IRON RIVER—On Tuesday, Oct. 23, a planning meeting will be held to see if a community Thanksgiving dinner can be held in Iron River.

"As before, we reached out to shut-ins, those who needed help, as their wallets were low, and others who wished to come and have a sit-down dinner with us," said Marilyn Budzak.

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"We know everyone is having money problems and hope we can get enough donated food to put on a good meal for us."

Formerly, the deacons of First Presbyterian Church put on this dinner.

"However it grew and grew, and soon became far beyond our resources in workers and money," she said.

"First Presbyterian will host this dinner if we can make it happen. It is a familiar place for delivering, picking up dinners and also to eat. It will only work if we can get other churches, groups or interested people ready to work at it."

There is one month to see if this is possible, said Budzak.

The meeting will be held at the Bike Shop, Budzak's home, on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p.m., "and I would appreciate a call at 265-2258 to let me know you will be coming."

The last year the Thanksgiving dinner was held, 2010, there were 200 deliveries and takeouts, "plus a nice crew for dinner. We could use this figure to work from. One thing we may change is the time for the sit-down dinner from 1 to 2 p.m. to give the crew a breather before serving and preparing the sit-down dinner."

Those who can't make the meeting but want to help by working or donating food, are asked to contact Budzak.