



# NEWSLETTER

## December 2022

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**HOLY COMMUNION.** We celebrate the Lord’s Supper on December 4 and January 1. We anticipate Holy Communion with the following scripture: “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” (John 6:35)

**ANNUAL MEETING.** The annual meeting of the congregation takes place on Sunday, February 12, 2023, following the Service for the Lord’s Day.

**HISTORICAL HOME TOUR.** We participate with open doors and hospitality for an event on December 4 to benefit the Caro Roadhouse Museum and Historical Society. Tickets for this event are obtained by contacting members of that organization. Session members Marie Freeman, Nicholas Schmelter, and Terry Wood have volunteered in the ministry of hospitality for the open-door time, which begins at 1:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY.** The thirty-minute Christmas Eve musical prelude begins at 7:00 p.m.; worship starts at 7:30 p.m. On Christmas Day, there will be a spoken service in the chapel at 10:00 a.m. “Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for forever and ever.” (*Book of Common Worship*, p. 172)

**GRANT.** The Tuscola County Community Foundation has awarded a \$1,500 grant from the William A. and Ruth Janks Fund to partially cover musician stipends for the current Friends of Music series season.

**GIVING.** At the close of October, Sunday envelopes are at 92.7% of the budgeted yearly total (\$4,377.18 under the budgeted total). Perhaps you are able to make a special end-of-year gift to bring that total closer to target.

**MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD – MONTHLY SERVICE CONTINUES.** The final thirty-minute Music and the Spoken Word service takes place Wednesday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. It includes silence, readings, prayers, and musical offerings. This is an excellent opportunity for evangelism and mission.

### TREASURER’S REPORT | October 2022.

Income: \$7,386.11	1,484.00	Friends of Music
	100.00	Peace & Global Witness
	535.00	Memorial Donations
	5,267.11	Sunday Offerings (including interest)
Expenses: \$5,969.97	250.00	Friends of Music
	5,719.97	Normal Operating Expenses

**OFFICE SUPPLIES AND PAPER PRODUCTS.** Please help the congregation secure day-to-day supplies or products if you spot clearance items while shopping. 8.5 x 11” and 8.5 x 14” white copy paper is necessary for printing weekly worship bulletins and programs.

**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND – OCTOBER.** We participate with fourteen other congregations in the Good Samaritan Fund of Tuscola County Churches. In October, the Fund dispersed \$5,616.92 serving 12 households (31 people) to help pay bills. The pantry dispersed 4,235 pounds of food serving 100 households (316 people). The pantry was supplied with food at an expense of \$0.

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC SERIES.** The 2022-2023 Friends of Music series continues as follows.

December 16, noon | Madalyn McHugh (musician, singer, actor)

January 20, noon | Wendy Wan-Hsing Chu (piano)

February 17, noon | Music for Flute and Classical Guitar | Townes Osborn Miller (flute); Brett Hoag (classical guitar)

**HOLY ROLLERS.** Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship continues with the following schedule.

December 13                    2:00 p.m.                    Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship

December 27                    2:00 p.m.                    Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship

**MEN’S BREAKFAST.** Men’s Breakfast takes place on December 17 at 8:15 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL.** American lyric poet Sara Teasdale (1884-1933) published the poem “Christmas Carol” in 1911. She won a Pulitzer Prize in 1918.

The kings they came from out the south,  
All dressed in ermine fine;  
They bore Him gold and chrysopease,  
And gifts of precious wine.

The shepherds came from out the north,  
Their coats were brown and old;  
They brought Him little new-born lambs—  
They had not any gold.

The wise men came from out the east,  
And they were wrapped in white;  
The star that led them all the way  
Did glorify the night.

The angels came from heaven high,  
And they were clad with wings;  
And lo, they brought a joyful song  
The host of heaven sings.

The kings they knocked upon the door,  
The wise men entered in,  
The shepherds followed after them  
To hear the song begin.

The angels sang through all the night  
Until the rising sun,  
But little Jesus fell asleep  
Before the song was done.