News & Views from Rollo Pews



September/October 2026

From Reverend Davids Pen

At the beginning of each service we proclaim together the foundation of our faith - t*o love God, and our neighbors as ourselves.* Why might I call this the foundation of our faith? Because Jesus says on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets; essentially saying that the word of God can be summed up in this one holy sentence.

A commandment from God is a divine instruction that requires our utmost attention and obedience. God doesn't want us to just believe in a commandment, but to actually live it out in our daily lives.
A big part of coming to church is to praise and worship God, to show God our love, which is absolutely right. But if we don't leave church inspired to love our neighbors, including those who don't think or look like us (including even our enemies), then we're only getting the purpose of our faith half right.

Furthermore, if we worship God (in whose image we are made) at church, and love our neighbors out in the community, and yet are plagued by feelings of worthlessness and self-hatred at home, then our faith is still out of balance. Without a humble love for ourselves, we aren't able to fully love God (in whose image we are made) or our neighbors.

Loving God and our neighbors as ourselves is easier said and believed than done. Church should be the place and the people that help each of us live into God's greatest commandments. May we all lovingly support each other on this faith journey, and may our church always be the inspiration that keeps us moving forward towards love.

May the God of Peace and Love be with you this Harvest Season.

Pastor David

Moderator Report by Beth Prestegaard

Where did Summer go? The committees continue to stay very busy meeting, planning, researching and collaborating. We are blessed that when we set out to accomplish something, we stick with it and see it through. Thank you to all of you that serve. Again, I will make a plug for 2027, please be thinking if next year will be your year to serve on a committee as you read the updates here in the newsletter – what interests you? I will not be putting my name in to be considered for Moderator again. I feel 6 years is enough and it's time for someone else to have the opportunity to serve in that role. The real work is done at the Committee level at this same time, Moderator takes some time and work - it's been a great job and I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this role!

Many thanks to the outdoor services this Summer and Fall. It's no small endeavor to prepare for a large group to come to your home, barn or farm. Thank you - I personally found each one I could attend a meaningful experience. It's this creativity and sharing of ourselves that makes our church special. I hope to bring the Church to Waterman next Summer!

We continue with our creative way to approach our marketing and community outreach for our church. The Bible Studies and Chair Exercise classes are such a great representation of who we are! If you haven't had a chance to attend, please check it out. I have found BOTH stretch my heart, body and mind! Thank you Doris and Ros! Let's keep up this momentum! Hope you have noticed some signs around - we will continue with our promoting - stay tuned!

I know there has been discussion on some sensitive topics recently. I pray we continue to work together with dignity and respect towards answers that are best for our Church family. It's only through approaching these topics with curiosity and wonder that we can understand where another is coming from - wonder not judgement. To be transparent - this is a phrase a counselor shared with me several years ago - I have found to be useful in emotionally charged situations. We are all human and with Gods guidance and love in our hearts, we will work past challenging times having grown. Let's continue to work with one another knowing the direction something goes may not be our first choice but maybe the best choice.

I lastly thank Keith, Zach and Trustees for their vigilance in getting the Parsonage taken down - I know it will be happening soon. It's taken alot of their time, talent and treasure to see this through. Something new will be in its' place where we can hold fondly the memories of that beautiful building that served as a home to many and Confirmation and discussions for some of us!



Treasurers Report by Wayne Davey



FROM THE MONEY COUNTER

BUDGET $101,041.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	9/30/2026	$75,780.72	$77,219.10	$ 1,438.38
EXPENDITURES	9/30/2026	$75,780.72	$60,342.92	$ (15,437.80)
DIFFERENCE		$0.00	$ 16,876.18	

Current Balance in Checking Account: $38,695.00
Current Balance in Savings Account: $38,777.84

150 Anniversary Fund:	$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	$ 8,233.94
Building Fund:	$ 0.00
Family Relief Fund:	$ 983.05
Diaconate Fund:	$ 2,039.72
*Memorial Account:	$ 1.20
Lighting Fund	$ 694.27
Undesignated:	$25,609.93



*Current CD Balance as of 9/27/2026: 2.55% $ 4,963.01-First State (Memorial Funds)
Current CD Balance as of 10/01/2026: 3.35% $ 26,233.98-Resource
Balance in Savings Account: .15% $ 12,543.86-Resource

Total Savings: $ 38,777.84

Memorial Fund: $ 4,964.21

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

Christian Ed Report by Beth Kasper

Sunday school is back! They have began meeting every other Sunday from 10am-11am, starting on September 20th. With an old, and a new, set of wonderful teachers for the year! Ms. Jamie and Mr. Olive have done a great job of introducing the children to the Bible; gifting them their own personal bibles in their favorite colors! They've spent the few sessions they've met, talking about how earth and man were created by God, and doing activities along the way. They meet every other week, with the next one being November 1st at 10am. Christmas Tea is planned for December 13th with Sunday school kids participating.

