

**"HE HAS  
RISEN!"**

*Luke 24:6*

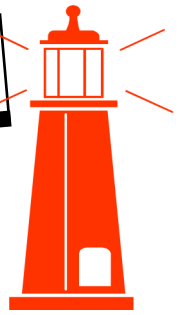
***HAPPY EASTER FROM THE STAFF OF THE  
TAWAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***



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# THE BEACON

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You've heard people say that a crisis brings out the best and the worst in people. We're in a crisis right now, and many people are just waking up to the fact. It didn't really begin to sink in until our state, Michigan, began generating some of the worst statistics of coronavirus cases and deaths. Before this is over we may all either know, or be related to, someone who had the virus. The closer this scourge gets to us the more of a crisis it becomes.

It's a major crossroad in our lives. What is a person to do in the midst of the crisis? Two very interesting and divergent pathways have begun to appear in society. One pathway is described by people buying more than normal amounts of alcohol and guns. Of course, many reasons may explain the gun sales, and one of those is a desire to protect oneself against criminals being released from prison in certain parts of our country. In addition to these, counselors and lawyers report a big uptick in household strife. This is leading to broken relationships and an increase in people seeking a divorce. Alcohol, guns, and strife is one way to deal with a crisis and great uncertainty.

Another pathway is described as a more spiritual approach, and I believe it deserves our urgent consideration. Christian book publishers report a large increase in the numbers of Bibles sold. Again, there may be various reasons why people buy Bibles. In some cases, a Bible is bought as a gift for a relative or a friend in the midst of difficulties. One can only hope that a good number of Bibles are being purchased by people who fully intend to read them. If the end result of this pandemic is that people begin to read God's Word, well that's the epitome of bringing good out of the bad.

Now, Holy Week just happens to occur at the same time as the worst week yet of the pandemic. Coincidence? Not likely. The message of Holy Week is a message that's intended to put an end to strife. It's a message of ultimate peace, peace with God. It's a message that heals the most important relationship in all of our lives, our relationship with God.

Jesus' horrible death on a cross, and his resurrection was for each one of us. We must accept the fact that Jesus' death was a payment for the sins we've committed. The cross is our invitation to come back to God. We have sinned in many ways, and we need a Savior. And the only reasonable thing to do is to ask God to forgive our sins. Then we must turn around and start living for Jesus, by reading his Word and doing what we learn. We must be willing to let God clean our hearts and minds, and change us, and He will do it. He will give us a new heart that loves God and loves people; an unselfish heart. He will give us His Holy Spirit who leads us and guides us, and so much more.

Why not allow the crisis of the Cross to defeat the crisis of the virus. Since we're all spending more time at home, let's indulge in God's word. We'll be surprised at the peace it brings into our lives and relationships.

Romans 5:10

"10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life."

God's Word can be the glue in our relationships. Let's choose God's word over strife in any form.

God bless you all,  
Pastor Kris

## **SCRIP GIFT CARDS FOR EVERYBODY!**

Looking for a gift for a friend or loved one? Need an easy way to pay for groceries, gas, dining and more? Then Scrip Gift Cards are the answer. They are quick and easy to purchase and use, plus there are hundreds of companies to choose from. And the best news is that when you purchase cards, you are giving to your church without spending an extra dime! Whether you want cards or need answers about the program, visit the Scrip Card table in the Gathering Space. We are there every Sunday before and after the service.



## **FROM THE OFFICE**

Due to the Covid-19 Virus the Church Office will remain closed. If you need to contact Pastor, please call his cell 989-310-0005. I do come into the office to get the mail, do bills, and get messages from the phone. If you need to contact me please call 989-820-9188. As soon as we get word from the Bishop, we will re-open the church and the office.

We are working on finalizing the Directory. You will be getting a call from myself or Marilyn Denhoff asking to confirm the information we have for you. We hope to have this completed in the next few weeks, and then to have it printed and completed by the end of April (finally). Thank you for your patience.

Laura Loeffler  
Office Manager



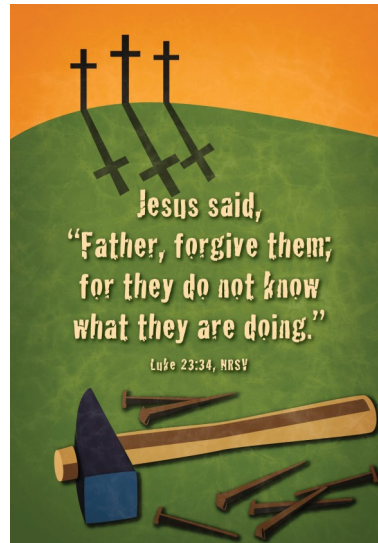


# Birthdays & Anniversaries



4/3 Jonathon Shaffer  
 4/6 Amy Jackson  
 4/7 Gwen Burt  
 4/11 Jan Malace  
 4/12 Kaye Klenow  
 4/12 Sharon Schlagel  
 4/13 Marsha Kerr  
 4/15 Brooke Lixey  
 4/16 Nancy Seymour  
 4/16 Doug Toska  
 4/18 JoAnn Lamb  
 4/22 Jessica Sanker  
 4/23 Sandee Simmons  
 4/24 Kerri Burg  
 4/27 Ashley Boudreau  
 4/27 Al Denhoff  
 4/27 Bev Williams  
 4/29 Nancy Shellenbarger  
 4/30 Deana Cloum

