



NEWSLETTER

February-March 2023

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ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the congregation takes place on Sunday, February 12, 2023, following the Service for the Lord's Day. Ruling elder John Tapley will present a message for our congregation and moderate the meeting. Tapley, from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bay City, serves the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation of the Presbytery of Lake Huron. Thank you for your participation in the activity of First Presbyterian Church of Caro.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP. The Ash Wednesday service, including prayers, readings, the invitation to the observance of the Lenten discipline, and the imposition of ashes, takes place in the chapel at 10:00 a.m. on February 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m. Ruling elder Terry Wood serves as worship leader.

WE WELCOME AS WE WORSHIP. We welcome guests and visitors at the Service for the Lord's Day: Marlene Forbes, Denise Hutchinson, Sue Quiroga, Allison Sawyer, and others. Rev. Michele Hile will present the morning message on February 26 and March 5.

HOLY COMMUNION. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on March 5 and April 2. "From New Testament times the celebration of the Eucharist on each Lord's Day has been the norm of Christian worship. The Eucharist was given by Christ himself. Before church governments were devised, before creeds were formalized, even before the first word of the New Testament was written, the Lord's Supper was firmly fixed at the heart of Christian faith and life. From the church's inception, the Lord's Day and the Lord's Supper were joined. Along with the reading and proclamation of the scripture, the Eucharist has given witness to God's redemptive acts each Lord's Day, giving Christian worship its distinctive shape." (Book of Common Worship, p. 14)

FRIENDS OF MUSIC SERIES. The 2022-2023 Friends of Music series continues with following diverse programming.

February 17, noon | Townes Osborn Miller (flute) and Brett Hoag (classical guitar)

March 24, noon | Sarah Simko (organ)

April 21, noon | Sarah Overdier Hudson (singer-songwriter)

May 7, 3:00 p.m. | Frank B. Campbell Memorial Organ Recital | Nicholas Schmelter (organ)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE. There are vacancies throughout 2023 for the Sunday ministries of lector and coffee fellowship host. Helpers with lawn care are sought as required by the changing seasons. Please sign up for slots as you are able. The ministry schedule is located in the parlor.

MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS. Do you have a milestone birthday or anniversary? Please communicate with us your special day.

GOOD SAMARITAN CONTRIBUTIONS. Are you aware that First Presbyterian Church budgets \$1,200 annually to support the initiatives of the Good Samaritan Fund? We receive offerings throughout the year to support this purpose. Please note “Good Samaritan Fund” on your check’s memo line if you choose to make a special contribution.

MUSIC DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. In the coming weeks and months, sacred organ music used during the Service for the Lord’s Day highlights music of the French classical tradition, hymn-based contributions by English and American composers, and liturgical compositions of the Baroque (French classical) heritage.

TREASURER’S REPORT | JANUARY 2022. The per capita amount for 2023 is \$29.77 per member. If you chose to contribute to the mission of the church’s higher councils, please write your check to First Presbyterian Church with “per capita” on the memo line. If the contribution is cash, please note its purpose.

Income: \$14,736.64

Friends of Music – 985.00
Good Samaritan – 163.00
Memorial Donations – 150.00
Per Capita – \$566.55.00
Organ Restoration – 500.00
Piano / Organ Maintenance – 500.00
Sunday Offerings (including interest) – 11,872.09

Expenses: \$6,963.02

Friends of Music – 505.00
Christmas Joy Offering – 100.00
Normal Operating Expenses – 6,358.02

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND – DECEMBER. We participate with seventeen other congregations in the Good Samaritan Fund of Tuscola County Churches. In December, the Fund dispersed \$2,266.21 serving 5 households (17 persons) to help pay bills. The pantry dispersed 5,009 pounds of food serving 107 households (384 persons). The pantry was supplied with food at an expense of \$802.40.

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

February 7
February 21
March 7
March 21
April 4
April 18

MEN’S BREAKFAST. Men’s breakfast continues with the schedule below.

February 18
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April 15