

News & Views From Rollo Pews

November-December 2024

From the Reverend's Pen

Fall is my favorite season of the year - Halloween parades and pumpkins, hot apple cider and sweaters. I am especially drawn to the brilliance of fall foliage in the Midwest, and how the end of the life cycle can be so strikingly beautiful. There's something in the autumn air that makes us nostalgic and reflective about our lives.

It is fitting then that we revisit the story of Job during this season. Job's life reflects all the tragedy, beauty, unpredictability, and redemption we all experience in this one precious life. Amidst all the ups and downs of life, Job's story reminds us that as humans we will always be limited in our understanding of the ways of God. Job also reminds us that it's ok to struggle with God from time to time through it all; that honest conversation with God is actually crucial for us to grow in our faith. In the end, what Job discovers is that whatever struggles and unknowns may come in life, there is always a bright sun above the clouds.....and that keeping the faith restores us from the dust and ashes of our lives.

So this fall, take the courage and wisdom of Job's story with you on your own journey. As the hope of the advent season approaches, remember - there is nothing, not even death, that can separate us from the love of God in Christ.

Peace and God Bless.

Pastor David Fraccaro

*I'm always here to listen and encourage you on your faith journey,
so please email me if you'd ever like to talk - davidfraccaro99@gmail.com





Treasurer's Report by Wayne Davey

FROM THE MONEY COUNTER

BUDGET \$89,865.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	September 30, 2024	\$67,398.75	\$72,131.00	\$4,732.25
EXPENDITURES	September 30, 2024	\$67,398.75	\$64,003.16	\$3,395.59

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$30,515.19
Current Balance in Savings Account: \$32,448.73

150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 700.21
Building Fund:	\$ 0.00
Family Relief Fund:	\$ 3,314.00
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 1,439.72
Memorial Account:	\$ 8,186.51
Insurance Claim	\$ 15,349.75
Tuck-pointing Fund	\$ 0.00
Undesignated:	\$ 2,242.81



Current CD Balance as of 9/30/2024: 3.5%	\$ 4,677.71 - First State
Current CD Balance as of 9/30/2024: 5%	\$ 25,000.00 - Resource
Balance in Savings Account: .15%	<u>\$ 7,448.73 - Resource</u>
Total Savings:	\$ 32,448.73

Memorial Fund: \$ 12,864.22

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



Diaconate's Report by Tami Johnson

The final outdoor service of the year was held Sept 22 at the Davey Barn with a potluck following the service. The Diaconate would like to thank Deb and Wayne for their hospitality.

October 27 is All Saints Day is observed.

Again this year, we are collecting donations for the NICE Center. Non-perishable food donations are due Nov 10 with blessing of the food during church service that day with Thankful Harvest Dinner to follow. Hats, mittens, and gifts for the Christmas Room are due Nov 17. With the help of Sherry McInerney and Tina Johnson, the Diaconate is in the process of evaluating and updating current Christmas decorations. We hope that volunteers will stay after church to help decorate the Christmas tree (date to be determined). The Diaconate donated \$500.00 from the Diaconate Fund to Hurricane Helene relief.

Please contact a Diaconate member (Stacy Richardson, Lisa Johnson, or Tami Johnson) or Reverend David if there is an unmet need in our community.

Trustee's Report by Mike Johnson

- Plaster Repair has been completed by Jerry Denault. It was completed for a lot less than what we were anticipating, and looks very nice.
- Trustees are looking to put savings into short term interest paying accounts, rather than leaving it in an account that pays no interest. We would still be able to pull money out if needed.
- Church Cleaning is going well.
- Bushes in front of church have been trimmed, and weeds pulled or sprayed.
- Trustees will discuss the 2025 Church budget at the Oct. 20 meeting, with presentation to church members at a later date.



Moderator Report by Beth Prestegaard

Committees continue to do their best work – I am appreciative for their planning and commitment to getting done the immediate needs and forethought to the future. Hard to believe we are wrapping up October. We invite you to join in more discussion about the future of the Parsonage. We will gather after church for a light soup lunch on 11/17. There have been many ideas batted about and we wanna get back to that important discussion and come up with a plan.

Please keep your minds open to serving on a committee – we will begin those conversations very soon. We really do enjoy our time together and challenge each other – come join us! We will need someone to join our endowment Committee – please advise if you have an interest.

