

NEWS & VIEWS

FROM ROLLO PEWS



MODERATORS REPORT BY BETH PRESTEGAARD

In the spirit of keeping everyone safe, we will continue social distancing and leave the decision to wear a mask up to each individual. We will be making every other pew available for Church Services in an effort to maintain more consistent social distancing. Thank you for your help in this effort. We will continue to monitor Covid 19 guidelines and make changes, as necessary.

We want to thank Brian Eide for his service to our church this past year. He has been an important part in bringing us back together and keeping us gathering in faith as a church. He jumped into our traditions and delivered meaningful messages. We wish him well in his ongoing Christian training and hope to see him back at our pulpit once in a while. Brian's last Sunday preaching will be August 29. Thank you Brian and Anita!

We have finalized the details and David Ficarro will be joining us effective September 1, 2021. We will work closely with him on his transition into his role as Pastor. In the meantime, if you have any thoughts or needs, please let me or Council know. We look forward to this next chapter in our church.

We were planning to do Pastor Dave Marquarts' retirement gathering at the Cross Town Classic on 8/29/21. In light of the ongoing concerns with Covid 19 and the Delta Variant, we, along with the Marquardt family, have decided against it. By now, many of you may have expressed your appreciation and gratitude to Pastor Dave, Gail and Joshua. If you haven't, and want to – please do so. We have a gift from the church that we will be giving to them as soon as practical.

I appreciate you and the work that continues in our Church.

TREASURERS REPORT BY WAYNE DAVEY

BUDGET \$77,690.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	July 31, 2021	\$45,319.19	\$41,149.60	(\$4,169.57)
EXPENDITURES	July 31, 2021	\$45,319.19	\$34,756.88	(\$10,562.29)

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$50,822.85
 Current Balance in Savings Account: \$28,578.43
 150 Anniversary Fund: \$ 1,215.73
 Bathroom Fund: \$ 700.21
 Building Fund: \$ 1,180.25
 Diaconate Fund: \$ 1,736.72
 Memorial Account: \$ 1,147.97
 Undesignated: \$22,597.55



Current CD Balance as of 7/27/2021: \$ 4,471.04
 Memorial Fund: \$ 4,572.81

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

DIACONATE REPORT BY LAURA FASSIG

The committee had been planning a retirement party for Pastor Dave Marquardt on August 29th as a cross town rivalry as we have done in the past. However, due to the new COVID restrictions and Pastor's concern for Josh, it was decided to cancel the party and his family would not be attending. We however will still wear our favorite baseball shirts to the service on August 29th and the service will be geared toward the Crosstown Rivalry but there will be NO PICNIC afterwards.

It has been brought to our attention that the pre-made communion cups have had juice that doesn't taste very well. We are going to throw out the oldest and start a new box and refrigerate it to see if that helps. This is a temporary solution until we figure out when we can go back to the normal communion status. Please be patient.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT BY LAURA FASSIG

Glad to let you all know that we have a new pastor! His name is David Fraccaro from Greensboro, North Carolina. He is originally from Sycamore where his father was a pastor at Federal UCC. He then moved to Southern Indiana per his father's movement to another church. After graduation, he went to New York City to become an actor and through a series of events, he became interested in helping immigrants adjust to the culture of the United States. He decided to become a pastor himself and has been working in Greensboro for the last 10 years with a non-profit group that helps immigrants. He is ready for another chapter in his life and feels the call to get back to working in a small church community. We welcome David and his fiancé, Marissa to our church family on Sept 5th. Please make him feel welcome by coming to get to know him on that Sunday.

We want to thank Brian Eide for being our bridge pastor during this time of search and for the congregation and their patience in waiting.

CHRISTIAN ED REPORT BY JOETTA DELAY

Summer has flown by quickly, it has been very hot and uneventful but fast! Sunday School will begin after Labor Day starting September 12. It will be held every other Sunday. Barb, Ellen Sue and Reagan will be teaching this year. Children's time will continue as scheduled weekly during service. Thank you to all that help make this happen.



Building Wisdom from Fear

Hi Friends!

