

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



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alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

Dear Church Family,

We're into spring and as I write this, I am hoping that the weather is dry, and you are enjoying this time of the year.

It's about time for the farmers to get into their fields to begin the growing season. Plowing, disking, cultivating, planting and fertilizing all that stuff they do to feed us. I grew in up Missouri around a farm community, so I have some understanding of farming. I was always interested in watching them plow the soil until they came up with the idea of no-till planting. You just plant the seed in the ground and go from there with the other activities that go on at the farm.

What they called this plowing operation was "breaking new ground" turning it over in the field. That idea of "Breaking new Ground" got me to thinking as we enter the growing season what are we doing to grow? Do we have plans to grow this year?

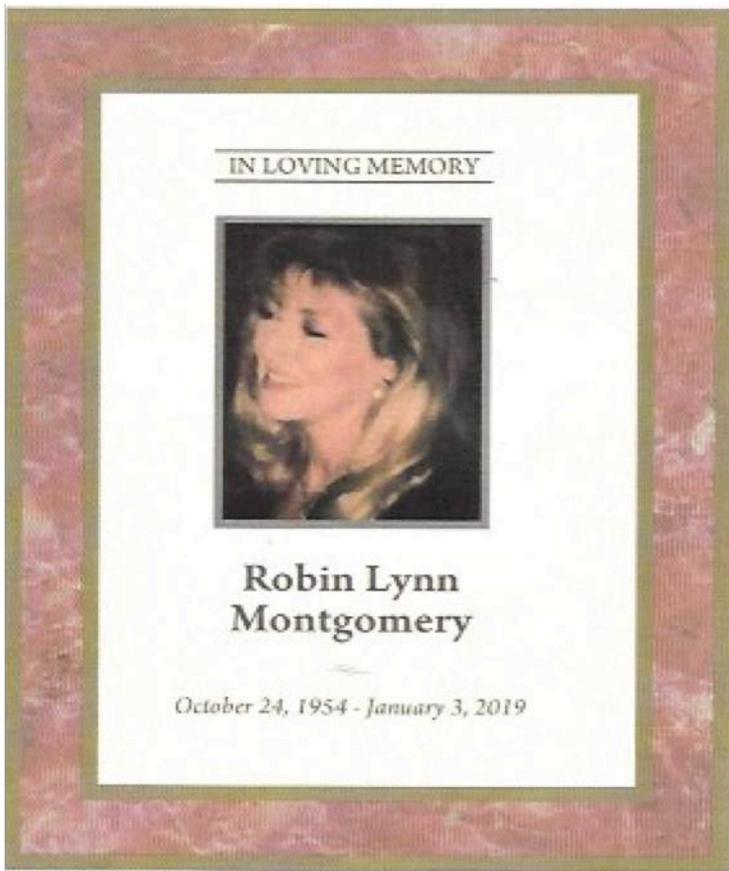
What a great time to "break some ground" in our prayer life. Have you ever prayed for someone over the phone? How about a prayer on Facebook for the many needs we see there? What is your springtime plan for Bible study? Do you have a book to help you along as you study?

Breaking new ground can apply to many Christian ideas and ideals. Consider making calls to un-churched family members you know and invite them to church. Invite them to get a cup of coffee together with me. Oftentimes a setting like this breaks some ice with certain people.

Maybe you might want to serve in some capacity at church. We have several areas where additional help would ease the burden on others. Skills are not important but your heart is. Are you a member of the United Methodist Women or the Men's Group? Sandy conducts a Bible study on the last Saturday of the month, what about joining that? Join the Men's Group for a lively discussion.

Church can be so much more than Sunday morning in our lives. Serving and sharing what you receive then giving it to someone else is where the real joy comes.

Pastor Larry



We Hold You

We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives,
Until we meet again.

So rest in peace dear loved one,
And thanks for all you've done.
We pray that God has given you
The crown you've truly won.

Worship and Celebration

Ross Community United Methodist Church
2943 Hamilton Cleves Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45013

**March 24, 2019
4:00 pm**

Officiated by
Pastor Mark Montgomery

We Miss You!

In order to let people know we miss their attendance in church we are going to send out cards expressing this concern every two to three weeks.

We need help from the congregation with suggestions of names of people who need to receive cards. You can notify us by email, Sharon Mortimer's office mailbox or a call to Sandy Hogeback or Sharon Mortimer.

