

NEWS & VIEWS FROM ROLLO PEWS



JULY/AUGUST 2022

FROM THE REVERENDS PEN

Dear UCC Congregants and Friends,

We've made it to summer! One of my favorite parts of Sunday mornings is my drive to church through the beautiful farmland in DeKalb County; remembering how dreary the fields looked this winter, and seeing how majestically the fields have transformed themselves into lush greens these past few weeks. Taking time to really appreciate the season - listening to the colorful birds sing, smelling the rich, black soil, feeling the unpredictable wind, tasting sweet corn and watermelon, hiking around crystal blue lakes and prairie fields - is an act of prayer. It is a way of living in harmony with and having deep gratitude for God's creation.

When we look up at countless shining stars on a clear night, away from city lights, we recognize just how small and seemingly insignificant we are within the entire universe. After all, there are 10 times more stars, just in our night sky, than grains of sand in all the world's deserts and beaches. And yet, God has assured us of our unique place within Her creation, and loves and believes in us so much that He put us in charge of managing and protecting it. If we love God, then we must love and care for God's creation. This means all the animals and sea creatures of the earth, the water, air, soil, trees, and plants that provide for us, as well as all the diverse human beings we share this earth with - all made in God's image, just like us.

At a time when the earth's resources are too often being polluted and abused, and too many of our fellow human beings are needlessly suffering, a faithful response requires us to speak out and take action - to be the change we so desperately need in the world. This may require us to step outside of our comfort zones, but this is a part of what it means to be a Christian. To serve, to sacrifice, to make peace, to seek justice - to love the world as Jesus loved us.

Our congregation recently lost 3 beloved members - Ruth McInerney, Chuck Foster, and Kathy Sands. I've come to learn and have deep gratitude for all they gave to their church, their community, and the world. They each loved God's creation in their own authentic and beautiful way, and found courageous ways to serve and protect the land and people around them. They were emboldened and guided by their faith to the very end of their time on earth.....and while their loss is felt by all of us, we have the blessed assurance that they've found their dwelling place with God in heaven. May we still feel a part of their spirit within our church and throughout the beauty of the land around us. And may the spirit of Christ Jesus inspire us to restore God's creation on earth for the good of generations to come.

Peace and God Bless.

-Rev. David Fraccaro



CHRISTIAN ED REPORT – BETH FASSIG

Sunday School finished for the summer on June 5th with a PARTY! The Sunday school kids had cake, cookies, snacks and LOTS of fun! They had a scavenger hunt for all their goodies; which included all the items they needed to have a party for the end of the year. They will resume in September, date still being discussed with the Sunday School teachers.

DIACONATE REPORT – ZACH KASPER

- Reverend David's installation is June 26th, church will start at 11am that day and the installation will begin at 12:15 following services.
- Cards were sent out to all that cannot join. Thank you for participating in showing our support to our members!
- Since last newsletter we implemented the new communion protocol and it is going smooth.
- We had the Crosstown Classic outside and had a wonderful turnout, a great time was had by all!
- Two members have passed away, Kathy Sands and Chuck Foster. Services for Chuck will be 6/30 and 7/1. Services for Kathy will be 6/17 and 6/18. All services will be held at the church.
- Congratulations to Stacy Richardson's granddaughter, Alexis Olson, for graduating high school! She will be continuing her education to receive her Bachelor's Degree Nursing!
- Looking for volunteers to learn the streaming set up to help in the absence of Beth Prestegaard.
- July is our turn to work the Nice Center so volunteers will be needed!
- Baptism for baby Paxton Ruder was June 12 during service!



Paxton Ruder
son of Darby Bend & Aaron Ruder



Alexis Olson
daughter of Jessica & Brent Olson
granddaughter of Stacy Richardson
great-granddaughter of Swede & Judy Svendsen

TREASURY REPORT – WAYNE DAVEY

From the Money Counter

BUDGET		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
\$82,995.00				
REVENUE	May 31, 2022	\$34,581.25	\$28,641.02	- (\$5,940.23)
EXPENDITURES	May 31, 2022	\$34,581.25	\$25,491.51	(\$9,089.74)

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$44,571.55

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$30,070.26

150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 700.21
Building Fund:	\$ 1,180.25
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 2,339.72
Memorial Account:	\$ 1,965.97
Undesignated:	\$22,668.38



Current CD Balance as of 3/29/2022: \$ 4,474.77

Memorial Fund: \$ 4,947.81

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

July 01 – Katie Schilling
 July 02 – Wade & Scot Benson
 July 06 – Darby Bend
 July 07 – Sydney Bend &
 Carol Svendsen &
 Jodie Richardson
 & Kim Jordal
 July 09 – David Schou
 July 10 – Cornel Recknor
 July 11 – Lauren Jordal
 July 15 – Hilary Foster
 & Taylor Martin
 & Mitchell Lyons
 July 19 – Paige Koks
 July 25 – Jane Baird
 July 27 – Beth Fassig
 July 29 – Adrienne Benson
 & Ron Bend



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

August 04 – Susan Foster
 August 06 – Lyndsay Goble
 August 08 – Ryan Gletty
 August 09 – Ros Richardson
 August 11 – Kevin Schilling
 August 12 – Beth Prestegaard
 August 14 – Lucas Svendsen
 August 15 – Taylor White
 August 16 – Anita Eide
 August 23 – Madyson Olson
 August 29 – Kora Svendsen
 & Andrea Hanson
 August 30 – Jackson Kasper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 26 - Pastor David's Installation Service at 12:15 pm

Regular Church Service will begin at 11 am (*this day only*)

Cookie Fellowship to follow: Beth P. and Lisa J.

July 3 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

July 10 - Trustees Mtg after worship

July 31 - Cookie Fellowship: Beth P. & Lisa J.

Aug. 7 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

Aug. 14 - Council Mtg after worship

Newsletter Due



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS & THOUGHTS

Prayers for all those affected by war, poverty, forced migration, and violence.....that peace,

dignity, and love may prevail.

All our Service men & women

Steve Headon (*Wayne & Stacy*)

Judy Martin

Helen Algiere

Bryan Wald

Jane Buland

Noelle Sauter

Sandra Bullis

Josh Wooden

Phil Chavez

Ray McInerney

JoAnn Snyder

Kristie Kasper

Bob Cardine (*Kathy Sands*)

The Reynolds Family

Family of Kathy Sands

Family of Chuck Foster

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**N.I.C.E. Volunteers needed
from Rollo Church each
Saturday in July!**

**Church Service will
begin at 11am on
June 26th**

USHERS

July - Ron Wald & Curt Foster

August - Darryl Kupecz & Jeff Svendsen

September - Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey

COOKIE FELLOWSHIP

July 31 – Beth Prestegaard, & Lisa Johnson

August 28 - Carol Bend & Becky Stephens

September 25 - Judy Svendsen, Jamie Gibson,
& Deb Davey

LAY READER

June 26 – Barb Bend

July 3 – Curt Foster

July 10 – Bob Gilmore

July 17 – Katie Koks

July 24 – Jeff Svendsen

July 31 – Laura Fassig

Aug. 7 – Ellen Kupecz

Aug. 14 – Carol Bend

Aug. 21 – Stacy Richardson

Aug. 28 – Zach Kasper

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