

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

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**ROSS
COMMUNITY
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**



Dear Church Family,

It's advent season again and once again my favorite time of the year. There was a time during 1993 that I found myself saying 'I really did not care.' That was the time of the year that my son, Matt was killed in an automobile accident. It took me a few years to finally come to my senses, get a grip on life and realize that everything that happens to us is a part of God's overall marvelous plan for Matt's life as well as mine. I was being selfish.

I believe there were several reasons for the change in my mind. First of all, I know that Matt is in heaven. That is the ultimate goal of any parent to be able to rest assured of the final resting place of their children. To know where he is gave me the realization that Jesus came to save us.

Secondly, I heard the song "Lord I lift Your Name on High" and the words spoke to me:

*"You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high"*

When we can get this reality into our spirit that life really does change and His plan is the Plan for each of us. This is one of my favorites.

So, I can write to you with a renewed enthusiasm for the Advent season that I have experienced since those dark years. Life is good, God is good, and I need to honor Him with my life. When we do that we know we are pleasing Him.

So this Advent season, can things be different? I think they can and we can make the decision to make it different. Pray with an expectant heart that your prayers will be answered in an unexpected way. Pray the prayer that you received in November - expectantly.

Pastor Larry

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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)

CONTACTS

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Pianist:

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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

@ 8:00 a.m.

"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

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, Lay Leader Jim Rechel or Lay Leader Wes Flannery will return your call.



Please send your e-mail address to rcumcnewsletter@gmail.com if you would prefer to receive your issue of The Ross Community United Methodist Church Newsletter by e-mail.

Thank You, Editor



We need your HELP!

We would like to have Jr Church 2 Sundays a month. With Debbie and me singing during church it is hard for us to do the Jr Church. We would like to do the Jr church the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Jr Church starts after the children moment. We have material for the Jr Church. When school is out for the summer, we will revalue the program at that time. Also if you have any ideas for this program let us know. Please let Debbie or me know if you can help.



The season of Advent is upon us, so my note of encouragement is to enjoy it and do not get caught up in all the nonsense of the commercial season. Spend some time with your family and really see what Advent is about. I know you will.

Cindy and I want to invite you to drop by our home at 5614 Longbow Drive in Hamilton on December 12th for a "Christmas Open House". Drop by anytime from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, you are all welcome to join. We'd love to have you stop by.

A list of upcoming event for December:

- December 13 – Children’s Program
- December 20 – “Under Wraps - God is Jealous”
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM
- December 27 – “Under Wraps - God is Faithful”
- December 31 – New Year’s Eve (No Thursday Night Service)

United Methodist Women

Submitted by Judy Creasy



The women will have a morning meeting on December 7th in the Church at 10:00AM, to decorate for the Christmas dinner.

“A Cookie Christmas” dinner will be on Tuesday evening, December 8th. The whole church is invited to attend the

evening dinner and program. Linda Estep is selling the tickets; adult tickets will be \$10.00 and \$5.00 for children. The dinner will be Millillo’s Lasagna, salad, bread and home made Christmas cookies. Ross High School choir will be singing Christmas songs, led by Sterling Finkbine. Hurry and buy your tickets.

The women did real well selling Thirty-One bags, making money for our scholarships that we give to our college students.

Please keep trying to help Carol Farmer by crocheting Prayer Shawls or by donating yarn for the Shawls. Also remember to continue bringing your old eyeglasses to church.

The next women’s meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 in the church at 10:00AM. We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas.

Editors Note: The United Methodist Women had submitted their article in a timely manner to be published. As editor of the newsletter I take responsibility for it again being late and apologize to Judy Creasy and the other members of the United Methodist Women’s group.





NURTURE & MISSIONS



Submitted by Judy Kottman

Niederman Walk Thru the Bible Christmas Display - Wednesday, December 16 - 6:00 p.m.

We're inviting everyone to join in as a group to enjoy The Niederman Family Farm Walk Thru The Bible Walk and Barn Entertainment on Wednesday, December 16. The walk is outdoors on a gravel walkway and concludes in a warm welcoming barn with local entertainment and refreshments. There is no fee but donations are appreciated. On this evening the Calvary Church Choir will be performing about 7 p.m. The Farm is located at 5110 Lesourdesville West Chester Rd. Liberty Township, OH. Please arrive about 6 and we will start the walk by 6:15 p.m.



"Here We Go A 'Caroling" - Sunday, December 20 -



How's about spreading a little Christmas Cheer to shut-ins and those who have a difficult time getting out at this time of the year. So you say you can't hold a tune, no problem! At this time of year spreading good cheer may be as simple as a small plate of cookies and a cheerful smile. We will leave church following a light lunch and finish in daylight hours. Please let us know of anyone you may know who would enjoy some Christmas Cheer delivered to his or her doorstep.