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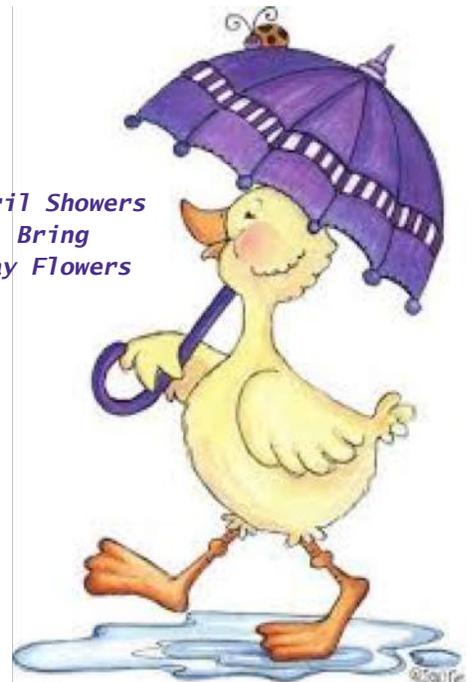
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April 15

Rev. Grant & Ann Montgomery

April Showers
Bring
May Flowers





Ross Community

United Methodist Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Submitted by Judy Creasy

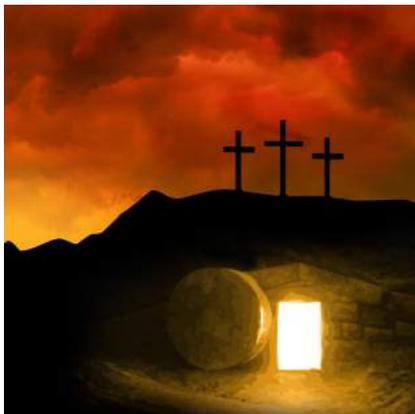
The next UMW women's meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in the church at 10:00AM.

The women are planning the Mother and Special Others dinner on Tuesday May 7th. We are having Judy Rambo's Women Gospel singers for entertainment. Dinner is going to be catered by Dave's Quality Meats of West Chester. We are having hot sliced ham with honey glaze with veggies, salad and ice cream Sundays for desert. All women are invited to bring all their Special Others to the dinner. Let Linda Estep know if you and your special others are coming by Palm Sunday, because we have to our count to the caterer by April 23rd.

We will be doing a silent auction again to contribute to the Dorthey Guard scholarship fund. Anyone that has anything to donate to the auction, feel free to bring it to the church. We will be displaying the items a few weeks before the dinner, so all (even men) can bid in the auction.

The women are helping Nancy sort the clothes that have been donated to her, for the RAM 3RD Saturday Food Pantry. In April we will be helping Nancy on Tuesday, April 16 at 9:00AM. We will meet at the Administration Building in her sharing closet room, to get the clothes ready for the following Saturday.

All students who will be attending college next year are eligible for the UMW Dorothy Gard Scholarship. The deadline for the scholarship applications is April 7, 2019. We will be presenting them on Graduating Sunday, June 9th 2019.



With Thanks & Appreciation

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, encouraging words and positive thoughts as I am going through this journey. I have a tumor in my brain and I'm not sure what God's plan is for me at the moment. I do know He placed the Nurse Practitioner at my doctor's office, directly in my path.

Thank you just doesn't seem enough. Please keep the prayers coming.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has made a donation to "Free Throws For Kids". This is such a worthy cause and one I am incredibly passionate about.

RCUMC is a loving, giving, caring church. I am so blessed that God called us back to the church I was raised in.

With much love, Brenda Brown



02 Cindy Gallaher
03 Jason Cecil
04 Craig Eppich
04 Zach Foxx
04 Taylor Rechel
05 Helen Burch

10 Levi Taylor
10 Lori Campbell
15 Lois Lynch
22 Karen Auffinger
28 Carolyn Allen

NOTICE *Easter Sunday* NOTICE

We will have a minor schedule change for Easter Sunday. For the past few Easter Sunday's we have held our Fellowship time prior to the morning worship service. For Easter only, Fellowship time will run from 9:30 AM until 10:15 AM then our morning worship will begin at 10:25 AM.

Be sure to remind your family of this time change and let them know it is Easter Sunday only.

NOTICE

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Ross Community United Methodist Church
Ad Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2019

In Attendance: Bruce Armstrong; Donna Armstrong; Brenda Brown; Phil Brown; Judy Creasy; Wayne Estep; Larry Gallaher; Debbie Gilman; Jan Gump; Sharon Mortimer; Sandy Hogeback; Rita Garrison.

Miscellaneous

- Devotional - Larry Gallaher - "Under Same Management for 2019" (church sign)
- Devotional for next meeting (May 13, 2019) - Jim Rechel
- Minutes from January 14 meeting stand approved as read. Judy Creasy moves that the minutes be accepted. Sandy Hogeback seconds the motion.

Opening Prayer (Pastor Larry)

Opening Remarks (Pastor Larry)

- Larry explained that BSA (Boy Scouts of America) now allows girls in the organization. He explained we do have an "hold harmless" agreement with the troop that meets at the church.
- Larry talked with Grant Montgomery regarding the Memorial Service for Robin and discussed arrangements for March 24, 4:00. (Sharon Mortimer passed around a food sign up sheet)
- The Worship Committee has planned services through Easter.
- Worship Survey will be emailed to members.

