

News & Views from Rollo Pews

From Pastor David's Pen



Grace and Peace.

As you might expect, many things have been on my mind over the last few months, as I think about starting partial retirement this spring, and more so by fall, as well as the many details of preparing for a move south. Beyond the busyness of my person life, are all of the thoughts around transitioning away from our present church home with you folks, to whatever God has planned next.

Once I made the decision to resign, it became incumbent on me to alter my preaching and role in the church, and some have noticed. My obligations to you have morphed from not just pastor and teacher, but also to transition ministry. As such, it's my call to do everything I can to help us look internally at who we are as a church, and to prepare you to call and welcome your next minister.

Two scriptures come to mind as I have been thinking my way through transition ministry;

The first is from **2 Timothy 3:16-17**, where Paul is teaching young Timothy about becoming a pastor and teacher.

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. (NLT)

And from **James 3:1-2a**

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² We all stumble in many ways...(NIV)

In transition ministry, much like in interim ministry, it's important to look internally, with a critical eye, at the positives and negatives of who we are as a congregation and church. We do this by looking at the call God places on each of our lives and our church, and as young Timothy is learning, allow the scripture to not only comfort us, but also to expose our weaknesses.

Now let's be honest; not many of us read our Bible's hoping to see where we might have shortcomings. And even more so, not many of us come to church, hoping to hear about our weaknesses, and how we should be striving to correct them and improve our lives. But in transition ministry, in preparing you for your next ministerial relationship, it's important that we look at ourselves and our church through a new lens. No, it's not always fun to hear, (or preach) but that's the obligation that is before me.

The 2nd scripture above is a warning from James, not to take ministry lightly. James warns that once someone steps into the role of pastor and teacher, once a person walks into the pulpit, that they will be judged more strictly. Further, he makes the point that many may stumble, and of course, we all do. The only faultless minister was Jesus, and the rest of us are but humans called to serve, who understand how strictly we'll be judged, knowing full well, that we'll stumble along the way.

When we tie these scriptures together, we begin to understand that a good minister, who is preaching the entirety of the Bible, will challenge and sometimes make us uncomfortable. Instead of judging them more harshly for doing so, we should embrace them, respect them, and appreciate the fact that they are answering the call both you and God have placed on their lives. Yes, it's more fun to just hear (and preach) the calming and soothing scriptures and messages, but no different from a good parent, a good minister will preach all of scripture, not just the 'feel good'.

So please know, that whether it's me preaching in the past or during this transition period, or the next preacher and teacher whom God will place before you, that we preach with love in our hearts, no different again, than the parent who has to have unpleasant conversations with their children.

Proverbs 22:6 teaches.....***Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. (NLT).*** And what loving parent or pastor doesn't want their children to be on the right path?

Grace, Peace, and Blessings,

Love Pastor David



Treasurers Report from Wayne Davey

BUDGET \$74,910.18		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	January 31, 2020	\$6,242.52	\$4,509.00	(\$1,733.52)
EXPENDITURES	January 31, 2020	\$6,242.52	\$3,932.18	(\$2,310.34)

From the Money Counter

Current Balance in Checking Account:	\$ 39,398.36
Current Balance in Savings Account:	\$ 26,597.52
150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 700.21
Building Fund:	\$ 1,072.75
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 1,636.72
Memorial Account:	\$15,481.23
Undesignated:	\$ 6,490.88
Current CD Balance as of 1/28/2020:	\$ 4,447.11
Memorial Fund:	\$ 18,882.81



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

Trustees Report from Tami Johnson



The Trustees welcome back Chuck Johnson as he volunteered to return to the Trustees as a first year member.

The stained glass windows on the North side of the church are in need of repair. An estimate will be obtained from Brovard this spring. It was brought to the Trustees attention that the church has been cold at times due to the furnace not working upstairs. The Trustees will monitor.

Tami Johnson, 3rd year member.

Diaconate Report from Ann Gilmore

The Lenten Soup Suppers/Bible Study will start Wednesday, March 4, beginning at 5:30 in the church kitchen. Pastor David will lead a Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount.

The Diaconate will prepare the soup and fixings the first week.

All are welcome to participate—please join us!

Pastor David has been preparing several students for confirmation which will take place on Palm Sunday, April 5, during the worship service.