Trustees Report by Bryan Wald

The main order of business for Fall of 2026 is the take down of the parsonage and subsequent planning for the pavilion to take its place.

Any ideas or feedback are welcome from the church congregation. Questions may be addressed to Keith Fassig at 815-739-8994 or Mike Johnson at 815-757-9960.

Hospitality Report by Tami Johnson

Please join us for our annual Thankful Harvest Dinner on November 22. We will be serving turkey and ham. A food sign up sheet is located in the back of the church. Please join us and bring a friend or two who would enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal!!

Diaconates Report by Ron Wald

John Omerod (formerly Big Rock UCC led worship service on October 4th.

Upcoming Events

November 1-All Saints Day
November 8- Honoring Veterans
November 15 Dedication of food and mitten tree
November 22 Thankful Harvest Dinner
November 29 Christmas tree decorating
December 13 Christmas Tea
December 24 Christmas Eve Service 5PM



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
Guidance to Grow Our Church
Bryan Wald
Jane Buland
Zach Kasper
Jacob Brewer
June Stephens *(Becky Stephens)*
Philip Peterson
Mike McInerney
Sandy Bullis
Sandy Whitman
Andrew Davis
Bonny Brown
Scott Barnes *(Lisa Johnson)*
Ryan Black *(Phil Peterson)*
Ellie Jordal & Family
Larry Gibson
Ron Espe
Dave Benson
Dan Kasper
Tom Leneau
Gage Gibson
Stacy Richardson
Betsy *(Laura)*
Jody Chonowski *(Gail M. sister)*
Asif Yusuf *(Beth P.)*
Family & Friends of Junia Epperson
Family & Friends of Bruce Boardman

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Lets Go Green!!!
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Usher

Nov. - Zach Kasper & Darryl Kupecz
Dec. - Keith Fassig & Chuck Johnson
Jan. - Jeff & Larry Svendsen

Lay Reader

Nov 01	Tammy Johnson
Nov 08	Susan Foster
Nov 15	Maegan Gletty
Nov 22	Izzy Kasper
Nov 29	Jamie Gibson
Dec 06	Ellen Kupecz
Dec 13	Katie Koks
Dec 20	Curt Foster
Dec 27	Stacy Richardson
Jan 03	Laura Fassig
Jan 10	Darryl Kupecz
Jan 17	Laura Fassig
Jan 24	Doris Rex
Jan 31	Ron Wald

Announcements!

Nov. 1 - All Saints Day
Baptism of Josie Kasper
Nov. 8 - Honoring Veterans
Nov. 15 - Dedication of
Food & Mitten Tree
Curt Foster leading services with
Mary Foland sharing her words
Nov. 22 - Thankful Harvest Dinner
Nov. 29 - Christmas Tree Decorating
with Cookie Fellowship upstairs
Dec. 13 - Christmas Tea during service
Budget Mtg after service
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 5pm



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Chair Yoga in the Rollo Church basement with Ros Richardson.
Until November 12th it will be held every Thursday from 6-6:45pm. Classes will start back up in March!
If you have any questions please call Ros at 815-751-1946 or Deb at 815-970-3711.

Doris Rex is leading a bible study series entitled:
Am Worthy from 6-7:30pm
every other Friday evening through November.
Please contact Doris at 630-621-6751 with any questions.

Happy Birthday!!

Nov 01 – Eila Oest
Nov 02 – Mike Johnson
Nov 03 – Deb Davey &
& Charlotte Fassig
Nov 11 – Gage Gibson
Nov 19 – Matt Maple
Nov 23 – Delaney Bend
& Joshua Johnson
& Mike Martin
Nov 24 – Curt Foster
& Landon Schmidt
Nov 26 – Mike Peters
Nov 28 – Lindsay Richardson
& Randall Wald
Nov 29 – Gail Marquardt





Dec 02 – Joetta DeLay
Dec 3 – Remington Kasper
& Marissa Fraccaro
Dec 6 – Zach Kasper
& Jonathan Ritter
Dec 07 – Dave Bateman
Dec 9 - Katie Simmons
Dec 19 – Sara Lyons &
Ann & Bob Gilmore
Dec 24 – David Marquardt

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