

Our Mission
"Centered in Christ"
"Strength for Today"
"Hope for Tomorrow"



April
2017



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Ross Community Church UMC
2943 Hamilton Cleves Road
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Sunday Easter Service

April 16, 2017 @ 10:30 a.m.



To our Family and Friends at Ross,

This is our April edition of our Newsletter and I am appreciative to Phil for putting it together for us. We have missed a couple of months but we're back on track. We can use your help. If you know of some church news get it to Phil by the 25th of the month. If you are a committee chairman put a note on your calendar to get Phil some news around the 25th of each month, it will make compiling everything much easier.

April 16th, we celebrate Easter and the day of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We look to December 25th as the birth of Jesus and these are both equally important in the life of a Christ follower. But, is one more important than the other? Should one be observed with greater reverence than the other?

You will get a variety of answers and points of view when you discuss this with people. Obviously, Jesus had to be born to die and without His birth He would never have done all the miracles He did on earth. As we think about this thought we can ask ourselves what do I believe, which is more important, does it make any difference anyway?

I believe it does make a difference. You see, Jesus is the only known religious leader to have died and been resurrected. As you all know I do not like to call Jesus a religious leader. He was a Christian leader but not all religions are Christian. Religion is man's search for God while Christianity is God's search for man. So, if we were to say that he seeks and searches for us that would be accurate. As a risen Savior, He can do just that, seek, search, find and forgive. Only a resurrected savior could do that for you and me.

As we approach the Easter season please be reminded that our Community Good Friday service will be held on Friday, April 14th at our church. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. We will be collecting an offering for the RAMM and Morgan Ministries and St. Vincent DePaul ministry. We will need ushers for the event. If you can serve please let me know.

Again, Thanks Phil for your work.

Larry

Information Page

Ross Community Church

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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Sunday School

9:15 – 10:00

(For All Ages)

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Fellowship

10:00 – 10:30

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Church Service

10:30

(Children's Church 1st & 2nd Sunday's during summer)

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Thursday Service

Praise Music

&

Message

7:00 p.m.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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United Methodist Women

Second Tuesday

of the month @ 10:00 a.m.

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Trustees - Nurture & Missions

First Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 p.m.

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Church Council

Second Monday of odd months @ 7:00 p.m.

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United Methodist Men

Last Saturday of the month @ 9:00 a.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS



We pray that you enjoy the beautiful flower bouquets on the

Church Altar on Sunday mornings.

If you wish to have special flowers to commemorate or in memory of a special occasion or person please contact Debbie Gilman @ 513-923-9457 at least two weeks prior to the date you wish the special flowers to be displayed.



COMMUNION



If you are **home bound** and would like to **receive communion** please contact the church office at (513) 868-2923. Rev Larry Gallaher will return your call.

"Prayer Shawl Ministry"

Please spread the word:

-----If anyone has a family member, friend, etc. that is gravely ill, please let me know in the Sunday service, or email me at www.carolfarmer90@yahoo.com. Also contact me for more information. This program is 100% voluntary, and the Church has not spent a penny. We can also use more volunteers. Have a great day in the Lord.

Submitted by Carol Farmer

Please send your e-mail address to Secretary Emily Adams (Emily.fs.adams@gmail.com) if you would prefer to receive your issue of The Ross Community UMC Newsletter by e-mail. Thank You, Editor

TRUSTEES

Submitted by Wayne Estep – Co-Chairperson



We are blessed to have such a beautiful church. It is the Trustees' job to keep our church not only beautiful but also mechanically sound. Every year, the Trustees are in charge of the routine maintenance as well as annual inspections.

Below is a list of our primary objectives for 2017. As you can see, the largest project this year is the resealing and striping of our large parking lot. If you want to help defray this cost, it would be greatly appreciated. Please note on your offering "for parking lot repair."

- **Parking Lot** - The sealing and striping of the entire parking lot surface is scheduled for May. Charge is \$8,000.
- **Sanctuary Outside Doors** - New closers and locks were in need of repair. (Completed)
- **Painting Upper Portion of Sanctuary** - This is an ongoing project by Roger Creasy.
- **Landscaping** - Biennially, a landscape contractor weeds, trims and mulches around the church. It is due in May of this year.
- **Paver Brick Sidewalk** - It is in the planning stages and will be from the back door of the Sanctuary to the parking lot.
- **Spring Cleaning and Upkeep** - The trustees and others from the church completed the following: removed insects from overhead lights, cleaned all inside windows and sills including the sanctuary, swept carpet in all areas, sowed grass seed behind dumpster, removed landscape timbers from around the trees by Rt. 128, replaced overhead light bulbs at entrance of church and removed all cobwebs and dust from the ceilings and walls.

The trustees are in charge of many other duties far too numerous to mention.



The Three Crosses of Calvary

According to Matthew 27:38, there were three crosses on Calvary when Jesus was crucified. On both sides of Jesus were malefactors who were to be crucified as well. There is significance to the fact that on the day Jesus was crucified, two others were as well.