NICE News Report from Sherry McInerney

The NICE board meeting was held at the NICE Center in Lee on January 29th at 7:00 pm. Plans are in motion for a new information page per family to be returned in November. Info would include # of children per family, male or female, ages, any new babies arriving, clothing size and interests, with the intention of knowing what items would fill their needs the best.

The Christmas Room went along very well. The 3 December Saturday openings saw visits of 131, 53, and 30 respectively. The visitors could request shopping assistance from one of the Christmas committee members who helped with finding the right gifts for their loved ones. Very appreciated!

Food Pantry Numbers:

		Households	People
Nov	2019	114	486
Nov	2018	145	556
Dec	2019	93	363
Dec	2018	134	569
Jan	2020	74	257
Jan	2019	81	339



Every Friday there is a food pick-up from the DeKalb Aldi store. They have been most generous with their contributions.

The 2019 budget was reviewed. Thoughts on a possible bathroom toilet upgrade were discussed. Need to know renovation regulations before proceeding.

Next board meeting will be Wednesday, March 25 2020 at 7:00 pm.

THE MAYFLOWER

The Mayflower? What does the Mayflower have to do with the newsletter? Let me tell you what. 2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock. So? 102 passengers set out from Plymouth, England in September of 1620. Of that number around 35 were Congregationalists. They became known in history as the Pilgrim Fathers. The Pilgrims sought to establish at Plymouth Colony a Christian fellowship like that which gathered around Jesus himself. Congregationalists include the Pilgrims of Plymouth and the Puritans of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. We have celebrated the 150th birthday of the Rollo Congregational United Church of Christ, being named to the Registry of National Buildings, and we can celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower! Could you be a descendant of Mayflower passenger? Ask Carol Bend or Deb Davey about how you can find out.

Announcements

Feb. 23 - *Cookie Fellowship:*
Susan & Rachel F. & Ann G.

Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m.

Mar. 1 - Diaconate Mtg after worship
Sunday School (Kids Club) resumes
Recognition of Church's 155th Anniversary
during worship

Mar. 4 - Soup/Bible Studies at 5:30

Mar. 8 - Trustees Mtg after worship

Mar. 11 - Soup/Bible Studies at 5:30

Mar. 18 - Soup/Bible Studies at 5:30

Mar. 21 - Men's Breakfast at 7 a.m.

Mar. 25 - Soup/Bible Studies at 5:30

Mar. 29 - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Laura F., Paula B., & Becky S.

Sunday School (Kids Club) resumes

Apr. 1 - Soup/Bible Studies at 5:30

Apr. 5 - Palm Sunday & Confirmation
Diaconate Mtg after worship

Apr. 9 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m.
All-Night Prayer Vigil

Apr. 10 - Good Friday Ecumenical Service
at Rollo at 7 p.m.

Apr. 12 - *Easter Sunday*
Breakfast at 7 a.m. with Easter Service at 8:30 a.m.

Pastoral Search Committee was formed at the Annual Meeting consisting of Harold Svendsen, Debra Peters, Laura Fassig, Katie Koks, Wayne Davey with Moderator Jeff Svendsen and Asst. Moderator Beth Prestegaard.

The plaque placing the Church on the National Registry for Historic Places has been received, installed and dedicated on December 15, 2019.

It was installed just east of the southeast entrance. Thank you Carol Bend and Nancy Pardridge for your diligent work.

Please Remember In Your Prayers & Thoughts

All our Service men & women

The Lost

'Shut-Ins'

Coronavirus Victims

Carol & Larry Svendsen

Duane Fassig

Helen Algieri

Fred Weiss (*Carol Svendsen*)

Ray McInerney

Sandy Bullis

Bianca Manass (*Jamie Gibson*)

Ashley & Whitley Clayton

Family of Beverly Tighe (Betty Goble)