**Please Remember In Your
Prayers & Thoughts**

*Prayers for all those affected by war, poverty,
forced migration, violence, and natural
disastersthat peace, dignity, and love may
prevail.*

All our Service men & women

Wayne Martin

Bryan Wald

Jane Buland

Kristen Thomas (Richardson)

Zach Kasper

Jacob Brewer

June Stephens (*Becky Stephens*)

Philip Peterson

Dave Jacobson

Martha Bianco

Toni Moniz

Jodi Freider

The Joerger family

Family & Friends of Grace Catron

Family of Deloris George

Families of Bend, Kumnick,

& von Kaenel with the passing of Della Bend

**NICE Food Drive - Please bring
donations to the front of the
church until Nov. 10th.**

**NICE Hat/Mitten Drive & other gifts
for NICE Christmas Room - Please
bring donations to the front of the
church until Nov. 17th.**

**November 17th there will be a light
lunch and parsonage discussion after
worship in the basement.**

We would like to keep going 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

NICE Center Food drive, please bring non-perishable donations

Hat/Mitten & other gift donation drive for NICE

Oct. 27 - Cookie Fellowship: Sherry McInerney, Beth Prestegaard &
Audrey Kuring

All Saints Service, honoring those we have lost since Nov. 1, 2023

Nov. 3 - Diaconate Mtg at 10am

Nov. 10 - Trustees Mtg at 10am

Food drive deadline and blessing of food collection

Services to honor Veterans

Thankful Harvest Dinner hosted by Hospitality Committee

Nov. 17 - Hat/Mitten & other gifts for NICE Christmas Room deadline

Light lunch & parsonage discussion after worship

Nov. 24 - Cookie Fellowship: Katie Koks, Ellen Kupecz, & Barb Bend

Nov. 27 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7pm

at the Earlville Methodist Church

Dec. 1 - Diaconate Mtg at 10am

Dec. 8 - Trustees Mtg at 10am

Council Mtg to follow

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 5pm

Jan. 12 - Annual Meeting



Deb Davey would like to thank everyone who sponsored her for the Crop Walk. She raised \$660 and walked 2 miles!

Cookie Fellowship List

Nov. 24 - Katie Koks, Ellen Kupecz, & Barb Bend

December - Christmas

Jan. 26 - Maegan Gletty, Jeff Svendsen, & Carol Svendsen

Please visit our website at:

uccrollo.org

Ushers List

November - Jon Ritter & Darryl Kupecz

December - Dave Bend & Chuck Johnson

January - Jeff Svendsen & Larry Svendsen

Lay Readers List

Nov. 3 - Inga Peterson

Nov. 10 - Tami Johnson

Nov. 17 - Susan Foster

Nov. 24 - Ron Wald

Dec. 1 - Ann Gilmore

Dec. 8 - Maegan Gletty

Dec. 15 - Stacy Richardson

Dec. 22 - Barb Bend

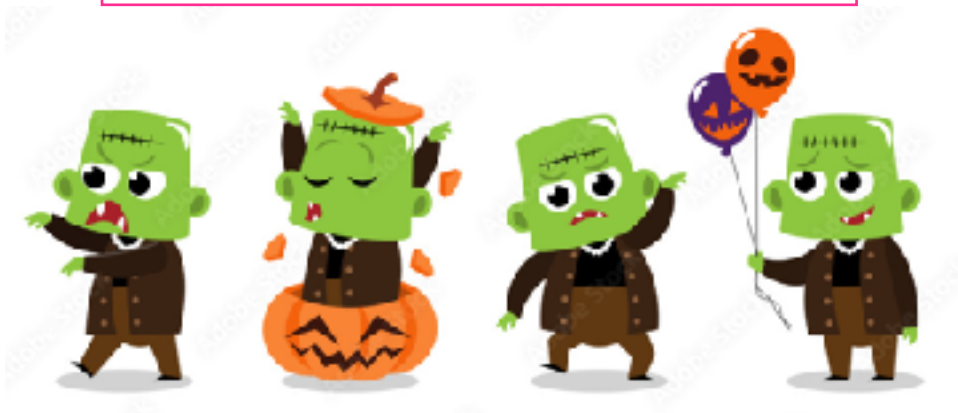
Dec. 29 - Curt Foster

Jan. 5 - Bob Gilmore

Jan. 12 - Katie Koks

Jan. 19 - Jeff Svendsen

Jan. 26 - Laura Fassig



Happy Birthday

Nov 01 – Eila Oest

Nov 02 – Mike Johnson

Nov 03 – Deb Davey &
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
& Marissa Fraccaro

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

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