1. ***In the first place, Christ was in the middle and the thieves were on either side representing the two conditions of mankind.***
Everyone is represented by one of the malefactors. God could have planned one thief of three, but there were two and they show how humanity is divided by Christ. The cross in the middle held the Saviour; the cross on the right, a saint (saved); the cross on the left held a lost sinner. In fact, the man on the right received Christ and the one on the left rejected. Which cross represents you?
2. ***The three crosses represent FINALITY.***
They were not going to leave the crosses and resume life. Jesus died for sin and was resurrected. The man on the right received Christ and went to heaven. The sinner on the left died and went to hell.
3. ***The three crosses represent the GRACE OF GOD.***
Christ was in the middle dying for both the sinners. The thief on the left had the same opportunity. You do not have to get saved...God will let you make the horrible choice and pay the price. The man on the left only wanted his life saved, not his soul. The same grace was offered to both.
4. ***The three crosses represent the wonderful PLAN OF SALVATION.***
Christ died on the middle cross FOR SIN; the man on the right DIED TO SIN; the man on the left DIED IN HIS SIN. On the middle cross, GOD COMES TO MAN; on the right cross MAN COMES TO GOD; on the left cross MAN GOES TO HELL.
5. ***The three crosses represent mankind's reaction to God.***
Jesus on the middle cross represents God LOVING, SUFFERING, SUBSTITUTING, GIVING, FORGIVING, PAYING AND OFFERING. The cross on the left represents man SCOFFING, REFUSING, HATING, DENYING, UNBELIEVING, AND UNWILLING DYING LOST. The cross on the right represents man REPENTING, BELIEVING, RESPONDING, CONFESSING, ACCEPTING AND RECEIVING and going to heaven by the grace of God.

The question to be answered by all is, WHICH CROSS REPRESENTS YOU?

Article written by Bro. Lev Humphries, pastor of Faith Independant Baptist Church, for the local newspaper.

Ross Community Church
 United Methodist
 Women
 Faith, Hope & Love
 In Action



Submitted by Judy Creasy

The next women's meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

The women's Mother's and Special Others, dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. The theme will be "Victorian Tea". All women are welcome to invite their Mothers, Daughters or all friends to join us for a fun evening. Linda Estep will be selling dinner tickets all April, up to the Sunday before the dinner.

Scholarships are due to be returned by Sunday, April 2, 2017. We will be handing the scholarships out on the Graduation Sunday in June.

Carol has had a crocheting class. If anyone wants to give a prayer shawl to a sick person, please see Carol Farmer, Brenda Oliver of Judy Creasy.

The following women's meeting will be Monday, May 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the church. We will be getting ready for the "Victorian Tea" dinner.



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| 2 Cindy Gallaher | 10 Levi Taylor |
| 4 Craig Eppich | 10 Lori Campbell |
| 4 Zach Foxx | 15 Lois Lynch |
| 4 Taylor Rechel | 15 Samantha Lightfield |
| 5 Helen Burch | 22 Karen Auffinger |

Editors Note: If you wish your birthday listed in the monthly newsletter please let Emily know in the office. We promise we will not list the year.

SUNDAY MORNING Worship Leaders

MAY

APRIL

- 2 Debbie Kunick
- 9 Tom Bevington
- 16 Tim Zecher
- 23 Chip Schoepf
- 30 Greg Conrad

- 7 Roger Creasy
- 14 Jim Rechel
- 21 Nancy Beckman
- 28 Debbie Gilman

JUNE

- 4 Debbie Kunick
- 11 Tom Bevington
- 18 Tim Zecher
- 25 Chip Schoepf



Jesus Has Risen

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸Then they remembered his

GET INVOLVED

Be a volunteer and reap the rewards

Church Administrative Council Meeting

Our **next** Church Ad Council **meeting** will be the evening of **Monday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.** All members of our congregation are welcome to sit in on this meeting of your church council.

If you wish to address the church council I will need advance notice of the topic you wish to discuss so that it can be added to the agenda for the meeting.

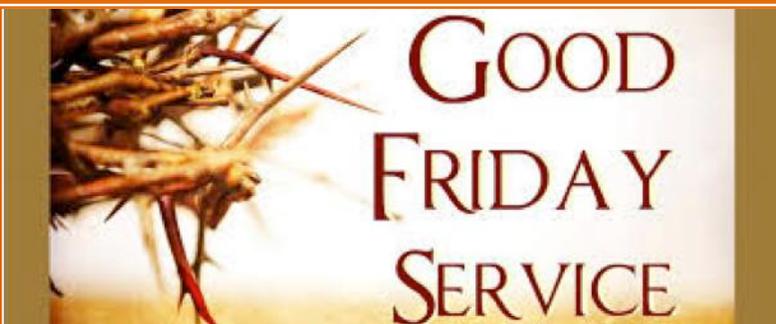
We are in need of chairpersons for Nurture and Missions Committees. If you are willing to take on one of these committees please contact Pastor Larry.

Phil Brown, Church Ad Council Chairperson

Sunday, April 9

PALM SUNDAY

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**GOOD
FRIDAY
SERVICE**

**Community Service
Starts at 7:00 p.m.**

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New Members



We as a church family welcome our newest members to our congregation: Bonnie Knapp and Stephanie Estes.