As each day goes by, we sometimes ask ourselves what else is going to happen around us. Between the ongoing Pandemic and Forest Fires, and all the other news effecting our world, we ask what's next? We start to worry where life is taking us.

Even with all the tragedies that we go through in life, God's love is strong, very strong. No matter how bad things get, we are assured of his comfort and grace each and every day of our lives. Fear teaches us to be strong and teaches us the wisdom to be that much closer to God. It also teaches us to share his grace and comfort with others in fear.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.- Proverbs 9:10

Did you know that the word "fear" is stated in the Bible 365 times? Same number of days of the year. The Bible stresses the importance of trusting in God. To not let fear overcome you, for the Lord God is with us everywhere we go- Joshua 1:9.

It is not easy to always overcome the fears that exists today, especially when tragedy directly affects us. There are some people that believe that tragedy strikes them because they feel that God is punishing them for whatever reason. For this is not true by any means. God is not a punishing God, but a loving, compassionate God who sees us through, even when tragedy strikes. He teaches us to be strong in faith to help overcome the hurdles that we are faced with- like the Israelites in the wilderness.

Fearing the unknown can be crippling for some and create much stress. We see the signs, we feel the stress of others and we feel a sense of hopelessness and uncertainty that encompasses our/their surroundings. Jesus says, "*Feed My Sheep*". Jesus calls for action to accompany our faith; giving meaning and purpose for our Christian lives. He is calling us to be his hands and feet in a time of need, in a time of healing and in a time for comfort of others. Like those in fear and who are lost on the road to uncertainty, Jesus says, "*Feed My Sheep*".

During these troubling times, be strong in faith and have the courage to hear and live out God's wisdom so that **all** of God's children feel his presence in a time of need.

God loves you and so do I.

God Bless,
Brian Eide

Lay Readers

Aug. 22 - Tami Johnson
 Aug. 29 - Gloria Foster
 Sept. 5 - Ann Gilmore
 Sept. 12 - Barb Bend
 Sept. 19 - Laura Fassig
 Sept. 26 - Bob Stephens
 Oct. 3 - Gloria Foster
 Oct. 10 - Beth Prestegaard
 Oct. 24 - Ellen Sue Kupecz
 Oct. 31 - Barb Bend
 Nov. 7 - Susan Foster

Ushers

September - Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey
October - Mike Johnson & Dave Gibson
November - Jon Ritter & Darryl Kupecz

Cookie Fellowship

(Only if in Phase 5 of Covid-19)

September 26 - Judy Svendsen, Jamie Gibson & Deb Davey
October 31 - Martha Bianco & Betty Goble
November 22 - Katie Koks, Ellen Sue Kupecz & Barb Bend

Announcements

Aug. 29 - Crosstown Rivalry
 NO PICNIC afterwards
Sept. 5 - First Sunday with
 Pastor David Fraccaro!
 Diaconate Mtg after worship
Sept. 12 - Trustees Mtg after worship
 Sunday School Starts!
Oct. 3 - Diaconate Mtg after worship
Oct. 10 - Trustees Mtg after worship
 Council Mtg to follow
 Newsletter Due!

Happy Birthday!



Sept 04 – Colton Hockstatter
 Sept 11 - Becky Oest
 Sept 12 – Dakota Goble
 Sept 13 – Tami Johnson
 Sept 16 – Carole Jordal
 Sept 18 – Trevor Benson
 Sept 20 – Doug Maple
 Sept 22 – Barbara Bend
 Sept 23 – Samantha Ritter
 Sept 26 – Jerry Maple
 Sept 28 – Erin Maple
 Sept 29 – Ronald Wald
 Sept 30 – Martha Bianco

Please Remember In Your Prayers & Thoughts

All our Service men & women
 ‘Shut-Ins’
 Steve Headon (*Wayne & Stacy*)
 Judy Martin
 Helen Algieri
 Chuck Foster
 Sarah Luce (*Betty Goble*)
 Ray McInerney
 Bryan Wald
 Jane Buland
 Dick Bend
 Anita Eide
 Duane Fassig
 Noelle Sauter

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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