

Rollo News & Views From Rollo Pews

Rollo UCC - September/October 2023



Dear Rollo UCC Congregants and Friends,

It's been a good summer at Rollo UCC! Attendance has been strong, the weather has generally been lovely, several congregants have come back refreshed from some well deserved vacations, the youth were able to take a great trip to Starved Rock State Park, and we held our annual Cross Town Classic service outside at Rollo's Field of Dreams!

Many of you shared with me how fun and meaningful that service was. Cheering on the kids as they hit the ball, walking around the bases together, raising over \$1,000 in our offering for a local family in need! The service was a good reminder that showing the love and compassion Jesus taught to one another will always be more important than the score at the end of a game.

While Cubs and Sox (and a Cardinal fan) were initially instructed to sit on opposite sides of the field, to capture that sense of rivalry, I invited everyone to bring their chairs together once again....remembering that while we are made up of many different people and perspectives, we are to always be the ONE, UNITED body of christ.

Becoming a unified congregation doesn't just happen overnight. Like any healthy team, it requires valuing the perspectives and gifts of each member of the team, offering grace and encouragement to one another when it's needed, and bonding over a shared vision of doing something great together - sharing the good news and bringing a little heaven to earth as Jesus taught.

I'm grateful to share that I've seen us grow stronger and more unified at Rollo, and when we are operating as a compassionate, loving, and determined team led by Christ - people will come (as they say in Field of Dreams) and blessings will flow from our small, but strong country church. May we continue to grow as a team and show our children, our community, and our world what it means to be the ONE body of Christ.

Peace and Blessings.

Rev. David Fraccaro

Moderator Report by Beth Prestagaard

Summer is coming to an end with many fond memories and some great weather!

I sometimes feel like my blurb in this newsletter is redundant to committee work, so I will be brief. We have accomplished many things the past couple of months and continue our efforts to maintain our amazing building with the support of all of you! Our work will continue into 2024 as we plan and work on other projects.

My hope is to get back to some subcommittees too for the parsonage, a 'marketing campaign' of sorts to work on expanding and reinvigorating our membership, a new look and presence on social media and a few other minor things. Our goal is to maximize the many talents that sit in the pews and are on our membership list as we work to conduct church business and projects.

What interests, background or skills do you have that you wanna share?



Diaconate Report by Stacy Richardson

Thank you to Rev David for such an inspirational (Field of Dreams) Crosstown event. A big thank you to the Hospitality Committee for the wonderful cookout. A great time was had by members, guests and children who were then inspired to play wiffle ball and kickball games!

Upcoming blessed baptisms will begin Aug 27th with Mara Fraccaro then Cameron Brand on Sept 17th.

Sherry McInerney and Camilla Boston continue as our church's representatives with the NICE center, we thank them for taking the school supplies collected and encourage anyone that wishes to join them on the Annual Walk Sept 16th.



Trustees Report by Keith Fassig

- Got new fire extinguishers and they will be mounted along with the smoke and CO2 detectors.
- Furnace quotes – have 2 and need to make a decision on the bids
- Bricking on East door on the carport is completed.
- Tuck-pointing of the whole church has been completed.
- Gutters will be completed shortly.
- Mike is working on a project book to keep future trustees up to date.

With completion of the tuck-pointing, we are still \$10, 675.00 short of hitting our goal. If not raised, it will be taken from the Endowment fund.

Christian Education Report by Barb Bend

Sunday School will resume Sunday, September 10th. We will complete our study of the Old Testament by the end of December. Then we can start the new year with the New Testament. We hope you enjoyed last school year through the pictures and our “performances”. We know we’ll have another fun-filled year, along with learning more information about the Bible and God.

