

TAWAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE BEACON

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The prices of gasoline, eggs, used cars and donuts, not to mention diapers and baby formula are causing people some consternation these days. Even if defining inflation makes you wince, you know that one dollar doesn't buy as many gallons of gas today as it did last year. That's what economists call a loss of purchasing power. At some point we ought to ask ourselves how Christians should respond to rising inflation? Well, there are some things we can do. The immediate actions ought to focus on living within our means. That's always a biblical approach, but times of inflation can force us to re-evaluate our financial priorities. We can cut back on things that push the envelope of our means. We should also follow Solomon's instructions to, "Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; 10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." (Proverbs 3:9-10). When thinking about investing we can also look to Solomon, who wrote in Ecclesiastes 11:2, "2 Divide your means seven ways, or even eight, for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth." In other words, don't put all your eggs in one basket. Look for a variety of sound investments, and get good advice. Some investments actually do better during inflationary times.

Remember, debt is one of the biggest causes of inflation. When the government prints bucket loads of money and goes further and further in debt, the natural consequence is higher inflation and less purchasing power for us. This can cripple a nation and cause mass shortages of food and other supplies. When higher inflation cripples a nation, all those wonderful "human rights" we cherish such as health care and entitlements, somehow begin to mysteriously disappear. We can't imagine those kinds of extreme problems in the USA, but we ought to wake up because they are more than possible. Whenever we consider taking on debt, we should think about two things. First, will my debt result in my living beyond my means? If debt causes you to end up living from paycheck to paycheck, then you are living beyond your means. The Daily Wire stated that CNBC reports 61% of Americans are living paycheck-to-paycheck right now. If you can pay your monthly debt and still save money as well as contribute to a retirement plan, then you're probably within your means. If you're retired, any long-term debt should be paid off.. Secondly, will my debt be a good example for government legislators to follow? We can't really expect our legislators to reduce America's morbidly obese debt if we handle our own debt foolishly.

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As a final word, we ought to come to grips with the fact that our culture teaches us to buy what we want instead of what we need. Try going to the store with cash instead of a credit card. Research shows that you'll spend about 25% less if you only take cash when you shop. When we get serious about living within our means, we will more than likely get serious about electing legislators who will also spend our tax dollars responsibly.

We have entered a period of economic uncertainty. That is why we need to trust the Lord with our wealth (Proverbs 3:9) and be good stewards of the resources God has provided to us (1 Corinthians 4:2). Our personal money habits are also a testimony of our faith in God and obedience to Jesus Christ. As we spend and save our money wisely, others will notice our sense of stability. People are unstable today. They're looking for peace. This is an opportunity of a lifetime. Let's take it!

God bless you all,
Pastor Kris



Daily Prayer Points

Sunday: Pray for personal awakening in all of us. Our awakening hopes emerge from our own fresh encounter with Jesus leading to the humility and repentance that opens all channels to His working. (Psalm 66:18)

Monday: Pray for deep embrace of a chosen desperation that defies any self-sufficiency and removes the veneer of abundance and capacity that can mask the actual urgency of our need for God. (Psalm 79:8)

Tuesday: Pray for a soaring vision of what the Christian movement has been at its best and can be again. Ask God to make the gap between that hope and our everyday experience of Church intolerable to our spirits. (Colossians 3:2)

Wednesday: Pray for a willingness to enter the posture and to receive the gift of traveling prayer. Ask God to give you in prayer a share of His burden for this world Jesus died to save, expressed from a heart filled with Gethsemane love. (Luke 22:44)

Thursday: Pray for the outpouring of the spirit of prayer in our hearts, homes, churches, and cities—that our petitions would be marked by a fervor and unity unexplainable in human terms. (Zechariah 12:10)

Friday: Pray for a renewal of evangelistic passion leading to boldness in the advance of Gospel, particularly among emerging adults. (Acts 4:29 / 28:31)

Saturday: Pray for a depth awakening—the healing and authenticity made possible in relationships formed from bonds of safety and courage. Ask God to breathe again on our inheritance in banded discipleship for the kind of relationship our world is craving and He could use to transform us from the inside out. (Galatians 6:2)

EDUCATION GRANT

Grace Look was a recipient of this years Education Grant.

