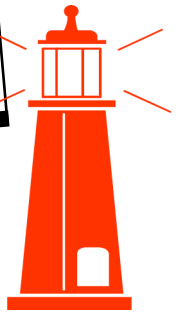


TAWAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE BEACON

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Remembering 9/11



This spring we planted a few vegetables in our garden. Mostly they were the normal things, zucchini, cucumbers, peppers, etc. In early July we noticed a plant in the center of the garden that looked odd; larger than the other plants. As August neared its end the plant was about 8 feet tall! One day we noticed a few beautiful sunflower blossoms on the plant. Aha! It's a sunflower. Then we remembered the sunflower seeds we had planted without much thought. After all, they were just seeds like all the others, right? Seeds, yes, but the outcome is much different than other seeds. Thankfully, in this case the outcome is a joy.



Jesus taught the lesson about sowing and reaping. It's a commonly understood parable in agrarian societies. Paul also taught that lesson in Galatians.

Galatians 6:7-8

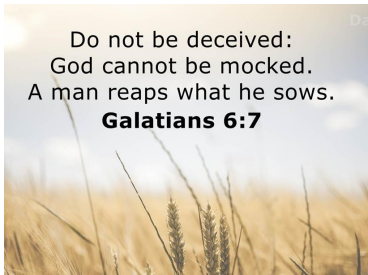
7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

This lesson provides a benefit to us as we live out our Christian faith. It helps us understand how we use the words; better, and different. Better sometimes describes improvements we've made in the way we live. Better, is a result of our motivation and diligence. We may work harder, try harder, achieve more. We may be more friendly, more considerate, more involved, more sacrificial. Living life better may bring blessings to us and others, but ultimately we get the credit, not God. On the other hand, better may be more advantageous or desirable. It may actually turn out to be harmful to others. The Bible calls that, sowing to the flesh.

Different can be used to describe definite changes God brings about in us. These changes are done by God's Spirit. Different, is a result of God supernaturally transforming us by faith. We may notice a change in ourselves (either sudden or gradual). It may take the form of a change of disposition, a healing, or an unexpected circumstance. Some have noticed a sudden or growing love for reading and understanding the Bible. These Spirit-motivated changes develop in us a hunger for the things of God.

Paul wrote so much about this conflict between the Spirit and flesh, because he knew it so well. He lived an admirable life before he met Jesus. People would have surely described him as better. No one doubts that Paul was different after he met Jesus. What was different about Paul? He had allowed God to plant the seed of life in him, and it was growing. That seed is the Word of God. The Holy Spirit makes it grow, and we cooperate by faith. May we not only allow God to plant His Word in us. May we also cultivate our hearts so that the seed of life in us may grow.

God bless all of you,
Pastor Kris



Do not be deceived:
God cannot be mocked.
A man reaps what he sows.
Galatians 6:7

Birthdays & Anniversaries



9/3 Kay Sias
9/7 Tanner Trafelet
9/8 Jade Richardson
9/9 Gar Keith
9/10 Eileen Brewer
9/13 Jeff Schlagel
9/14 Heather Chatt
9/14 Barbara Ritsema
9/16 Mary Bean
9/17 Coleen Keith
9/19 Robert Tetley
9/21 Sandy Lane
9/26 Bruce Menning
9/27 Betty Look
9/29 Tom King
9/30 Tod Davis
9/30 Deb Dutton

9/8 Robert & Margo Tetley
9/11 John & Sharon Franks
9/11 Kay & Chuck Klenow
9/14 Howard & Karlene
9/26 Larry & Donna Williams

Mid-MI Emmaus

www.midmichiganemmaus.com

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



MISSIONS

The Missions Committee (Cherry, Blueberry and Apple). They will be ready to buy on Saturday October 9th after church and on Sunday, October 10th after church. They will also be on sale during the MW Bazaar on Saturday, October 16th, and if any are still available that night at church and on Sunday, October 17th. The pies are \$12.00 each. Remember to buy your pies early as when they are gone they are gone! Thank you for supporting the children at Clara Bolen Elementary through the Shoe Project.



There will be a Fall Luncheon after church on Sunday, September 12th sponsored by the Missions Committee. Please come to enjoy fellowship with everyone while enjoying Scalloped Potatoes with hot dogs, salads and desserts.

Noisy Offering:

September: Iosco Cares

October: Iosco Animal Shelter

November: Veterans (active service women and men): Donations go to Tawas Village who send care packages

December: Methodist Children's Village

Thank you for all you do to support the missions at Tawas United Methodist Church.

The Missions Committee



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 METHODIST WOMEN



Happy Fall Everyone I hope everyone is ready to get back into our fall activities. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 7th at TUMC in our UMW Room at the end of the hall near the Dean Arbor doors. We are planning on having the Bazaar the third Sat of Oct so we will be talking about that at the next meeting. LUNCH BUNCH continues on Wednesday, September 22nd at 12 pm at the Tawas Big Boy Restaurant on US-23 in East Tawas.

Sincerely,
Judy Hills
President 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
UMW Secretary.....

Candy Thomas ~~~~UMW Treasurer.....739-2635

Sally Nagy~~~~~UMW Asst. Treasurer....362-7120

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Wednesdays at 7pm





CHECK IT OUT!!

A wood carving depicting the Last Supper has been donated by Rev. Ken and Mrs. Doris Tousley. It has been placed on top of the cabinet located between the Sanctuary and the overflow doors. It was purchased by Pastor Ken in the mid 1980's on the first continuing education tour sponsored by the General Conference of the UMC to the Holy Land. It was purchased from a street vendor in the marketplace in down town Jerusalem.

