



## NEWSLETTER May-June 2022

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**HOLY COMMUNION.** We celebrate the Lord's Supper on June 5 and July 3. Anticipating these celebrations, we pray: "Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen." (*Book of Common Worship*, p. 157)

**HYMN SING PRELUDE.** The congregation gathers with a hymn sing prelude on May 22 and June 19 as well as other Sundays throughout the year. Bring your singing voices and interest in our pew hymnal resources!

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC.** Summer outdoor worship and picnic gatherings take place on June 26 and July 31.

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. (Psalm 19:1-5)

**WE WELCOME AS WE WORSHIP.** Please welcome our Sunday morning guests. Dick Klender is guest preacher on May 29. On June 5, Rev. Leslie Piper is guest preacher as well as presider at the Lord's Supper. Susan Reim is guest organist for two consecutive Sundays beginning on May 29.

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER – CANCELLED.** Wednesday midday services began in summer 2020 as opportunities to pray outdoors in group during pandemic time. Attendance peaked in summer 2021, when community guests joined us in the garden. Usual in-person activities regained energy in late 2021, but attendance at the Wednesday service dropped; and, in the months of January to March 2021, attendance dwindled to two to four people. Midday gatherings will stop for an indefinite period beginning in June. However, mark your calendars for a new gathering of Music and the Spoken Word explained below.

**MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD – MONTHLY SERVICE TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.** A new monthly gathering begins in September 2022 that includes reflection, contemplation, and prayer. Thirty-minute Music and the Spoken Word services will take place at 6:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7. Services include a time for silence, readings, prayers, and musical offerings. This is an excellent opportunity for evangelism and mission, especially if we get the word out.

**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND | APRIL 2022.** We participate with fourteen other congregations in the Good Samaritan Fund of Tuscola County Churches. In April, the Fund dispersed \$5,615.96 serving 12 households (51 persons) to help pay bills. The pantry dispersed 3,485 pounds of food serving 80 households (269 persons). Deposits totaled \$2,394. Other expenses totaled \$229.20.

**ORGAN MUSIC.** Among other composers, sacred organ music utilized during summer months highlights the output of musicians Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911) and Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748). French organist Guilmant is perhaps best known for his improvisations, broad musical output, and concertizing with more than forty unique recitals on the St. Louis Exposition Organ in 1904. J. G. Walther lived at the same time as his cousin, master composer Johann Sebastian Bach. He is best known for his variations on German chorale melodies that are still used by Protestant congregations worldwide.

**TREASURER’S REPORT | APRIL 2022.** We received the last of the insurance payments for damage done to the basement from the costly sewer backup of 2019. Persons who have given to this cause in the past have not duplicated what the insurance company has covered. For 2021, the men’s bathroom was repaired and the carpet was installed. Those amounts were covered fully by our members.

Income: \$8,499.23	\$275.00 - One Great Hour of Sharing
	\$545.00 - Friends of Music
	\$58.00 - Per Capita
	\$2,224.13 - Insurance Payment
	\$5,397.10 - Sunday Offerings
Expenses: \$6,958.93	\$6,458.92 - Normal Operating Expenses
	\$500.50 - Friends of Music

**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.** The final event of the 2021-2022 Friends of Music series takes place in May. Anticipate a full seasons of events for 2022-2023. The complete schedule will be published and distributed to members and Friends of Music patrons in the middle of the summer.

- May 20 | noon | Jordan Prescott, organ
- July 22 | noon | Erin Whitfield, soprano; Collin Whitfield, piano and organ
- August 19 | noon | GlennCora, celtic ensemble
- September 23 | noon | Carl Angelo, piano

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

May 3	2:00 p.m.	Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship
May 17	2:00 p.m.	Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship
May 31	2:00 p.m.	Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship
June 14	2:00 p.m.	Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship
June 28	2:00 p.m.	Holy Rollers Bowling Fellowship

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

May 21	8:15 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast
June 18	8:15 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast
July 16	8:15 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast