marjory Leas



TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

840 When Peace like a River
It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er - or a - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should bud - get though tri - als should come, let
3 He love O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, My
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

so - cles like sea - bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this best as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gend - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul,
help - less - late, and hath shed his own blood, for my soul,
bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul,
Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain
It is well with my soul; with my soul;

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

God Is My Strong Salvation 841
(Psalm 27)

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (G)
Fm Cm Fm Cm Fm Cm Fm Cm A⁷

1 God is my strong sal - va - tion, what foe have I, to fear?
2 Place on the Lord re - li - ance; my soul, with your - ge - walt;

(Em) (Bm) (D) (G) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm D⁹ A⁷ Cm Fm Cm Fm Cm

In - per - il and temp - ta - tion, my light, my help is near,
God's truth be - thine al - li - ance, when faint and dis - o - late.

(Em) (G) (D) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (G)
Cm A⁷ E⁷ Fm Cm Fm Cm A⁷

Thou hast en - camp - a - round me firm to the fight I stand;
God's might thy heart shall strength - en; God's love thy joy in - crease;

(Em) (Bm) (D) (G) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm E⁷ A⁷ Cm Fm Cm Fm Cm

what ter - ror can con - found me, with God at my right hand!
mer - cy thy days shall length - en; the Lord will give thee peace.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

WILLIAM WALKER
1811-1874

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TAPC REACHES OUT ON SEPT. 29 WITH “SERMONS OF SERVICE”

What if instead of listening to a sermon, you became the sermon by acting out the teachings of God for the benefit of others? Well on Sunday, Sept. 29, you will have that opportunity with a special day of worship: “Sermons of Service.” Inspired by the Florida winter church home of Rev. Jan Chambers, our Worship, Music, and Education Committee, coordinating with Pastor Kathleen, will sponsor our own Tawas version of “Sermons of Service.”

What will happen that Sunday? We will gather as usual at 10:00, but our worship time will be brief (15 minutes) before dividing into teams for the main activity: reaching out in service to the neighbor. Teams will then either go out into the community or remain at church to complete your choice of designated service projects, coming back together at 11:30 for lunch and sharing.

What service options are we considering?

Out in the Community:

- singing hymns with nursing home residents; delivering special treats of appreciation to staff
- visiting shut-ins
- cleanup/trimming at the cemetery
- state/city park campground hospitality
- offering packets of quarters to laundromat customers as a gesture of giving

Staying at Church:

- making/writing cards of appreciation to local first responders, educators, volunteers
- updating materials in children’s sanctuary worship activity bags
- preparing packets of hygiene/snack needs for the homeless shelter in Oscoda
- making lunch for the group

Watch for more information and sign-up sheets detailing these projects for Sept. 29. With everyone choosing a service team and participating in this departure from the regular sermon, we will deliver “Sermons of Service” to our community. What better way to worship God than by using our time and talents to help others?

“Sermons of Service” Project: Homeless Mission

Emmanuel Mission- Emergency Homeless
Shelter in Oscoda

Donations of the following items are needed
to fill personal hygiene and lunch snack bags.

A box will be placed in the parlor to receive the items
until September 29.



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| Gallon size Ziploc bags | Snack size lunch items like: |
| Wash cloths | Raisins, nuts |
| Tooth brushes (individual) | Packages of snack crackers |
| Small sizes of: | Granola bars |
| Hand sanitizer | Cookies |
| Bars of soap | Bottled water |
| Toothpaste | Business size envelopes |
| Deodorant | Postage stamps |



Tawas Area Presbyterian Church says ..
THANK YOU
 for allowing God to minister through you.



Special thanks to "Heavens' Angels" and director Lynn Barclay. We loved praising God with your music!

Thanks to all who helped with the outdoor worship service and picnic on August 18th. It was a special day for all of us.

Thanks to Ken Murphy for joining our audio crew. Your willingness to serve helps us all!

Thanks to all who serve our church as Committee Members, Elders or Deacons. The church continues to function because of you.

Thank you to all those who give their offerings to help in the operation of our church. We could NOT do this without your weekly contributions!

Thank you to all the folks who help make coffee, snacks and clean-up on Sundays. We have fellowship because of your efforts!



"Heavens' Angels" led by Lynn Barclay joined Pastor Kathleen for service on Sunday August 25th. This group is composed of 25-30 kids and adult volunteers. We look forward to hosting them again in the spring.



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

- Served **295** people in worship
 in August 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
 October Articles:
**Wednesday,
 September
 25***

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