Treasurer’s Report by Wayne Davey

FROM THE MONEY COUNTER

BUDGET \$88,429.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	July 31, 2023	\$51,583.56	\$50,379.66	-\$1,203.90
EXPENDITURES	July 31, 2023	\$51,583.56	\$50,779.11	-\$399.45

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$33,800.02

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$37,177.31

150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 700.21
Building Fund:	\$ 0.00
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 1,939.72
Memorial Account:	\$ 7,667.23
Insurance Claim	\$ 15,349.75
Tuck-pointing Fund	\$ 8,169.16
Undesignated:	\$ 2,135.51



Current CD Balance as of 7/27/2023: \$ 4,506.87

Memorial Fund: \$ 12,174.14

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

Tuck-pointing Project:

Total Cost:	\$48,845.00
5/30/2023-Down Payment	\$30,000.00
To Date-Donated Funds	\$13,895.00
Funds Requested from	
Endowment Fund	\$ 9,675.84
9/3/2023 – Final Payment Due	\$18,845.00





Thank you to everyone who came out for our annual Cross Town Classic Service at Rollo's Field of Dreams. It was a meaningful and fun Sunday that has inspired us to try a few more outdoor services this summer and fall :)



Rev. David and Jaime Gibson trying to keep up with our awesome high school youth during a recent hike at Starved Rock State

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sept. 10 - Sunday School resumes

Trustees Mtg after worship

Sept. 24 - Service on the Farm at Deb and Wayne Davey's barn.

Children will have Sunday School beforehand at the barn.

Cookie Fellowship:

Judy S., Jamie G, & Stacy R.

Oct. 1 - Diaconate Mtg

Oct. 8 - Trustees Mtg

Council to follow

Newsletter Due!

Oct. 29 - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Martha B., Betty G. & Audrey K.

Nov. 5 - Diaconate Mtg

Nov. 12 - Trustees Mtg



Congrats to the Fraccaro Family on the baptism of their daughter on Aug. 27th

COOKIE FELLOWSHIP LIST

September 24 - Judy Svendsen, Jamie Gibson, & Stacy Richardson

October 29 - Martha Bianco, Betty Goble, & Audrey Kuring

November 26 - Katie Koks, Ellen Kupecz, & Barb Bend

LAY READER LIST

Sept. 17 - Stacy Richardson

Sept. 24 - Zach Kasper

Oct. 1 - Beth Prestegaard

Oct. 8 - Gloria Foster

Oct. 15 - Jon Ritter

Oct. 22 - Tami Johnson

Oct. 29 - Susan Foster

Nov. 5 - Ron Wald

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

Wayne & Judy Martin

Helen Algieri

Bryan Wald

Jane Buland

JoAnn Snyder

Mark Cox

Deb Davey

Sandra Bullis

Kristen Thomas (Richardson)

Judy Svendsen

Cheryl Simpson

Jerry Klatt (*Svendsen's*)

June Stephens (*Becky Stephens*)

Family of Noelle Sauter

Family of Patricia Unzicker

(Becky Stephens)

Family of Jaime Fraccaro

USHER LIST

September - Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey

October - Mike Johnson & Dave Gibson

November - Jon Ritter & Darryl Kupecz

ANNUAL WALK FOR N.I.C.E.

The Annual NICE WALK which will be held on Saturday September 16, 2023

Students, adults and individuals from our local churches and communities will step off, from the Water Tower Park on Sat. Sept 16, to raise money for our N.I.C.E. Center.

Our Church has been given WALKER envelopes with sponsor sheets, the N.I.C.E. story and flyer. Whether or not you get donations, everyone is encouraged to make this WALK a great Saturday family event to show support for the work that is being done at our local food and clothing center in Lee, Illinois.



We do hope you make this a family event, but anyone can walk to show their support for this mission. We will wait along Shabbona Pathway.

Our Church Contact for sign up is:

Name:

SHERY MCINERNEY

Phone Number:

815 708 4936

Food...Water...Rest Stops...Port A Johnny's...Courtesy Cars

Shabbona Fire Dept. Emergency Vehicles and Personnel are provided.

Sept 06 – David Fraccaro
Sept 11 - Becky Oest
Sept 12 – Dakota Goble
Sept 13 – Tami Johnson
Sept 18 – Trevor Benson
Sept 20 – Doug Maple
Sept 22 – Barbara Bend
Sept 23 – Samantha Ritter
Sept 28 – Erin Maple
Sept 29 – Ronald Wald
Sept 30 – Martha Bianco



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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