

TAWAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE BEACON

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...therefore
I have hope:
The steadfast love
of the LORD never
ceases; his mercies
never come
to an end.

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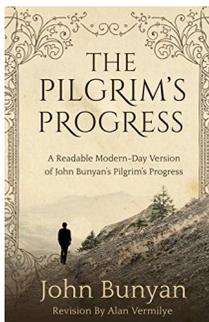
The turnout for Wednesday evening book studies have been encouraging as of late. Our topic of study, *THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS*, seems to touch a need in many hearts. It is, after all, the most popular book in human history, second only to the Bible. It was written by John Bunyan, a preacher who was sent to jail for preaching the gospel during the mid-1600s. Of course, England considered herself to be a Christian kingdom at the time, but some would say the country was a bit off track. Maybe more than a bit. I look forward to resuming our journey with *Christian* (for that is the name of Pilgrim) after Easter. We have decided to enjoy Season three of the movie, "The Chosen," as our Lenten series, running from February 22 through April 12.

In the meantime, we are preparing for a disaffiliation vote on April 13. This vote will ask us to choose either to withdraw our congregation's membership from the UMC on one hand, or remain as a UMC congregation on the other.

May God bless all of us,

Pastor Kris Kappler

BIBLE, JESUS, CHURCH



**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

HOW DOES A MEMBER QUACK?



Membership is important from time to time, and our vote on 4/13 is one of those times. To be sure that you are a member, you *must* fulfill one of the following:

- ~~You attended confirmation classes, recited the membership vows before the congregation, and were received publicly as a confirmed member in this church
- ~~You attended membership classes in this church, recited the membership vows before the congregation and were received publicly as a member of this church.
- ~~You transferred your membership from another United Methodist congregation and were received as member publicly before the congregation.
- ~~If you were a member of this church formerly, moved away and joined another church, your name would have been removed from membership at this church. You must renew your membership. This can be done by contacting the pastor and be recognized publicly before the congregation as renewing your membership.
- ~~If you have attended this church regularly, or visit from time to time but do not remember ever formally joining the church, then you are most likely not a member of the church. You must attend membership classes and recite membership vows before the congregation, being received publicly as a member of this church.

Please speak with the pastor if you have any uncertainty about the status of your membership. I hope this is helpful, and that we will have a peaceful and orderly vote on 4/13.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

March 11, 18, 25

10am to 12 noon

Please register at the TUMC Office

Church Office Phone: 989-362-4288



**A Vote to
Disaffiliate
(Withdraw from the UMC)
Will result in the following**

Traditional teachings emphasized regarding the Bible, Jesus, and the Church.

In regard to Traditional and Progressive teachings, please refer to bulletin inserts from January and February as well as the very good YouTube video found at:
<https://youtu.be/JNDcuLda6Ak>

Please call or stop by the church office for help accessing any of these resources.

TUMC will follow our agreed upon strategy to pay disaffiliation costs of about \$250,000 to the Michigan Conference of the UMC – TUMC assets, lands, and buildings will become fully owned by our congregation.

TUMC will no longer be part of the United Methodist Denomination. We will change our name, taking out “United” and no longer use UMC emblems and logos. Some have suggested we call ourselves the Tawas Methodist Church.

We will treat homosexual persons the same way we treat ourselves and all people, as sinners in need of a Savior. We will define homosexual behavior as sinful behavior to be repented from, according to the Bible.

We will initially be an independent church with no denominational affiliation. We will then decide to remain independent or join another denomination such as the Global Methodist Church or some other denomination with which we desire to affiliate.

**A Vote for
No change
(Remain in the UMC)
Will result in the following**

Progressive teachings emphasized regarding the Bible, Jesus, and the Church.

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TUMC will continue paying annual apportionments to the Michigan Conference of the UMC – TUMC assets, lands, and buildings will remain under the ownership of the Michigan Conference of the UMC.

TUMC will remain a member of the Michigan Conference of the UMC. Bishops and District Superintendents currently promise local congregations that they will be able to receive by appointment a traditional UMC pastor if they wish, and prohibit homosexual wedding ceremonies in their buildings. It is an open question as to whether or bishops and district superintendents will be able to keep these promises.

Our denomination currently defines homosexual behavior as inconsistent with Christian teachings. However, the council of bishops and numerous annual conferences, boards of ordained ministry, and judicial council members and laypeople are voicing their desires loudly that homosexual behavior should be accepted as normal and not sinful.

