

Rollo News & Views From Rollo Pews



Rollo UCC

September/October 2025

From Reverend David's Pen

Dear Rollo UCC Congregants and Friends,

How many of you have prayed, whether in silence or aloud before a family meal, and felt unsure of what to say? Have you ever been afraid the thoughts and words won't be eloquent or holy enough for God? If so, know you aren't alone. Even as a pastor I struggle with this fear at times, and so did the disciples, who asked for Jesus' help in teaching them how to pray.

Prayer are those moments in life when we feel compelled to connect with God. A few years ago a congregant asked me if there was a "right way" to pray. My answer was no...anytime you are earnestly trying to talk with God, that is a good thing. Prayer can be in silence by yourself or out loud with a group. It can happen in church, before a meal, while looking up at the stars. You can sing a prayer, write a prayer, even paint a prayer. What is essential is that you pray from your heart. The fear of not saying or thinking the right things can keep us in our heads, but it is when we let our guards down and share openly and honestly from our hearts that we often experience our deepest connection with God.

While we often feel compelled to pray in times of deep gratitude or despair, I encourage you to get into the habit of praying at least once each day. If you run out of words, you can always use the prayer Jesus taught his disciples and followers to pray - the Lord's prayer. Within this prayer are three key themes that are helpful to remember and express in any prayer: giving thanks to God for all that we have in this one precious life, asking for God's help and guidance through life's ups and downs along the way, and recommitting to building God's kingdom of truth, peace, love, grace, justice, and unity on earth, as it is in heaven.

God wants to connect with us as much as possible. Prayer is the time we set aside each day to let God into our hearts and lives. It's ok to feel afraid or like we aren't enough sometimes, but know that you are a beloved child of God, who hears your prayers and loves you no matter what. As Jesus says in the Gospel of Luke - *Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.*

May the peace and love of Christ be with you.....and please let me know if I can be there for you on the journey.

Pastor David

Diaconate Report by Tami Johnson

We give a big thank you to Phil, Inga, and Doris for hosting a wonderful worship service and lunch in July. The weather was hot, but it was pleasant under the big shade trees. We all enjoyed the peace and beauty of their country property. The lunch was wonderful too! Thank you again! If able, please join us at our next outdoor services at the Wald Family Farm on August 24 and Davey Barn on September 28.

The Diaconate voted to donate \$5500 of memorial money to the church door project.

The Diaconate used \$400 of the Family Relief Fund to send to Kerr Country Flood Relief in Texas. The collection from the Cross Town Service is used to support those in need.

Deb Davey is representing Rollo UCC in the NICE walk. Although our church supports NICE in the fall with a food and Christmas drive, the walk is their main fund raiser. Deb informed us Sunday that 57 families were served at the NICE food pantry last weekend. Please consider sponsoring Deb. Her sponsor sheet is on the back table in the sanctuary. Checks can be given to Deb or put in the offering.

Christian Ed Report by Gloria Foster

Sunday School will resume September 14th. Please look below in announcements for special dates for Sunday School. Thank you Katie Koks for being lead teacher this year.

Diaconate Report by Bryan Wald

The Trustees most recently met in May, June and August 2025.

New doors have been approved for the front entrances of the Church. Approximate start of the project is late August. Anyone interested in donating to the door project is invited to contact a Trustee member(Keith Fassig, Mike Johnson, Bryan Wald) or contact the Treasurer Wayne Davey directly.

Disposition of the parsonage is still awaiting word from habitat for humanity, and land to relocate.

A quote was obtained for new lighting in the sanctuary. No approved time frame yet.

Trustees are currently soliciting quotes from contractors on upgrading the Church bathrooms. No approved time frame yet.

Next Trustees meeting: 9/14/25 at 9:45AM.

Treasurer's Report by Wayne Davey

BUDGET \$98,089.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	July 31, 2025	\$57,218.56	\$46,373.63	(\$10,841.93)
EXPENDITURES	July 31, 2025	\$57,218.56	\$60,330.49	\$3,111.93

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$14,553.02

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$37,533.02

150 Anniversary Fund: \$ 1,215.73
 Bathroom Fund: \$ 1,000.21
 Building Fund: \$ 0.00
 Family Relief Fund: \$ 1,548.05
 Diaconate Fund: \$ 1,439.72
 Memorial Account: \$ 5,507.78
 Insurance Claim \$ 15,349.75
 Lighting Fund \$ 6,375.00
 Undesignated: \$ 5,096.78

Current CD Balance as of 7/31/2025: 3.5% \$ 4,806.44-First State

Current CD Balance as of 7/31/2025: 5% \$ 25,651.36-Resource

Balance in Savings Account: .15% \$ 11,881.66-Resource

Total Savings: \$ 37,533.02

Memorial Fund: \$ 10,314.22

* Memorial Funds are currently located within the First State CD Investment
 And savings account