THIRD THURSDAY DINNERS

We're back! The Third Thursday dinners are returning for your enjoyment! If you are tired of cooking for yourself and want some friendly faces to share a meal with, then join us for a home cooked meal and great fellowship.

Our first Third Thursday Dinner will be September 16th at 5:00pm in the Family Life Center at church. All you need to do is let us know you are coming so we can set a place for you.

Please call either Marilyn @362-1380, Sally @ 362-7120 or the Church Office at 362-4288.

Also there will be a reservation form in the Sunday bulletin the weeks prior to the dinner.

We can't wait to see you!

Thursday Dinner

NURSING HOME CHAPLAIN

Tawas Area Ministerial Association announces an open position for Nursing homes Chaplain.



Potential candidates may contact Jan Beaderstadt (Chair) at: be.kultraining@gmail.com

The position is permanent part-time, paid, with responsibilities including visitation of the care homes within our remit, pastoral care for the residents of said homes, and the planning and conducting of Sunday services at the care homes.

Interested and have questions? Please contact Sarah (msk4him@gmail.com) and/or Kris Kappler (kskappler@gmail.com). Sarah is the outgoing chaplain and would be able to provide a more detailed description of the key responsibilities.

F.I.S.H. Thanks You

Thank you attendees of the Tawas United Methodist Church for donating to the July noisy offering which was given to FISH.



In 2020, donations that FISH received helped 58 local families with rent payments, utility bills, and other essential bills.

Besides helping local families experiencing financial hardships, your donation will enable FISH to offer their Christmas Gift House again this year.

Candy

FINANCIAL SECRETARY OPENING



TUMC is currently searching for a Financial Secretary. The main responsibility of this role is to accurately record offerings and donations made to the church. Please contact the Church Office at (989-362-4288) or Terri Boudreau at (989-329-4153) to express your interest.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AND WCA PRESIDENT VISITS

The visits from the District Superintendent and the WCA President are available on the following website:

Go to www.tumc.org

Click on the Facebook Live picture

When the Tawas United Methodist Church Facebook page opens look for the word VIDEOS and click on it (YOU DO NOT NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO VIEW THESE VIDEOS).

Look for the following videos:

TUMC District Superintendent  Visit
TUMC WCA President Visit

Click on the video you wish to view, make sure your speakers are on and the volume is up.



HOMELESS SHELTER NEEDS

We are still collecting for the Homeless Shelter. There is a tote in the Gathering Area for the articles. They need: cleaning products (toilet, window, and kitchen), dryer sheets, disinfectant spray and wipes, envelopes and stamps, napkins, tissues, hand sanitizer, Lunch sacks, and masks.

LAYETTE MINISTRY

Layette Ministry is in need of Flannel Receiving blankets and some baby wash cloths. There is a tote in the Gathering Area for your donations. Sharon Schlagel is in charge of this ministry.



FIRE ALARM FUNDRAISER

The fire alarm system fundraiser has reached its goal of \$10,000.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this major project.



GIVING AS WORSHIP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Please remember that our church is operational, our doors are now open for Saturday and Sunday worship. Our church staff is taking care of the daily business and needs of running a church. We also have Sunday worship online. Please continue to send your offerings to the church in person or by mail (TUMC, 20 W. M-55, Tawas City, MI 48763). We thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to worship the Lord and participate in ministry. Thank you for joining us for worship in person or via WIOS radio.com or tawasumc.org, (ZOOM) or facebook.com/TawasUnitedMethodistChurch/



God bless you all,

Ralph Boudreau, Jr.
Church Council, Chair



september

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10am Worship At the church or (WIOS-AM) or (ZOOM) tawasumc.org	11am Ladies Book Study	4-5pm Prayer Ministry 6:30p Pickle B all	1 4:30pm Hand Bell practice 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	2 6:30pm Trustee mtg VJ Day WWII	3	4 8:30 Men's Prayer- Group 6pm Casual Service
5 Communion Sunday	6 11am Ladies Book Study Labor Day	7 1pm UMW mtg. 2:30 FISH mtg. 4-5pm Prayer Ministry 6:30p Pickle B all	8 4:30pm Hand Bell practice 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	9 11am Jr. Church Training	10	11 8:30 Men's Prayer- Group 6pm Casual Service Patriots Day
12 Noisy Offering Fall Kick-Off Dinner after service Grandparent's Day	13 11am Ladies Book Study 6:30pm SPRC mtg.	14 4-5pm Prayer Ministry 6:30p Pickle B all	15 .Red Cross 4:30pm Hand Bell practice 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study	16 5pm Third Thursday Dinner American Legion Day	17 National POW/MIA Recognition Day	18 8:30 Men's Prayer- Group 6pm Casual Service USAF Birthday
19 Wife Appreciation Day	20 11am Ladies Book Study 7pm Church Council mtg	21 6-7pm Prayer Ministry 6:30p Pickle B all	22 Ladies Lunch Bunch 4:30pm Hand Bell practice 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study Fall Begins	23	24	25 8:30 Men's Prayer- Group 6pm Casual Service
26 Gold Star Mother's Day	27 11am Ladies Book Study	28 No Prayer Ministry 6:30p Pickle B all	29 4:30pm Hand Bell practice 5:45pm Choir 7pm Pastor's Book Study VFW Day	20 <div data-bbox="1003 1885 1451 1969">BABY SAFE MONTH</div>		

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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 6:00pm 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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Our Purpose...

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

