



NEWSLETTER July-September 2022

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HOLY COMMUNION. We celebrate the Lord's Supper on August 7 and September 4. Anticipating these celebrations, we pray: "Almighty God, you have set a table before us, and called us to feast with you. Prepare us in mind and spirit to minister in your name, and to honor your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen." (*Book of Common Worship*, p. 30)

HYMN SING PRELUDE. The congregation gathers with a hymn sing prelude on September 4 as well as other Sundays throughout the year. "O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise." (Psalm 95:1-2)

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC. The final outdoor worship and picnic gathering takes place July 31 at Darbee Park.

OPENING CONCERT. First Presbyterian Church of Caro, 203 N. Almer St., announces the first concert in the 2022-2023 Friends of Music series. Soprano Erin Whitfield and collaborative pianist Collin Whitfield perform a recital on Friday, July 22, beginning at noon. The wife-husband team present "Three Love Songs" composed by Collin Whitfield and "Knoxville: Summer of 1915" by Samuel Barber (1910-1981). "Three Love Songs" includes the poetry of Pablo Neruda, E. E. Cummings, and Christina Rossetti.

ABOUT OUR MUSIC. Beginning in late July, sacred keyboard music at worship highlights British organ composers of the twentieth century and hymn-based piano selections by Emma Lou Diemer and Howard Helvey.

WE WELCOME AS WE WORSHIP. Please welcome our Sunday morning guests. Dick Klender is guest preacher on July 10. On July 17, ruling elder Tanya Steele is guest preacher. Susan Reim is guest organist for two consecutive Sundays beginning on July 10.

GARAGE ROOFING PROJECT. Thanks to Scott Wood for leadership of the garage roof repair project and to assistants Dave, Fred, Gil, John, and Terry. The total cost of the repairs will soon be published.

ORGAN RECITAL IN SAGINAW. Nicholas Schmelter performs a solo organ recital at First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw on Friday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m.

MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD – MONTHLY SERVICE TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. A new monthly gathering begins in September 2022. It includes music, texts for reflection, contemplation, and prayer. Thirty-minute Music and the Spoken Word services take place at 6:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7. This is an excellent opportunity for evangelism and mission.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND | MAY 2022. We participate with fourteen other congregations in the Good Samaritan Fund of Tuscola County Churches. In June, the Fund dispersed \$3,973.66 serving 8 households (28 persons) to help pay bills. The pantry dispersed 4,627 pounds of food serving 101 households (357 persons). Deposits totaled \$1,080. Other expenses totaled \$334.50.

TREASURER'S REPORT | JUNE 2022.

Income: \$7,900.59	\$274.00 - Friends of Music
	\$427.50 - Good Samaritan Fund
	\$7,199.09 - Sunday Offerings
Expenses: \$7,726.81	\$2,088.07 - Friends of Music
	\$275.00 - One Great Hour of Sharing
	\$5,363.74 - Normal Operating Expenses

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.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC SERIES. 2022-2023 promises a full season of Friends of Music series events. The first three programs are listed below.

July 22 | noon | Erin Whitfield, soprano; Collin Whitfield, piano
August 19 | noon | Glenn Cora, celtic ensemble
September 23 | noon | Carl Angelo, piano

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

July 12	2:00 p.m.	Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship
July 26	2:00 p.m.	Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship
August 9	2:00 p.m.	Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship
August 23	2:00 p.m.	Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship
September 6	2:00 p.m.	Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship
September 20	2:00 p.m.	Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship
October 4	2:00 p.m.	Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship

MEN'S BREAKFAST. Men's breakfast dates for the coming months are below.

July 16	8:15 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
August 20	8:15 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
September 17	8:15 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

A PRAYER. "We praise you, we worship you, we adore you. You hold the heavens in your hand, all stars rejoice in your glory. You come in the sunrise and the song of morn and bless the splendor of the noonday. The stars in their courses magnify you, day and night tell of your glory. Your peace blows over the earth and the breath of your mouth fills all space. Your voice comes in the thunder of the storm and the song of the wind whispers of your majesty. You satisfy all things living with your abundance and our hearts bow at your presence. Accept us, your children, Eternal Father, and hearken to our prayer. Bend over us, Eternal Love, and bless us. Amen." (reprinted by permission from Book of Common Worship, © 1993 Westminster/John Knox Press)