Ad Council Chair (Phil Brown)

- Has to check with Linda Kunick to confirm if her Nicaragua program will be August 10 or 17. Linda has to talk to Greg.

UM Men (Wayne Estep)

- No report

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UM Women (Judy Creasy)

- The Mothers and Special Others Dinner will be May 7; tickets \$15; Gospel singers will be entertainment.
 - Scholarship/Graduation Sunday will be June 9
 - Women to help Nancy Beckman on March 13, April 16, May 14 and June 11, 9:00 a.m. to sort and organize the Sharing Closet.

SPRC (Brenda Brown)

- Chip and Melissa Schoepf will be leaving the end of May

Trustees (Wayne Estep)

- Wayne and Roger will get two more bids on the furnace install and will then submit to the District to see if we can get a grant.

Finance Committee (Debbie Gilman & Judy Creasy)

- Debbie passed out a revised budget inasmuch as the apportionments were \$2200 less.
- There were two bills from Duke Energy in January; she paid the 4th quarter, 2018 Payroll taxes; \$330 for poinsettias is shown under Worship; the charge for internet service is \$15 a month which is a little more than it was in 2018.
- Report will be filed for audit.

Old Business -

- Bruce Armstrong encouraged everyone to take Car Show flyers to put up and pass out.
- Sandy Hogeback will again hold the Bible Study on the last Saturday of the month.

Donna Armstrong made a motion to close the Ad Council Meeting - Wayne Estep seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Closing Prayer (Pastor Larry)

Next Meeting - May 13, 2019, 7 pm

April 19



The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe.

.John 19.2

April 14



April 21

HE IS RISEN
celebrate the savior



Worship Leaders

April	2019
7	Debbie Gilman
14	Chip Schoepf
21	Jim Rechel
28	Sally Rechel
May	2019
5	Greg Conrad
12	Debbie Kunick
19	Tim Zecher
26	Roger Creasy
June	2019
2	Nancy Beckman
9	Debbie Gilman

Hall & Door Monitor

April	2019
7	Sharon Mortimer
14	Wayne Estep
21	Phil Brown
28	Jim Rechel
May	2019
5	Gary Mortimer
12	Mike Ratliff
19	Roger Creasy
26	Butch Foster
June	2019
2	Doug Beckman
9	Judy Creasy

The Meaning of Easter

QUESTION: The meaning of Easter - What does it mean to you?

ANSWER:

The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. The meaning of Easter also symbolizes the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three-year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi. However, His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all.

However, Easter did not always symbolize Christ's resurrection from the dead and the meaning of Easter was quite different than what Christians celebrate today. The feast day of Easter was originally a pagan celebration of renewal and rebirth. Celebrated in the early spring, it honored the pagan Saxon goddess Eastre. When the early missionaries converted the Saxons to Christianity, the holiday, since it fell around the same time as the traditional memorial of Christ's resurrection from the dead, was merged with the pagan celebration, and became known as Easter. The meaning of Easter was also changed to reflect its new Christian orientation.

Today, the meaning of Easter, for millions of Christians, is that of honoring and recognizing Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and His glorious promises of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

Origin of Easter - Resurrection Day for Christians

For Christians, the origin of Easter is simply the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ about 2,000 years ago. According to the Gospel accounts, Jesus Christ, the true Messiah promised in the Old Testament, was crucified and resurrected at the time of the Jewish Passover. Since that awesome event took place, those who believe Christ is their Messiah have honored that day and often celebrated it with the traditional Passover. As the Gospel of Christ spread throughout non-jewish nations, among people who did not have a history of celebrating the Passover, the pagan rites of Easter gradually became assimilated into what the Christian church called "Resurrection Day." Compromising the commandments of God with the comfort of the world is as old as the nation of Israel itself. Actually, American history teaches us that Easter was dismissed as a pagan holiday by the nation's founding Puritans and did not begin to be widely observed until just after the Civil War. Those interested in a Christian view of American history and the gradual compromise of America's Biblical foundations may wish to read books such as *The Light and the Glory* by Peter Marshall and David Manuel.

(Taken from <https://www.allaboutjesuschrist.org/the-meaning-of-easter-faq.htm>)

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 – 10:25

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Church Service

10:25

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Thursday Service

Praise Music
&

Message

7:00 p.m.

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Vicky Foster / Gabrielle Truman

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Visit the Ross Community United Methodist Church web page at: <http://www.rossumc.org/>

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

Prayer Chain

To have someone placed on the Prayer Chain please call Vicky Foster at 513-738-3749 or email vfoster@zoomtown.com.

If you wish to be added to the Prayer Chain send Vicky your email address.

LORD'S Supper



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



If you would like to place flowers on the altar, in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Debbie Kunick at 513-490-0381 or djkljkbutterfly@gmail.com.

Office: Emily Adams, Administrative Assistant: Office hours 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Tuesday & Thursday;** 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Wednesday.**