We will remain a UMC congregation, and member of the Michigan Conference of the UMC. As such we will support the UMC with our tithes, gifts, and offerings.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS FOR MARCH

Sunday: Pray -- **“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

- ~Praise Him for He is a good Father. (Psalms 145:9)
- ~Pray that God’s name would be Hallowed in Sunday morning worship before and after and that the Name of Jesus is foremost.
- ~Pray that we speak the Name of Jesus often and in awe. (Hebrews. 1:1-4)

Monday: Pray -- **your kingdom come,**

- ~Pray for your local schools, city leaders, and first responders. (Name leaders and first responders.)
- ~Pray for God’s authority over the crime and gang activities in your city. (1 Corinthians 15:33)
- ~Intercede for young people.

Tuesday: Pray -- **your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

- ~Pray for the lost because it is His will that none shall perish. Say their names as you pray for them to be saved. (II Peter 3:9)

Wednesday: Pray -- **Give us today our daily bread.**

- ~Pray for the needs of the poor, immigrants and oppressed people in communities and the world.
- ~Pray expectantly that God would meet their needs.
- ~Pray that God would favor the Global Methodist Church leaders with what is needed now.
- ~Give thanks for God’s bountiful goodness. (Psalm 100)

Thursday: Pray -- **And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

- ~Pray that we repent of not repenting. (I John 1:9)
- ~Pray for forgiveness for attitudes of pride.
- ~Pray for forgiveness for the corporate sins of commission and omission in our nation and church.
- ~Pray for honor and blessings on the leadership of the United Methodist Church.

Friday: Pray -- **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’**

- ~Pray that we are not led into selfish gain, self-deception, lust, unbelief, judgmental attitudes, inordinate affections, etc.
- ~Pray the captives are set free to be saved and enable the GM Church to grow by conversions. (II Corinthians 4:3-4)
- ~Pray for protection from evil, especially for our pastors. (Psalm 91)

Saturday: Pray -- **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. (NKJV)**

- ~Pray that we are filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8)
- ~Pray that supernatural signs and wonders are the norm in GM Church congregations. (Luke 9:1-2)
- “This, then, is how you should pray:...” (NIV)**

Rev. Dr. Terry Teykl has pastored local Houston churches for more than 28 years. He has taught churches across the country how to pray and invite the Holy Spirit. The ultimate goal is to awaken evangelism all over the country with one element being praying the Lord’s Prayer at noon.

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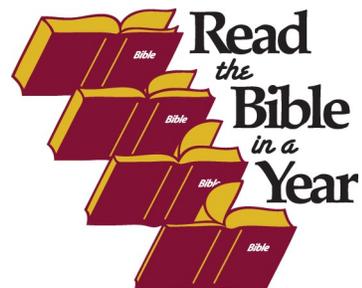
February 22nd ... Ash Wednesday, 7 pm
APRIL 2nd Palm Sunday, 10:00 am

APRIL 6th Maundy Thursday
Communion Service, 7 pm

APRIL 7th ... Good Friday Ecumenical
Service at Living Waters
Apostolic Ministries, 12:30 pm

APRIL 8th Holy Saturday Casual
Worship Service 4 pm

APRIL 9th Easter Sunday Traditional
Worship, 10 am



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!



Saturday, March 25
9 am-11 am

\$6 per Person 2 & under free

Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Milk & Coffee

**Visit with the Easter Bunny Easter Baskets Drawing
Games, Crafts & More!**

**Tawas United Methodist Church
20 E M-55, Tawas City**

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Tawas United Methodist Church Financials; December 31st 2022

Report from Finance Committee Chair, Bruce Menning

The total income for General Fund and Debt Retirement Fund for the year of 2022 was \$289,914.

\$ 245,081 General Fund
\$ 44,834 Debt Retirement Fund
\$ 289,914 Total

The total expenditures for the year of 2022 were \$274,137.

\$ 220,890 General Expenditures
\$ 53,247 Debt Retirement Expenditures
\$ 274,137 Total

This gives an income surplus of \$15,777 for the year 2022. Our total Budget for the 2022 year was \$294,814. This included \$9,538 in apportionments that we did not pay in 2022. Without the apportionments, our church budget was \$285,276 which means our spending within the church was \$11,139 under budget.

Our current total cash balance (General Fund + Debt Retirement Fund) is \$91,903 which is 111 days of operating cash ($365 \times \$91,903 / \$303,163$) based on our 2023 Budget. This is a very healthy amount of cash.

Thanks for your support.



CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

The Prayer Team invites our TUMC members to utilize the newly stocked food pantry located outside the Family Life Center door. The pantry supplies are donations from other TUMC members and are there if and/or when a need may arise for our fellow members. Please make use of this pantry if you have a need.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Chairs please remember to notify the Church Office of your scheduled committee meetings so they can be put on the church calendar.



Committee Chairs please remember to give Laura a copy of your committee meeting minutes.



