

News & Views from Rollo Pews

January/February 2024

From the Pastors Pen

Dear Rollo UCC Congregants and Friends,

Each of you has been on a unique journey this advent season. Amidst the hope and joy of the holidays, many of you have also experienced moments of worry and pain. Life can feel like an unpredictable roller coaster at times. While we can't predict or control what life brings our way, may we remember this Christmas that the peace and love of Christ Jesus is available to us in every breath we take. This is the good news of the gospels, the promise of Christmas.

Our task this season is to open ourselves to it. Sometimes our hearts and minds get so lost in regret of the past, or worry about the future that we forget the sacredness of the present moment. Take time each day to smile at your loved ones, to sing and dance to a silly song, to help a neighbor in need, to watch the sunset - these are all gifts from God that can bring us back to our true selves. The more we practice being open and present to the peace and love of Christ in our daily lives, the more gratitude and joy we will feel and want to share with others. Life's storms will not feel as threatening, and each moment will become a blessing.

I am grateful to be on this journey with you. There is no other group I'd rather take it with. I look forward to what the new year will bring - new members, weekly lenten Bible studies, Easter celebrations, and so much more!

For now, let's be sure to share the love and peace we feel this Christmas with our neighbors in need through our special church box offering. Diaconate will make sure it makes a big difference to a family in our community.

Stay warm this cold winter and please know you are loved more than you can possibly imagine....and please don't hesitate to reach out if you ever want to talk.

May the peace and love of Emmanuel, God with Us, guide our path.

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Treasurers Report by Wayne Davey

BUDGET \$88,429.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	11/30/23	\$81,059.88	\$82,091.44	\$1,031.56
EXPENDITURES	11/30/23	\$81,059.88	\$81,558.43	\$533.01

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$30,270.84

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$35,522.64

150 Anniversary Fund: \$ 1,215.73

Bathroom Fund: \$ 700.21

Building Fund: \$ 0.00

Diaconate Fund: \$ 1,939.72

Memorial Account: \$ 10,444.51

Insurance Claim \$ 15,349.75

Tuckpointing Fund \$ 0.00

Undesignated: \$ 5,872.72

Current CD Balance as of 10/27/2023: \$ 4,529.63

Memorial Fund: \$ 14,974.14



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

Moderator Report by Beth Prestegaard

How can it be December already?

A reminder again, if you are serving on a committee and terming out, if you have an interest in serving again or serving on another committee, please let me or the current Chairperson know. Our nominating Committee consists of the current chairs of our committees and 2 at large members – please let me know if you wanna serve on the Nominating Committee as soon as possible.

Committees have held last meetings of the year and MUCH has been accomplished. I look forward to 2024 when we continue our work here in Rollo. My hope for 2024 is we continue to shore up our plans for projects, marketing our church through Social Media, word of mouth of members and re-engaging some of our members we haven't seen or heard from in a while. It's a GREAT place to worship and be part of a church family!

Our Annual meeting will be Sunday, January 14 after church. I will be gone and Jeff Svendsen has graciously agreed to lead the meeting.

Diaconates Report by Stacy Richardson

The food drive goods and first round of hats/mittens were delivered to the NICE by Sherri & Camilla, thank you to our church representatives for their work. They will take the remaining hat/mittens/jackets collected to the NICE very soon. Our congregation is again stepping up in their donations as we assist the NICE center needs and the needs of our members.

Sad to report the loss of member Judy Martin on Nov 11th, her visitation and funeral were held in the church on November 18th.

Thank you to everyone for helping decorate the sanctuary Nov 26th after worship services, the church looks beautiful. We appreciate the great music Rev David entertained us with to get into the Christmas spirit.

We always look forward to the Christmas Program & Tea which is on Dec 17th. Christmas Eve Services will be 10 am on the 24th.

New members will be received during worship services on January 14th.

We have begun the advent Season but are planning ahead and putting a calendar of events for the year 2024 together, as Lenten Season approaches Feb 14th.

We ask that you continue prayers for those on our prayer list.



Trustees Report by Keith Fassig

- Furnaces for sanctuary and basement to be replaced by Nick Gaston – cost \$10,287
One furnace is being donated.
- Insurance will be reviewed for the church in January.
- AED training will be rescheduled due to the batteries need replacement
- Lighting in the church is tabled until further notice.
- Budget reviewed and approved by congregation.
- Entry carpets were cleaned.
- Water softener system is being looked into along with a tankless hot water system.
- Looking for quotes for cleaning services for the church. If you know of someone, please contact a trustee – Daryl, Keith or Mike

**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 Martin

Helen Algieri

Bryan Wald

Jane Buland

JoAnn Snyder

Mark Cox

Sandra Bullis

Kristen Thomas (Richardson)

Judy Svendsen

Zach Kasper

Jacob Brewer

June Stephens (*Becky Stephens*)

Irene Oliver (*Beth Prestegaard*)

Kyle Abraham

*Family of Roger Johnson
(Deb Davey)*

*Family of Jerry Klatt
(Judy Svendsen)*

Family of Judy Martin

Family of Joyce Fraccaro

Announcements

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve 10am Service

Dec. 31 - *Annual Report Deadline*

Jan. 7 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

Jan. 14 - Annual Meeting with dinner served afterwards

Jan. 28 - Cookie Fellowship:

Maegan Gletty & Jeff & Carol Svendsen

Feb. 4 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

Feb. 11 - Trustees Mtg after worship

Council Mtg to follow

Newsletter Due!

Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday Services 7 pm

Feb 21 -Start of a 5 week Lenten Bible Study Series

Usher List

January - Jeff Svendsen & Larry Svendsen

February - Dave Gibson & Zach Kasper

March - Bob Gilmore & Mike Johnson

Cookie Fellowship List

January 28 - Maegan Gletty Jeff Svendsen,
& Carol Svendsen

February 25 - Ann Gilmore, Susan Foster,
& Lisa Johnson

March 31 - Easter

Lay Reader List

Dec 31 - Jeff Svendsen

Jan. 7 - Laura Fassig

Jan. 14 - Ellen Kupecz

Jan. 21 - Stacy Richardson

Jan. 28 - Zach Kasper

Feb. 4- Beth Prestegaard

Feb. 11 - Gloria Foster

Feb. 18 - Jon Ritter

Feb. 25 - Tami Johnson

Mar. 3 - Susan Foster

Mar. 10 - Ron Wald

Mar. 17 - Ann Gilmore

Mar. 24 - Maegan Gletty

March 31 - Barb Bend

Happy Birthday!

January 07 - Leah Richardson

January 12 - Gloria Foster

January 18 - Devon White

January 20 - Brad Martin

January 23 - Heidi Johnson

January 25 - Camilla Boston

January 30 - Bill Fassig

January 31 - Jefferson Bradley

Feb 04 - Dave Bend

Feb 05 - Joel Svendsen

Feb 08 - Donald Oest

Feb 15 - Alexis Olson

Feb 21 - Isabella Kasper
& Carol Bend

Feb 27 - Keith Fassig
& Jordan Johnson

Feb 28 - James Baird
& Katie Goble

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