Entrance Door Project: Total Cost \$27,466.27

Donations \$ 6,600.00
 Memorial Funds \$ 5,500.00:
 Total Fund \$12,100.00



From The Money Counter

Lay Reader List

August 24 Katie Koks
August 31 Jeff Svendsen
September 7 Laura Fassig
September 14 Ellen Kupecz
September 21 Carol Bend
September 28 Stacy Richardson
October 5 Zach Kasper
October 12 Beth Prestegaard
October 19 Gloria Foster
October 26 Inga Peterson
November 2 Tami Johnson
November 9 Susan Foster
November 16 Ron Wald
November 23 Ann Gilmore
November 30 Stacy Richardson

Please Remember In Your Prayers & Thoughts

*Prayers for all those affected by
war, poverty, forced migration,
violence, and natural
disasters.....that peace, dignity,
and love may prevail.*

All our Service men & women
Wayne Martin
Bryan Wald
Jane Buland
Kristen Thomas (Richardson)
Zach Kasper
Jacob Brewer
June Stephens (*Becky Stephens*)
Philip Peterson
Lane Parrott
Nick Gaston
Mike McInerney
Camilla Boston
Barb Bend
Martha Bianco
Sandy Bullis
Ron Espe
Ardie Sprowls
Ellen Sue Kupecz
Roger Pinnick

Cookie Fellowship List

September 28, 2025

Stacy Richardson, Sherry McInerney, and Beth Prestegaard

October 26, 2025

Katie Koks, Barb Bend, and Ellen Kupecz

December (date TBD)

Tami Johnson, Gloria Foster, and Lisa Johnson

Usher List

September 2025

Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey

October 2025

Mike Johnson & Dave Gibson

November 2025

Ron Wald & Darryl Kupecz

December 2025

Dave Bend & Chuck Johnson

Announcements

Aug. 24 - Outdoor Service at the
Wald Family Farm
NICE 5K Walk/Run

Aug. 31 - *Cookie Fellowship*:
Susan Foster, Tami Johnson
& Gloria Foster

Sept. 7 - Diaconate Mtg at 10 am

Sept. 14 - Trustees Mtg at 9:45 am

Sunday School begins at 10:30 am

Sept. 28 - Outdoor Service in the barn at
Wayne & Deb Davey's House

Approx. 12:15-12:45 pm there will be Sunday
School Olympics at the Davey's

Oct. 5 - Diaconate Mtg at 10 am

Oct. 12 - Trustees Mtg at 9:45 am

Council Meeting at 10:15 am

Newsletter Due!!

Sunday School at 10:30 am

Oct. 26 - *Cookie Fellowship*:

Katie Koks, Barb Bend, and Ellen Kupecz
Sunday School at 10 am in the kitchen

5K Walk/Run for N.I.C.E. is Sunday, August 24th at 12:30. Sponsor sheets are on the back table.

Outdoor Service will be on August 24th, at the Wald Family Farm, at 1725 Paw Paw Road, Earlville

Sunday School Resumes September 14th!!

Donations are coming for the new church doors. \$6500, of the \$27,500 has been donated thus far. Tentative installation month is September. Thank you to all of you that have promised donations to make this happen.

Sunday School Events

September: 14th - 10:30am at Rollo Church in the Sunday School Room.

September 28th - Approx. Time 12:15pm-12:45pm. After Service at Davey's Barn, come join "Sunday School Olympics"!

October: 12th - 10:30am at Rollo Church in the Sunday School Room.

October 26th - 10:00am (*note slightly earlier time*) at Rollo Church in the Kitchen. Sunday School Participants will be preparing and serving a seasonal treat at Cookie Fellowship after service this morning!



Sept 06 – David Fraccaro
Sept 11 - Becky Oest
Sept 12 – Dakota Goble
Sept 13 – Tami Johnson
Sept 18 – Trevor Benson
Sept 20 – Doug Maple
Sept 22 – Barbara Bend
Sept 23 – Samantha Ritter
Sept 28 – Erin Maple
Sept 29 – Ronald Wald
Sept 30 – Martha Bianco

Oct 03 – Charles Johnson
Oct 07 – LaVern Jordal
& Brian Oest
Oct 09 – Cate Bullis
Oct 10 – Brad Wald
Oct 14 – Paula Bend
Oct 15 – Susan Recknor
& Darryl Kupecz
Oct 19 – Rick Bend
Oct 24 – Laura Walters
Oct 30 – Felicia Wooden

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