**MEETING
MINUTES**

CHURCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Our church is made up of many committees to assist in the successful operation of the church. Being a member of these committees presents a responsibility not only to the committee but to the entire church body. If you are a member of a committee or are asked to serve as a committee member please attend your committee meetings so the business at hand can be taken care of. Without a quorum committee business cannot be accomplished.

Respectfully,
Ralph Boudreau, Jr.
TUMC Church Council Chair



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.



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 3/2 Sharon Durant
- 3/3 Parker Kobs
- 3/5 Don Lake
- 3/6 Tom Mark
- 3/8 Leigh Mott
- 3/10 Leona Deering
- 3/11 Richard Frederick
- 3/14 Shelly Revord
- 3/14 Carol Westcott
- 3/15 Nancy Hubbs
- 3/16 Ann Reasoner
- 3/18 Grace Schlagel
- 3/20 Randy Brewer
- 3/22 Donna Williams
- 3/27 Jessica Smith
- 3/28 Harold Knight

- 3/10 Jerry & Sally Mansfield
- 3/14 Doug & Cathie Compton
- 3/25 Ruth & Gene Danielson

If your name, birthday or anniversary does not appear on our list or the information is not correct please call the Church Office at 362-4288 or email at: tumctawas@gmail.com

Mid-MI Emmaus
www.midmichiganemmaus.com



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Bake Sale – February 25th and 26th and March 4th and March 5th

Thank you to those who baked for our bake sale and those of you who enjoyed the baked goodies and donations to help raise funds for our Vacation Bible School this summer. We did very well with \$400 raised and we look forward to the next one!



Vacation Bible School will be held from June 19th – 22nd from 8:30am till 4:30 pm. Bay Shores OTR will be providing our Vacation Bible School. We do have obligations that we will have to provide to help put this on.



Education Committee will be providing a Spaghetti Dinner on March 19th at 11:15. The cost for the dinner will be a donation for Vacation Bible School – all food will be provided.



The Education Committee will also have a dinner on Sunday, April 16th – more to come on our dinner.

Our Carnival is cancelled for this year, due to unforeseen circumstances and we will have one in March of 2024!

Be on the lookout for the **Drive Thru Diner and Car Wash on May 20th**. We received the blessing of the Missions Committee to take this fund raiser over for our Vacation Bible School. Watch for more information on times for the Drive Thru Diner and Car Wash.



As of today, we do not have any students graduating from High School this year.





We would like to thank everyone who donated items for Rachel's Closet at TAHS during January and February. We are thrilled to be able to give not only the donated items for Rachel's closet, but also the donations from the Noisy Offering. Those in charge of Rachel's Closet were thrilled when they heard we would help their mission.

Thank you to those participants who made either Chili or Dessert for the Super Bowl Sunday Cook-off/Bake-Off. Thank you to those who attended and helped judge the best Chili and Dessert for the Super Bowl event. It was a fun event with some very tasty Chili and desserts.



Congratulations to the following winners:

Chili Winners-

- 1st Place: Sally Nagy
- 2nd Place: Gene Sanker
- 3rd Place: Margaret Tetley



Dessert Winners-

- 1st Place: Diane Bushman
- 2nd Place: Colleen Keith
- 3rd Place: JoAnn Lamb

Noisy Offering:
April: VBS



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CRAFTING?

Ladies: Are you interested in crafting? We would like to have a craft "show and tell" to find out what kind of crafts you do or would be interested in learning to do. How about we meet at the church on Thursday, March 16th at 2:00! Bring a craft to show or bring ideas of what craft you are interested in. See you there! If you have questions check with Marilyn Denhoff (989-362-1380) or Sally Nagy (989-362-7120).



LAYETTE MINISTRY

Layette Ministry is in need of baby boy and girl long sleeved onesies and sleepers (0-3 months). There is a tote in the Gathering Space for your donations.

Thank you,
Sharon Schlagel



AA MEETING WEBSITE

www.dist26aa.org



COVID-19 HOTLINE

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has established a hotline to answer health related questions about the COVID-19 virus. It is open from 8am –5pm seven days a week.

1-888-535-6136



TAWAS UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Welcome to March everyone and a Happy St Patrick's Day. We will have our meeting on Tuesday, March 7th at 1 pm in the Fireplace Room at the Church. The Big Kitchen is in need of new dish cloths and dish towels. If you can donate either of them would you please bring them to the meeting. At the meeting we will be discussing some of the things that we did this past year. We need all of your ideas to help us plan this upcoming year. Our Lunch Bunch group will be meeting at the Big Boy Restaurant on Wednesday, March 22nd at noon. Note there are 5 Wednesdays in March. We have a lovely time enjoying each others company and a nice lunch too. Please consider joining us all are welcome.