4/21 Pete & Yvonne Gregg



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: [office@tawasumc.org](mailto:office@tawasumc.org)

**Mid-MI Emmaus**  
[www.midmichiganemmaus.com](http://www.midmichiganemmaus.com)



## **TAWAS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**



Welcome to April and Spring finally. Our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday April 7th has been cancelled. The program that was planned is hopefully going to happen in May. I will have more details later on, but we will still be doing a short program on Prayer and Self Denial. We also will be taking an offering that day. If for some reason we have to cancel the meeting, then just put your offering for Prayer and Self Denial in an envelope and put it in Candy Thomas mailbox. I hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy and that we will be able to resume our normal activities soon. We still are planning on having the Rummage Sale in July. So, if you are cleaning out places at home while we are home bound then don't forget to save them for the sale. I wish everyone a lovely Easter and hopefully be able to see each other soon.

Sincerely yours,  
Judy Hills Pres UMW

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Education committee is in need of a Vacation Bible School Director, Gwen is willing to work and help with the new Director.

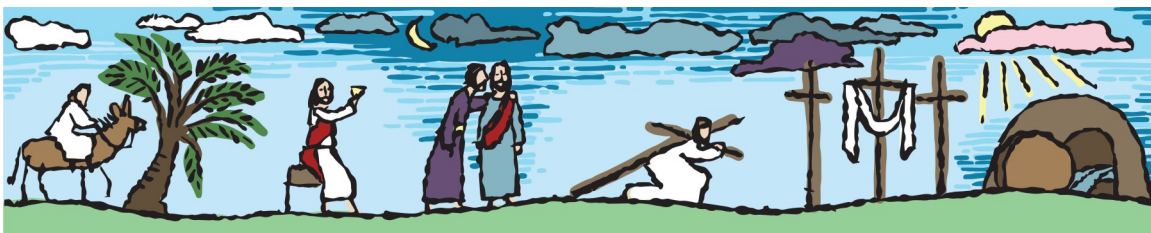


We have 10 student in our Confirmation Class.

### **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  
Melissa Schirmer~~~ UMW Secretary.....362-5976  
Candy Thomas ~~~~~UMW Treasurer.....739-2635  
Sally Nagy~~~~~ UMW Asst. Treasurer....362-7120



## **CHURCH ACTIVITY**

According to the Covid-19 guidelines, we are extending our postponement of meetings and services until the beginning of May.

Confirmation Class, is via Zoom at 4:00. Need Zoom instructions? Visit our website, [tawasumc.org](http://tawasumc.org), click Tawas UMC Zoom and find Tawas UMC Wed. meeting. Having difficulties? Text 989-310-0005 or send an email to [pastortumc@outlook.com](mailto:pastortumc@outlook.com)

Wednesday Evening Book Study, is via Zoom at 7:00. Need Zoom instructions? Visit our website, [tawasumc.org](http://tawasumc.org), click Tawas UMC Zoom and find Tawas UMC Wed. meeting. Having difficulties? Text 989-310-0005 or send an email to [pastortumc@outlook.com](mailto:pastortumc@outlook.com)

Men's Morning Prayer Group, Saturday morning is via Zoom at 8:30am. Need Zoom instructions? Visit our website, [tawasumc.org](http://tawasumc.org), click Tawas UMC Zoom and find Tawas UMC Wed. Meeting. Having difficulties? Text 989-310-0005 or send an email to [pastortumc@outlook.com](mailto:pastortumc@outlook.com)

Good Friday service will be broadcast at noon on April 10.



## **GIVING AS WORSHIP**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Please remember that our church is operational. We have office staff collecting mail and paying bills. They're working on updating and upgrading our ability to communicate online with a new website. And we have Sunday worship online. Our Staff/Parish Relations Committee decided to continue to pay our staff members through this pandemic. So, please continue to send your offerings to the church by mail (TUMC, 20 E. 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 via WIOSradio.com and [tawasumc.org](http://tawasumc.org), and [facebook.com/TawasUnitedMethodistChurch/](https://facebook.com/TawasUnitedMethodistChurch/)

God bless you all,

Ralph Boudreau, Jr.  
Church Council, Chair



## **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers for me during my open heart surgery. The surgery was successful and now I am going through some very extensive cardiac rehab to return to normal.

I am also thankful for all of the get-well cards that I received from members of the church and phone calls from members also.

Thank you all again for everything that was done for me. I am sure God will make me a good disciple for him again.

Ray Van Horn.



## **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**



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with anyone you know who  
may be interested in visiting  
our Church.



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## **Join us for Sunday Service**

**Saturday 6pm Praise Worship**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship**

**Nursery (staffed) 10:00am**

**Christian Education 11:15am**

**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.

