

# Truax News

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**Heeey!** from Pastor Les

What a fantastic October we had at Truax UCC. We had a several fundraisers for our friends Terah and Sadick in Ghana, Africa. The first ever spaghetti dinner at Truax was a huge success. We served 125 people and raised just under \$1000 towards Sadick's upcoming medical bill. Throw in the Steak Fry and Meat Raffle, and we are over halfway to our goal of raising \$6000 to help with the hernia operation expense.

We had a fun-filled church auction at the beginning of the month with great food and a very "spendy" group of auction participants. Throw in the "Christmas & Miscellaneous sale" on a Saturday morning and the church came out pretty good for some extra funds.

Our annual meeting was smooth and well-attended with the budget being passed for 2023 and some church maintenance being addressed. Worship attendance has been consistent with some new and past faces showing up every week. At the next council meeting we will be discussing on ways to entice new folks to try our church.

On Wednesday, November 23 there will be joint Thanksgiving Eve Service with all the UCC churches in Eau Claire. I have been asked to preach at this service. The time and place will be announced in the upcoming weeks. At our council meeting in November we will be discussing plans for our Christmas Eve services.

I would like to say again how much I love being at your church and how much I appreciate your love and support you have given me and the mission of the Ghana boys, Terah and Sadick. The spaghetti dinner was a lot of fun and a way to show off our beautiful building to folks in our community. I hope to plan another dinner for the boys after the first of the year at our church.

Hope to see you in Church on Sunday!  
**Pastor Les 715-533-8273**

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Every Sunday** - Check the sign-up list for "vacancies" for volunteers to bring refreshments each Sunday. You don't need to bring a banquet. An assortment of cookies, or some coffee cake, or a similar item is fine. Some people choose to bring more, but that's certainly not a requirement! Truax provides the coffee, but you need to make it. (Help is available, if needed). You also need to take the garbage home with you afterward - we no longer have trash pick-up. (Thanks in advance for volunteering!)

**Wednesday, November 16 - 7 PM - Quarterly Council Meeting.** Council Members, please check your inbox or "snail mail" box for your copy of the agenda a few days before the meeting! Questions about the meeting or want something added to the agenda, please contact the Clerk, Diana Stenner at 715-577-5161 or [stenners@chipvalley.com](mailto:stenners@chipvalley.com). Thanks!

**Wednesday, November 23 (Time and place to be announced) - Joint UCC Thanksgiving Eve Service.** Pastor Les will be preaching.

**Save the dates!** If you have any questions or would like to help in anyway towards Sadick's medical bill, you can make a donation to the Ghana fund, or call me and we can talk. Thank you all for your continued support of Terah and Sadick!





# 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Daylight saving time ends! Set your clock back so you get to church at the right time!</i></p> <p>↓</p>		<p><b>1</b> B'day: Richard Suvada</p>	<p><b>2</b>  Cookie Monster's Birthday</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> Use Your Common Sense Day!</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>6</b> 9:30 Worship</p>	<p><b>7</b> B'day: Jerry Pitts</p>	<p><b>8</b> </p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>  HONORING ALL WHO SERVED VETERANS DAY</p>	<p><b>12</b> B'day: Sioux Bradford Gladwell</p>
<p><b>13</b> 9:30 Worship</p>	<p><b>14</b>  NATIONAL PICKLE DAY NOVEMBER 14</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 7 PM - Quarterly Council Meeting  Anniv: Richard &amp; Anna Suvada</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b>  MICKEY MOUSE DAY!</p>	<p><b>19</b>  NATIONAL ROCKY &amp; BULLWINKLE DAY NOVEMBER 19TH</p>
<p><b>20</b> 9:30 Worship</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> B'day: Kay Sulzer</p>	<p><b>23</b> Joint UCC Thanksgiving Eve service (Time &amp; place to be announced.) </p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> Random Acts of Kindness Friday</p>	<p><b>26</b> B'day: Denise Lester</p>
<p><b>27</b> 9:30 Worship</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> B'day: Joey Bentley</p>	<p><b>30</b>  National Mason Jar Day www.NationalDayCalendar.com</p>			



## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

### For Church Year

October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

(Meeting held October 30, 2022)

Council President Chris Ambelang called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Twenty-five members were present. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were included in the Annual Meeting booklet, so were not read aloud. There were no questions. Barb Topper moved to accept the minutes as printed. Craig Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote. The **Treasurer's Report**, a comparison of income and expenses for the past three fiscal years (2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022) were included. There were no questions. Tom Sulzer made a motion to accept the report as printed. Janice Miland seconded. Motion carried. **Old Business** - There was none. **New Business: Election of officers** - The slate of officers included: **Treasurer** (one-year term) Pam Johnson, **Clerk** (one-year term) Diana Stenner, **Trustee** (three-year term) Chad Suvada, **Deacon** (three-year term) Louie Lee, **Deaconess** (three-year term) Janice Miland. No additional nominations were made. Jane Jackson moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Roxann Brien seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote. Proposed Budget for 2022-2023 - Budget information printed in the booklet included the proposed budget for 2022-2023 and the 2021-2022 Budget for comparison purposes. There were no questions about the budget. Craig moved to accept the budget as printed. Don Halvorsen seconded. Motion carried. Other New Business - Rhonda Cooke asked if there were any plans to attract new people to the church. Pastor Les mentioned that there were plans to address this issue at the November Quarterly Council Meeting. Pam Johnson stated that she had some information about the ValuPak mail advertising program and planned to bring it to that meeting. There was no additional new business. Sara Robbins moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill Jackson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.

-- Submitted by Diana Stenner, Clerk

## A THANKSGIVING BLESSING

by Rick W. Cotton

It's cold outside, but it's warm in my heart.  
And the gray fall sky is His work of art.  
Laden and low, quiet and still,  
November is welcome, and my eyes  
drink their fill

Of brown-gray grass and red-orange leaves,  
Of pavement winding through the strong,  
stately trees.

Down the hill, past the barn, past the  
gate, up the lane,  
The house with bright candles in each  
window pane.

Now I step inside; oh, it's warm! Oh, that smell!  
Hot turkey roasting, potatoes done well!  
Sweet, spicy cider, and warm winter wine  
Cranberry sauce - Oh! - the flavors - divine!

The smiles and hugs are so warm and sweet.  
In this cold gray November, a Thanksgiving treat.  
I do love it all and am so thankful; yes,  
For this lovely season...I am truly blessed.



**At the steak fry!**

**NOVEMBER AT TRUAX**

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**AGENDA**

- ATTENDANCE**
- BUDGET**
- BULLWINKLE**
- COMMUNITY**
- CONGREGATIONAL**
- COOKIEMONSTER**
- COUNCIL**
- DAYLIGHT**
- DEACON**
- DEACONESS**
- FUNDRAISERS**
- INFORMATION**
- INSURANCE**
- KINDNESS**
- MISCELLANEOUS**
- NATIONAL**
- NEWSLETTER**
- NOVEMBER**
- OPERATION**
- PARTICIPANTS**
- QUARTERLY**
- SPAGHETTI**
- SUPPORT**
- THANKSGIVING**
- VETERANS**
- VOLUNTEERS**





# October Treasurer's Report

## Truax Congregational UCC

October 2022

### MONTHLY INCOME

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Fall Auction/ Vendor Sale	\$2,523.00
Non Offering	\$590.00
General Fund	\$2,847.00
OCWM	\$280.00
Feed My People	\$35.00
Insurance Refund	\$381.00
interest	\$286.70
Rent-Oct	\$750.00
Lunch	\$53.25
Till cash/other	\$538.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,283.95</b>