United
Women
in Faith



Sincerely yours,
Judy Hills

United Women In Faith

If you would like more information of the United Women in Faith activities, please contact:

Judy Hills ~~~~~UMW President..... 984-4154
Barbara Ritsema ~~~UMW Vice President.....362-0432
Marilyn Denhoff~~~ UMW Secretary.....362-1380
Candy Thomas ~~~UMW Treasurer.....739-2635
Sally Nagy~~~~~UMW Asst. Treasurer.....362-7120



CHURCH COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Each month we will be spotlighting a different church committee. There are many committees within the church that deal with many different areas of church activity. The Committee Chair from each committee will be providing a short article about their committee. This information can be found elsewhere in the *BEACON*.

March: United Methodist Women (UMW)
April: Education Ministry
May: Memorial Ministry



WHAT IS THE UMW COMMITTEE

The United Methodist Women began over 150 years ago with a few bold women determined to change the world for the better. Our Church has been a part of this group since our two churches merged many years ago. This past March 2022 the UMW became United Women of Faith. This move in part is to refresh the organization including new logo and new programs to nurture current members and welcome new members to join and put their love in action on behalf of women, children and youth.

Our Tawas United Methodist Church Women support many activities. We sponsor the Monday Ladies Bible Study, Provide Funeral Dinners, Rummage Sale, Fall Bazaar, Christmas Tea, and support many other monetary activities.



United
Women
in Faith

FROM THE OFFICE

Greetings, Just a few items to bring to your attention;



I will be reviewing the Directory this month and would like to ask, that if you have cancelled your land line and are now using just a cell, please let the office know.

New members, please stop by the Office to get your picture taken for the Directory.

We would like to train someone to take over the office duties in case I get sick or have to take time off. This person would need to have computer skills and able to work the four days per week that the office would be open. Recently our custodian had to be off for a week and we decided that we need to have some people trained to step up and take over for us. So let me know if you are interested.

Thank you,

Laura
Officer Manager
989-362-4288



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship At the church or (WIOS-AM) or (ZOOM) tawasumc.org	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> National Craft Month </div>	.	1 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study Peace Corp Day	2	3 National Anthem Day	4 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4pm Casual Service Communion Saturday
5 Communion Sunday Seabee Birthday	6 11am Ladies Book Study	7 1pm UMW mtg. 5pm Prayer Ministry 6:15p Handbell Full Moon	8 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	9 Popcorn Lover's Day	10	11 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4pm Casual Service Genealogy Day
12 Noisy Offering 	13 11am Ladies Book Study 6:30pm SPRC mtg.	14 5pm Prayer Ministry 6:15p Handbell	15 12—6pm Red Cross Blood Drive 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	16 2pm Crafting mtg. 5pm Education mtg.	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4pm Casual Service
19	20 11am Ladies Book Study 11:15 –11:30 Adult Ed 7pm Church Council mtg. Spring Begins	21 5pm Prayer Ministry 6:15p Handbell Rosie The Riveter Day	22 12 noon Lunch Bunch Big Boy 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	23 National Puppy Day	24	25 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 9am—11 am Breakfast with the Easter Bunny (Quota FLC) 4pm Casual Service
26	27 11am Ladies Book Study	28 1pm Worship mtg. 5pm Prayer Ministry 6:15p Handbell	29 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study Vietnam War Veterans Day	30 National Doctor's Day	31 National Crayon Day	

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Please share this newsletter
with anyone you know who
may be interested in visiting
our Church.



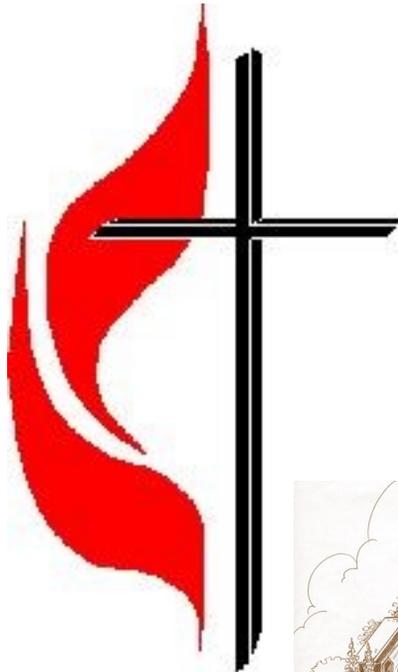
ADDRESS LABEL

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.tawasumc.org

Pastor: Rev. Kris Kappler
Parsonage: 989-362-5399
Office Manager: Laura Loeffler
Music Director: Shawn Wygant
Custodian: Judy Hills
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Our Purpose...
To connect
people to
God and one
another
through
Jesus Christ.