Congratulations Grace, best to you in your educational endeavors.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to be part of the Marketing Committee. If interested please contact Laura at the Church Office. At present Laura is the only member and she could use some help.



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 Area.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



8/3 Polly Roach
8/3 Len Sarki
8/4 Teresa Smith
8/7 Paul Roberts
8/8 Chris Brown
8/8 Brian Loeffler
8/11 Eva McArdle
8/11 Sally Nagy
8/12 Donna Buzzard
8/14 Kaylee Brewer
8/15 Luke Karr
8/17 Jennifer Look
8/17 Ivy Vetter
8/18 Sally Mansfield
8/19 Candace Thomas
8/20 Brenda Toska
8/21 Gary Bushman
8/21 Deann Walters
8/23 Daryl Burt
8/23 Scott Trafelet
8/24 Karlene Falker
8/25 Dee Jacobs
8/26 Susan Gillham
8/26 Jim McArdle
8/29 Robert Ritsema
8/31 Kathleen Anschuetz
8/31 Marilyn Denhoff

8/1 Al & Marilyn Denhoff
8/1 Tom & Diane King
8/2 Andy & Anna Kobs
8/6 Jamie & Krystal Proulx
8/7 Ed & Sally Nagy
8/11 Dan & Pam Gonder
8/12 Todd & Stephanie Davis
8/13 Mike & Nancy Kloska
8/16 Jack & Brenda Lich
8/20 Joe & Mary Ellen Robertson
8/24 Richard & Lori Frederick

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



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*.

August: Hospitality

September: Finance Committee

October: Staff Parish Relations Committee



"Come, FOLLOW me," Jesus said,
"and I will make you
FISHERS OF MEN."



Matthew 4:19



Notes from the Office

Greetings,

For your convenience a new list of Worship Leaders, Greeters and Coffee Servers is now up on the bulletin board outside the office.

We have a lot of openings on the flower list, so if you have a special occasion or someone you would like to have remembered, just stop by the office and let me know. The cost for flowers has been \$25 and a \$5 delivery fee. The charge for flowers have gone up like everything else, so we have to raise the price to \$40 which includes the delivery. The new price will start in August.

If you have changed your address or cancelled your land line telephone and are now using just a cell phone, please let me know. I will be updating the Directory and producing new pages soon.

If your committee is planning a meeting here at the church, please let me know so I can put it on the calendar. It helps us know who is meeting in what room so we don't schedule two meetings in one place.

If you do not have a name badge, let the office know and we will provide one for you.

I am in the office Monday - Thursday from 9 am - 2 pm to help you in any way I can. Stop buy and say Hello!

Laura,
Office Manager



FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

This is an important team. We greet everyone who attends our church for service on Saturday and Sunday. We make the coffee and tea with treats for fellowship after the service.

We would love for you to come and join us on our committee.
Pam Lynch



LAYETTE MINISTRY

Layette Ministry is in need of baby boy and girl wash cloths and onesies (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 Food Backpack Program

I am reaching out with hopes that you will join other individuals and businesses in our community in supporting the Tawas Food Backpack Program. This program provides for children each school year who depend on school breakfasts and lunch but were at risk of having very little, if any access to nutritional foods over the weekend through no fault of their own.

The past 13 years of this program have been a success thanks to the generosity and care in our community for the children in need in our Tawas Community. Over the years we have served anywhere from 85 to 192 children each school year.

Our funds were depleted with our 2021-2022 school year.

Having the schools happily being open for our children again was wonderful.

Every dollar you donate provides food for Tawas Area Students at risk of not having enough, if any, food over the weekends. The program provides two Breakfasts, two Lunches and two Dinners for each child.

The cost for each child is \$100.00 for the entire school year.

Donations of any amount are welcome.

This program is not federally funded and therefore must rely on the generosity of our local business, service organization and individuals who believe in our mission.

