



**December 2019**

# The Connection

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



*Pastor  
Kathleen Rowe*



**TAMA  
Thanksgiving  
Service  
2019**

We have given thanks for the blessings God has given us, and now look forward to the reason for the season of Advent. We prepare our hearts and minds for history's most significant event, the coming of salvation for the world in the form of an infant. As we move through the events preparing for CHRISTmas, let us remember Jesus Christ in all we do. We have reason to celebrate because God sent his baby son to save the world.

Christmas Blessings,

*From The  
Pastor's  
Pen*

*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.*



12/03 10:30am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
12/05 9:00 am	Bell Ringers at Neimans
12/08 11:00 am	Outreach/Events
12/08 3:00 pm	Huron Shores Chorus Concert
12/09 8:00 am	Mens Fellowship Breakfast at Big Boy
12/09 9:00 am	Facilities
12/10 1:00 pm	Worship/Music/Ed
12/10 4:00 pm	Stewardship/Finance
12/13 3:00 pm	Cookie Walk Set-Up
12/14 9:00 am	Annual Cookie Walk Session
12/18 4:30 pm	Session
12/24 7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
12/25	<i>Christmas Day-Office Closed</i>
12/29 10:00am	Lessons and Carols Service

## Happy Birthday!

- 12/02 Paul Hamilton
- 12/03 Diane Loch
- 12/03 Shirley MacLeod
- 12/09 Kate Cornack
- 12/09 Logan Gould
- 12/12 BJ Neuenfeldt
- 12/13 Chuck Reddick
- 12/13 Holly Little
- 12/16 Ken Douglas
- 12/19 Rachel Haviland
- 12/21 Phil MacLeod
- 12/25 Dick Blomberg

## Happy Anniversary!

- 12/31 Dean & Mary Adams



## Christmas Eve Candle



## Light Service

**Tuesday,  
December 24<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.**

The office will be closed from December 25- January 6. JoAnn will be checking the office phone messages on a regular basis.



Please bring family and friends to a special service with you

## Purchase A Poinsettia

You are invited to help us decorate our TAPC sanctuary by donating a Poinsettia Plant or Plants “In Memory” or “In Honor” of someone you wish to recognize. You may place your poinsettia plant order by completing the information on the special CHRISTMAS FLOWER ORDER ENVELOPE found in the pew.

Poinsettia plants are **\$15.00 each.**

You are welcome to leave your completed order form, check and envelope in the offering plate or at the office. Make checks payable to TAPC for the full amount, **no later than Sunday, December 8th.** If you mail your orders, please make sure the office receives them by December 8th.



## Bell Ringing for Salvation Army

Once again, TAPC has been asked to ring the bells for the Salvation Army. What a great way to serve our church and our community!

Bell ringers are needed for Thursday December 5 for two-hour shifts. It takes place at Neiman’s Market in their vestibule. If you’d like to help, just find the sign up sheet in the servery or just come anytime!

## Get ready for the Cookie Walk

Attention all bakers: Now is the time to think about what cookies you will be baking for the “Christmas Cookie Walk.” The Cookie Walk is slated for Saturday, December 14th, from 9:00am-12:00pm. We will need bakers, helpers and volunteers to work that Saturday. Your help is needed to make this a success. Sign up sheets and flyers are in the servery. We will also need workers to help set up the day, before on Friday, December 13. Set up time is scheduled for 3pm-5pm. Thank you for everyone’s help this year.



Outreach and Events Committee will again be supporting Iosco County Toys for Tots during the Christmas season, This is a very worthwhile mission and there are many needy children who will not have a Christmas if we do not step up. Please bring NEW, UNWRAPPED toys to the church. There is a Toys for Tots box in the parlor for donations. The appropriate age group is birth to 16 years of age. All donated toys and money must be at the church by 3:00pm, SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH. Donations of money are also accepted. Clearly mark “Donation for Toys for Tots” on the envelope. Please contact Chuck Reddick with any question.



## ***STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE UPDATE***

This time of year, our giving tends to run behind and our expenses continue. Snowbirds fly away and our attendance drops. Please remember to continue to support TAPC while you are away.

Amount needed to meet monthly operating expenses for November	<b>\$ 12,662</b>
Amount received November 1st through November 30th	<b>\$ 12,523</b>

**Pay your Per Capita NOW!**

Per Capita is **\$29.00 (new amount)** per member.

Adding a little extra for someone else, helps!

Thank you for your gifts, talents and support - you are appreciated!

## **Year End Giving**

IRS Tax Law on Charitable Contributions: Contributions must actually be received and deposited before the close of the tax year (2019) to be deductible. Contributions made in 2020 cannot be applied to your 2019 tax return, even if backdated.

You may request a donation statement for 2019 from JoAnn, beginning January 15th the statement will reflect your contributions for 2019, only.



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

### Our Shut-Ins ...

Ruth Perrigo, Edie Moore Phil and Shirley Macleod, Paul Hamilton

**Prayers to** Tracy Clairmont and family *on her father Edward Clairmont* who passed on to glory on Sunday November 3rd.

**Prayers to the family** of *Bill Nelson* who passed on to glory on Thursday November 28th. A memorial service has been planned for Saturday April 25, 2020.

### Mission Co-Workers

**Rev. Cathy Chang & family**, serving in Philippines.

**Michael & Rachel Ludwig**, serving in Niger.

**Rev. Dr. Lucy Der-Garabedian**, serving in Lebanon.

## 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.



## Tech Team Members Needed

As winter approaches and many congregation members head south for the next few months, we once again send out a request for people to help our Tech Team.

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 jobs takes about 15 minutes.

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 if you want to try it.



We will be un-decorating the church on Tuesday January 7th. We will be starting at 9:00am. Please help us put all the Christmas decorations away for another year. All help is appreciated.

**Tawas Area Presbyterian Church says ...**

**THANK YOU**

for allowing God to minister through you.

Mike and Judy Crain would like to **thank you** for all the cards, thoughts, food and prayers. The whole family is walking one day at a time with Jesus by their side! They all are grateful for TAPC.

**THANK YOU** to Pastor Thom Anderson for sharing worship with us on Sunday November 17th.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped with Virginia Scales funeral luncheon. You are all gifts from God.

**THANKS** to Chuck and Kathy Reddick for helping Mike and Judy Crain lead the Outreach/Events Committee in their absence.

A Big **THANK YOU** to Al Gould for being the King of facilities! Ken Douglas and he are serving God with the enormous task of keeping the building heated, property and security of our church running smoothly. Thanks Guys!

**THANK YOU** to Marjie Leas for helping Jan Doak with the shoe box project this year. Great Job!

**THANK YOU** for your gifts to Emmanuel Mission. Your funds will help many homeless folks this season.

**THANK YOU** to the Deacons who inspite of their own health problems continue to serve others. God Bless Your Work.

A Big **THANK YOU** to Candy and Bob Anderson for heading up the church Christmas Decorating on November 24th. We had a good time and loved the pizza and fellowship.

**THANKS** to Rachel and Bob Haviland for continuing to serve the Parkinsons Community by continuing this winter to meet and support folks in Iosco County.

**THANKS** to the choir for serving us each Sunday with meaningful anthems and we are beyond grateful for Marjie Leas whose leadership has helped us continue in Patty's absence.

**THANK YOU** Pete and Trisha Ward for ALL your help with Advent building skills and Christmas Eve preparation! You are both such a blessing.



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

- Served **193** people in worship in November 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  
January/  
February  
Articles:  
Wednesday,  
December  
18th*

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 room is available for your use • 989-362-2371 • www.tawaspresby.org