Checking \$11,346.74  
Savings \$54,412.75

<i>Monthly Deposits</i>	<i>Monthly Expenses</i>
\$8,283.95	\$4,483.20

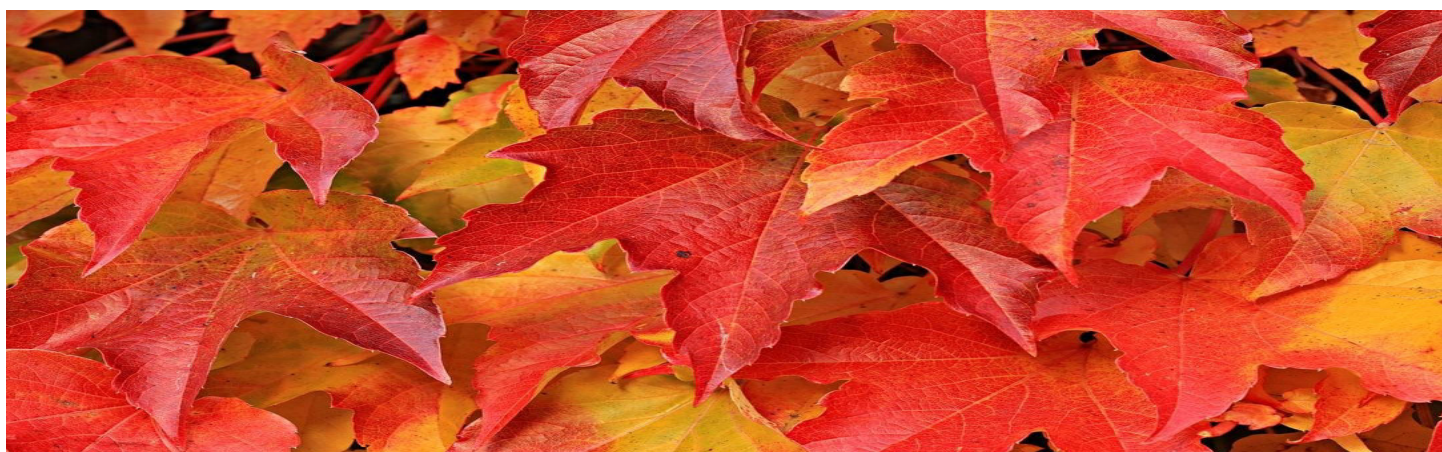
DATE/ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	MISSIONS	FOOD PANTRY	COMMUNITY TABLE	FEED MY PEOPLE
10/2/2022 26	\$655.00	\$80.00			\$25.00
10/9/2022 23	\$300.00				
10/16/2022 24	\$235.00				
10/23/2022 24	\$267.00				
10/30/2022 25	\$1,390.00	\$200.00			\$10.00

### MONTHLY EXPENSES

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Pastoral Support	\$1,380.00
Xcel Energy	\$90.57
West WiTelcom	\$128.05
Feed My People	\$37.00
OCWM	\$280.00
St. Francis Food Pantry/CommunityTable	\$24.00
Cleaning	\$100.00
Pianist	\$250.00
Office	\$247.57
Baptismal Supplies	\$180.01
Petty Cash	\$510.00
Property/Liability Insurance	\$1,181.00
Fusion	\$75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,483.20</b>

### Summary

<b>\$8,283.95</b>	Deposits
<b>\$4,483.20</b>	Expenses
<b>\$11,346.74</b>	Checking
<b>\$54,412.75</b>	Savings
<b>\$52,223.47</b>	CD
<b>\$117,982.96</b>	TOTAL



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(Deadline for the **December** newsletter is  
Sunday, **November 27.**)

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Sunday Service - **9:30 AM**

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Thanks!

Leona North would like everyone to know that she is very thankful for all the cards, calls, and birthday greetings sent for her birthday.

She wants all to know she misses everyone dearly and (we are) hoping to get back to making our presence known in church again real soon. Thank you and God bless!

Denise Lester

