

News & Views

From Rollo Pews

November-December 2021

From the Reverend's Pen

Dear Rollo Congregants and Friends,

While I've only been your pastor for 6 weeks, you have welcomed Marissa, Henry, and I like family. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and hospitality as we build a new life in northern Illinois. Over the past several Sunday's we have focused on what Jesus is asking of his followers - to deny ourselves, give away our wealth, pick up our cross, and follow him. Jesus knows this is a lot to ask of humanity, that most of us (like the rich man), are not ready for that level of commitment.....but Jesus wants us to try, each and every day of our lives, to become less interested in material things and more attentive to our spiritual lives. He wants us to become less enticed by wealth and status, and to understand that our greatness comes from our service to others.

Like Ebenezer Scrooge from The Christmas Carol, Andy Dufresne from The Shawshank Redemption, and Lieutenant Dan from Forrest Gump...like Job in the Old Testament....we must confront our own sins and struggles in life, openly and vulnerably wrestle with God, and come out of the storm as changed people.

With the fall, comes the gratitude of harvest. As the leaves change color and fall to the ground, let us also have the courage to change. Use this season to let certain habits and addictions fall away, and surprise yourself by boldly and lovingly serving others. Between now and Christmas morning, I want you to have your own Christmas Carol moment - surprise yourself by giving generously of your time, talent, or money to a neighbor in our community (or a stranger in another part of the world) in need. Let this be the next step in our beautiful and mysterious journey towards eternal life in Christ....and through it all, know that you'll never walk alone.

In peace, love, and gratitude.
Rev. Fraccaro



As a reminder, here is my contact information should you need to reach me:

My email is davidfraccaro99@gmail.com

My cell phone is 812-454-2206

Of course, you can reach me anytime by email. The best time to talk by phone or zoom for me will be on Monday or Wednesday evenings. Feel free to send me an email to suggest a time.

In the event of an emergency, you can certainly reach me by phone at any time, and please leave a voicemail or send a text if you can't get through.

Peace and love.

Rev. Fraccaro

Treasurer's Report by Wayne Davey

FROM THE MONEY COUNTER



BUDGET \$77,690.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	September 30, 2021	\$58,267.53	\$49,481.77	(\$8,785.76)
EXPENDITURES	September 30, 2021	\$58,267.53	\$30,962.88	(\$18,518.89)

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$47,922.62

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$28,582.03

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:	\$22,601.15



Current CD Balance as of 9/27/2021: \$ 4,471.80

Memorial Fund: \$ 4,572.81

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

Diaconate's Report by Laura Fassig

- Thanks to those church members who worked at the Open Door stand at the Sandwich Fair.
- Oct 9th - Rev. David performed a baptism for Elliot Miles Barshinger
- There is a food drive for the NICE center through Nov 14th.
- Annual Thankful Harvest dinner will not be held this year - decided by Church Council
- Cards will be in the back of the church for congregation signatures to be sent to shut-ins.
- Christmas Tea - date and time TBA at a later date

Trustee's Report by Ron Ward

The Trustees met after church, October 17th. The Trustees will be working on the budget at the November meeting. If anyone has any requests for the budget please let Wayne or the Trustees know. Thank you also to those who have had the church lawn mowed.

Ch. Ed Report by Joetta DeLay

Sunday School started the new year with the 10 plagues. We've enjoyed re-enacting Moses & Aaron asking Pharaoh to "let our people go".

It's been fun "tasting" each plague, Jigglers for blood, gummies for frogs, Sno Caps for lice, black jellybeans for flies, animal crackers for diseased animals, Burnt peanuts & Boston Baked Beans for boils, red hots & marshmallows for hail & fire, black licorice for darkness, green Mike & Ike for locust and Sour Patch

Kids for death of first born. Sunday School is being held every week. We've had 5-6 in attendance each week. Thanks to all who make this happen.

Moderator Report by Beth Prestegaard

Council, committees and all have been working with Pastor David as he settles in. We are so thankful! We are working on dates with Council and Kathy Lawes for David's installation at Rollo UCC sometime in the next couple of months. The plan is for it to be on a Sunday afternoon. We will let you all know as soon as possible.

We're researching and working on a budget to propose to Trustees for Internet and ability to livestream church services. This is something Sunday School could use as part of their Christian Education as well, our hope is to be able to livestream church services for those that are far away or those that aren't able to attend. The equipment needed to livestream church service online will be donated.

We will continue to follow Covid 19 protocols with masking and social distancing. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation with the pews being blocked off for social distancing. Our goal is to keep everyone safe!

We continue our work and welcome any feedback, thoughts or suggestions as we head into the holiday season.

We would like to go GREEN!! If you are getting the newsletter by mail and would like to receive the newsletter via email please email me at: j-rr-2@hotmail.com
The calling tree will be reviewed for January's annual meeting so if you have additions/corrections please let us know. Thank you!!!

Announcements

Nov. 7 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

Nov. 14 - Trustees Mtg. after worship
Thankful Harvest Food Drive

Dec. 5 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

Dec. 12 - Trustees Mtg after worship
Council Mtg to follow
Newsletter Due!



NICE Food Drive - Please drop off donations to the front of the church until Nov. 14th.

They are always in need of the following:

Sugar, Diced Tomatoes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Boxed Stuffing, and Ketchup.

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

Duane Fassig

Noelle Sauter

Kathy Sands

Please visit our website at:
uccrollo.org

Ushers List

November - Jon Ritter
& Darryl Kupecz

December - Dave Bend
& Chuck Johnson

January - Jeff &
Larry Svendsen

Lay Readers List

Nov. 7 - Susan Foster

Nov. 14 - Bob Gilmore

Nov. 21 - Curt Foster

Nov. 28 - Katie Koks

Dec. 5 - Carol Bend

Dec. 12 - Tami Johnson

Dec. 19 - Ron Wald

Dec. 26 - Carol Bend

Jan. 2 - Jeff Svendsen

Jan. 9 - Beth Prestegaard

Jan. 16 - Ann Gilmore

Jan. 23 - Stacy Richardson

Jan. 30 - Maegan Gletty

Nov 01 – Eila Oest

Nov 02 – Mike Johnson

Nov 03 – Deb Davey &
Sherry McInerney
& 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

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

Happy Birthday

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