April 5, 2020	Stacy Richardson
April 19, 2020	Beth White
April 26, 2020	Ann Gilmore
May 3, 2020	Bob Gilmore
May 10, 2020	Gloria Foster
May 17, 2020	Ellen Sue Kupecz
May 24, 2020	Stacy Richardson
May 31, 2020	Jon Ritter
June 7, 2020	Maegan Gletty
June 14, 2020	Barb Bend
June 21, 2020	Bob Stevens
June 28, 2020	Jeff Svendsen
June 30, 2020	Tami Johnson
July 5, 2020	Carol Bend
July 12, 2020	Ron Wald
July 19, 2020	Becky Oest
July 26, 2020	Susan Foster
August 2, 2020	Maegan Gletty
August 9, 2020	Jon Ritter
August 16, 2020	Tami Johnson
August 23, 2020	Gloria Foster
August 30, 2020	Ann Gilmore
September 6, 2020	Barb Bend
September 13, 2020	Laura Fassig
September 20, 2020	Bob Stevens
September 27, 2020	Beth White
October 4, 2020	Gloria Foster
October 11, 2020	Becky Oest
October 18, 2020	Ron Wald
October 25, 2020	Ellen Sue Kupecz
November 1, 2020	Barb Bend
November 8, 2020	Susan Foster
November 15, 2020	Bob Gilmore
November 22, 2020	Curt Foster

Lay Readers

2020 - 2021



November 29, 2020	Katie Koks
December 6, 2020	Carol Bend
December 13, 2020	Tami Foster
December 20, 2020	Becky Oest
December 27, 2020	Carol Bend
January 3, 2021	Jeff Svendsen
January 10, 2021	Ron Wald
January 17, 2021	Ann Gilmore
January 24, 2021	Stacy Richardson
January 31, 2021	Maegan Gletty
February 7, 2021	Barb Bend
February 14, 2021	Curt Foster
February 21, 2021	Laura Fassig
February 28, 2021	Bob Gilmore
March 7, 2021	Katie Koks
March 14, 2021	Jeff Svendsen
March 21, 2021	Laura Fassig
March 28, 2021	Ellen Sue Kupecz

Cookie Fellowship List

April 26, 2020	Stacy Richardson, Carol Svendsen, Jessica Olson
May 31, 2020 (Graduation)	Deb Davey, Ruth McInerney, Sherrie McInerney, Camilla Boston
June 28, 2020	Gloria Foster, Tami Johnson, Laura Walters
July 26, 2020	Audrey Kuring, Lisa Johnson, Barb Bend
August 30, 2020	Carol Bend, Becky Stevens
September 27, 2020	Judy Svendsen, Jamie Gibson, Deb Davey
October 25, 2020	Marth Bianco, Betty Goble
November 29, 2020	Katie Koks, Ellen Sue Kupecz, Barb Bend
January 31, 2021	Maegan Gletty, Becky Oest, Jeff Svendsen
February 28, 2021	Susan Foster, Rachel Foster, Ann Gilmore
March 28, 2021	Laura Fassig, Beth Fassig, Sam Ritter



Usher List

April 2021	Joshua Marquardt & Wayne Davey
May 2021	Zach Kasper & Jon Ritter
June 2021	Bob Gilmore & Keith Fassig
July 2021	Ron Wald & Curt Foster
August 2021	Darryl Kupecz & Jeff Svendsen
September 2021	Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey
October 2021	Mike Johnson & Dave Gibson
November 2021	Dakota Goble & Darryl Kupecz
December 2021	Dave Bend & Harold Svendsen
January 2021	Jeff & Larry Svendsen
February 2021	Dave Gibson & Brian Oest
March 2021	Bob Gilmore & Mike Johnson

Mar 02 - Hunter Walters
 Mar 03 - Jeffrey Adam Svendsen
 Mar 08 - Benjamin Maple
 Mar 13 - Jeff Svendsen
 Mar 16 - Ruth McInerney
 Mar 17 - Joshua Marquardt
 Mar 19 - Dave Benson
 Mar 20 - Ashley Simmons
 & Jason Jordal
 Mar 21 - Christine Schilling
 David Gibson
 Mar 23 - Cierra Bend
 Mar 24 - Audrey Kuring
 Mar 25 - Wayne Davey
 Mar 26 - Olivia & Madelynn Lyons
 Mar 28 - Judy Svendsen
 Mar 30 - Maegan Gletty
 Mar 31 - Bryan Wald

Happy Birthday!



April 04 - Kristen Thomas
 & Tami Wooden
 April 05 - Carol Bateman
 April 11 - Larry Svendsen
 & Chris Martin
 April 14 - Wyatt Gletty
 April 18 - Richard Bend
 April 19 - Cole Walters
 April 20 - Wayne Martin
 April 26 - Henry Williams
 April 27 - Reagan Gibson
 April 30 - Landon Benson

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