The Tawas Food Backpack Program is our community working together to support our children in need.

If you able to help us with our 2022-2023 year, please make your check payable to and send to:

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

518 Meadow Road

Tawas City, MI 48763

Sincerely, Terri Boudreau, Fundraising Coordinator

If you would like more information, please contact me at 989-329-4153 or terri.boudreau55@gmail.com

Tawas United Methodist Church Memorial Committee Report July 28, 2022

The Tawas United Methodist Church Memorial committee is charged with being good stewards of monies donated to the church memorial fund. The Memorial Fund has received donations in memory of the following people to date in 2022.

Roger Davis
Grace Hong
Mary Lue Starling
Delores Rigg
Marion King
Margaret Lixey
Lynette Bielby
Betty House



The Memorial fund has supported the following efforts to benefit Tawas UMC and its ministries to date in 2022.

Tawas UMC Camping Ministry
Tawas UMC Layette Ministry
Charles Malpass memorial flowers
Tawas UMC Music

Total 2022 Donations to date: \$2880
Total 2022 Disbursements to date: \$ 860

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Menning, Memorial Fund Committee Chair

TAWAS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful summer. Our Rummage Sale was quite successful. We are hoping that we can plan something similar next summer. Many thanks to everyone for all of your help. Right after the sale we held the luncheon for Betty House. I put out the call for food and you all outdid yourselves. The salads were lovely and the best ever. Many thanks to everyone that helped in any way. Now it is August and time for our Mystery Trip which will be on Wednesday August 10. It will be a little different this year but we will have a great time. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall. The cost is \$5.00. Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday August 24th at noon at the Tawas Big Boy Restaurant. Please join us.

Sincerely,
Judy Hills
Pres Tawas UMW



United Methodist Women

If you would like more information of the United Methodist Women 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

UMW MYSTERY TRIP

*LADIES IT'S AUGUST AND TIME FOR A MYSTERY TRIP. PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH FOR OUR SURPRISE ADVENTURE. MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 10:00 AM FOR FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP. YOU NEED **Mystery Trip** TO SIGN UP ON THE UMW BULLETIN BOARD AT CHURCH OR CALL (989-362-7120) OR TEXT (989-820-2965) SALLY NAGY BEFORE SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH. THE COST IS \$5. WE APPRECIATE YOUR LETTING US KNOW HOW MANY TO PLAN FOR.*



THE DESTINATIONS WILL BE OUTDOORS SO IN CASE OF RAIN WE WILL HAVE THE TRIP ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH. COME AND ENJOY AND SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF WHERE WE ARE GOING.



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT



Church Finances as of June 30th.

The total income was \$133,804.

The total expenditures were \$137,848.

This gives an income deficit of \$4044 for the first 6 months of 2022.

The budget for the first 6 months of the year is \$145,907 which gives actual spending under budget by \$8,059.

Church Finances as of July 31st.

The total giving towards General Operations and Debt Retirement was \$150,185 through July 31st.

The budget for the first 7 months of the year is \$170,225.

Thanks for your support. Giving by credit card is available at tawasumc.org

CHILDREN'S THOUGHTS

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," said Kyle. "I see ... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," Ms. Terri said. "But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius - the Pilot." (Godsminute.org)





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship At the church or (WIOS-AM) or (ZOOM) tawasumc.org	1 11am Ladies Book Study Air Force Day	2 5pm Prayer Ministry 6-8:30p. Pickle Ball Election Day	3 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	4 U.S. Coast Guard Day	5	6 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4pm Casual Service Communion Saturday
7 Communion Sunday Purple Heart Day	8 11am Ladies Book Study International Cat Day	9 Project Connect FLC 5pm Prayer Ministry 6-8:30p. Pickle Ball	10 UMW Mystery Triip 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	11 6:30pm Trustee mtg. Son and Daughter Day	12 World Elephant Day	13 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4pm Casual Service
14 Noisy Offering (Backpack Program)	15 11am Ladies Book Study 7pm Church Council Mtg.	16 5pm Prayer Ministry 6-8:30p. Pickle Ball National Airborne Day	17 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	18	19 Aviation Day	20 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 4m Casual Service
21	22 11am Ladies Book Study 7pm Church Council mtg.	23 5pm Prayer Ministry 6-8:30p. Pickle Ball	24 12 noon Lunch Bunch 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	25	26 National Dog Day	27 8:30 Men's Prayer-Group 2pm Sias Wedding 4pm Casual Service
28	29 11am Ladies Book Study Marine Corps Reserve Birthday	30 5pm Prayer Ministry 6-8:30p. Pickle Ball	31 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study National Trail Mix Day	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> FAMILY FUN MONTH </div>		

