



First United Methodist Church of Roseville

*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace.*

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NRSV)

Dear Ones,

I have been your pastor now for one half of one year. It seems like longer. We have worked hard together to bring more people into our doors. Our average worship attendance has increased by twenty percent. This is wonderful news! I thank God and all of you who have worked so hard to advance our purpose as a church – To make disciples of Christ for the Transformation of the world.

We have many things for which to be very proud. We have taken in 12 new members and there are more in the wings who will join in January. We fed hungry and homeless people by providing over five thousand meals. Our children's ministries are growing rapidly. We will soon hire a quarter time youth coordinator who will expand our youth ministries. We have had many special events that were open to the community, among them were: Halloween Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving Dinner and a Christmas Open House with Santa Claus who had gifts for over fifty children. The choir has grown and has been blessed with new, beautiful voices. Church Council has several new leaders who will help guide us over the years. We have added new air-conditioning units to Backman hall and will soon install our new Lift that will make the second floor accessible to many more people.

There are many people and things that I have missed but it is certain that we are on the move!

We are running a little short in balancing our income/expenses. We are certainly not in a crisis. It is this time of year when folks usually give a special gift to the church to bring us over the top. There is an envelope enclosed in which you may place your gift and simply bring it to church or mail it in. Your special gifts are much appreciated.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I am looking forward to a wonderful next year together. We will do great things.

Many Blessings and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rolly Loomis', written in a cursive style.

Pastor Rolly Loomis