Credit Card Giving Now Available at Tawas United Methodist Church

We have recently added the ability to give to the church using your credit card. This provides three different ways to give to the church; each with its own flexibility and convenience.

You can give to the church with cash or check in our weekly offering. This is our most popular way of giving.

You can set up to have funds electronically transferred (EFT) from your bank account to the church's checking account. This can be a onetime transfer or a periodic transfer. If interested please contact Bruce Menning or Ken Cook to get the form to set up the one time or periodic transfer. There is no cost associated with the transfer of funds.

And now; you can give using your credit card. Tawas United Methodist Church has signed up with Vanco as our payment processor. Vanco provides fund transfer services to thousands of churches world wide. There is no annual fee to the church for this service. Vanco charges a small transaction fee of approximately \$0.35 for each giving plus they collect the typical 2.85% fee charged by the credit card companies. To give using your credit card follow the steps outlined here.

1. Go to the churches website; tawasumc.org
2. Scroll towards the bottom of the Home Page and click on the box that says "Give Now" which opens the giving page.
3. Click on the box that says "Give" which will take you to Vanco's website for the church;
secure.myvanco.com/L-Z5W0/home

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4. You should see three large boxes; 50-Unpledged General Giving, 113 Unpledged Debt Retirement, and 3 – Memorials. Choose where you want to give and click on the "Donate now. This will take you to your data input screen.
5. Fill in the amount you want to give, the frequency, and click the "Add to Basket". You will see your basket show up at the top of the page. You can add other giving to other choices or "Continue to payment".
6. Once you click "Continue to payment" you will be brought to the screen where you enter your credit card, contact info, and email address. The email address is critical because Vanco will send you a confirmation email that serves as your receipt for charitable contributions for your taxes. The email address and contact info will not be used for any purpose other than documenting your contribution. You also have the choice to pay the 2.85% credit card fee by clicking the box on this screen. If you click the box, your gift will be increased by 2.85% since you are paying the fee. If you don't click the box, the 2.85% fee will be deducted from the proceeds to the church. Your choice.
7. Once you have entered your information click "Continue to Review", review your information, and submit your payment. Thanks for your Donation!

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



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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

**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
9:00am to 2:00 pm (Lunch: 11:30—Noon)**

Friday Closed

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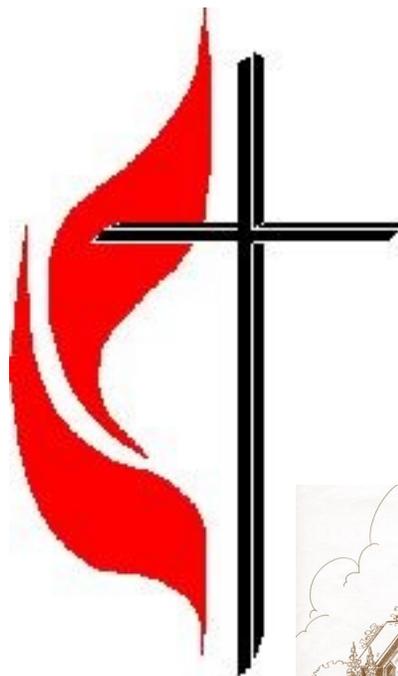
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Our Purpose...

To connect
people to
God and one
another
through
Jesus Christ.