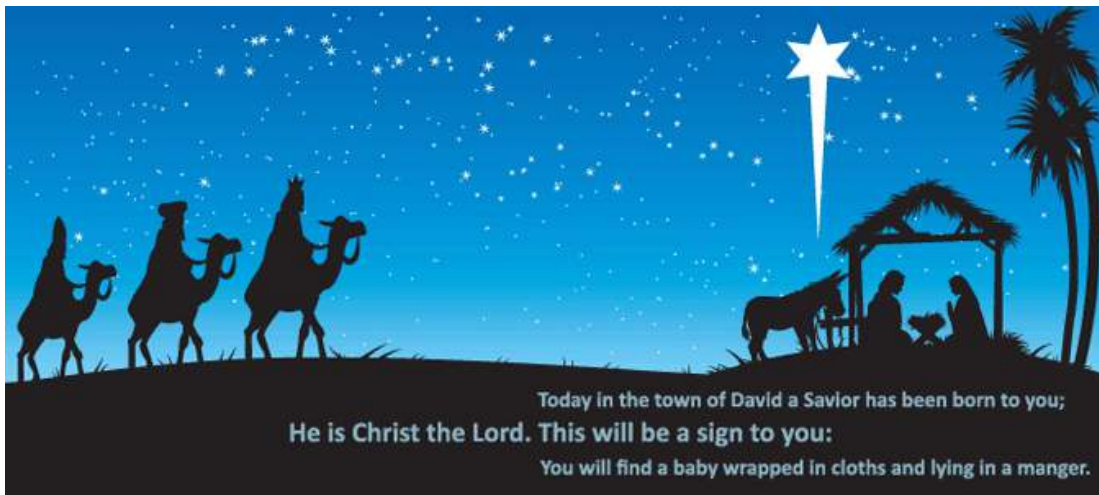
January Movie or Game Night

More information will come in January but be ready to enjoy a relaxing evening with friends.

What's New For Nurture In 2016? - "YOU"

I've been Chairperson of Nurture Committee for more years than I can believe, since 2008; and a member of the committee prior to that. It's been a fun and exhilarating ride and many things have been introduced from past experiences in other churches and life experiences. I've worked with many from the congregation throughout those years and "I Thank You". Now it's time for family and our grandchildren who are very involved in exciting activities which we enjoy experiencing. Nurture has no designated chairperson for 2016 but the members of the committee are strong and organized volunteers. This is where "YOU" come in. As the year progresses I'm asking "YOU" from the congregation to be involved supporting the activities with the members of Nurture/Missions Committee. I'm not walking away and will support the committee and activities when I can but we also need "YOU".





December



- 4 *Roger & Judy Creasy*
- 20 *Don & Annette Hegner*
- 21 *Randy & Joe Anderson*



	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Greeters / Ushers</u>
Dec		
6	Phil Brown	Roger & Judy Creasy
13	Tim Zecher	Bill & Brenda Oliver
20	Greg Conrad	Jim & Sally Rechel
24	Jim Rechel	Phil & Brenda Brown
27	Wes Flannery	Bud & Judy Kottman
Jan		
3	Roger Creasy	Debbie Gilman & Del Foster
10	Nancy Beckman	Wayne & Linda Estep
17	Leroy Singleton	Butch & Trey Foster
24	Debbie Gilman	Roger & Judy Creasy
31	Tom Bevington	Bill & Brenda Oliver

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Continuing prayers for the vision of Ross Community United Methodist Church; Our Church Family; our President, our Nation and our military personnel; Pastor Larry and Cindy; Pastor Grant and Ann; Bev Papet; Gary & Larry Brown (brothers of Phil); Vicki Hilton; Steve Jacobs; Jake Phelps and family; Jo and Randy Anderson & great grandson Tyson and family; Don and Annette Hegner; Earl Whirls; Prentice Family; Tim Zecher; Tari Halcomb; Melissa Schoepf; AJ Pittman and family; Denzil & Helen Burch; and Dick and Jan Stewart and family.



If you know of additions or deletions, please see or call Vicky Foster @ 738-3748. Provide your e-mail address to Vicky for the e-Prayer Chain.



- 3 Linda Kunick
- 7 Lynn Schernbeck
- 8 Lynette Conrad
- 11 Kyle McNeely

- 11 Butch Foster
- 15 Bill Oliver
- 15 Lantz Lewis
- 21 Lisa Guliano

*Otterbein Lebanon's 22nd Annual
Renaissance Feaste
January 7 & 8, 2016
6:00 P.M. (Doors Open at 5:30 P.M.)*

Everyone is cordially invited to the Otterbein Lebanon Senior Lifestyle Community's Campus, 585 N. St. Rt. 741, Lebanon, Ohio, to attend the 2016 Renaissance Feaste.

On these two evenings our Multipurpose Room is magically turned into a Great Hall of a castle.

It is two evenings when the hall fills with a cast of close to fifty performers including the court, special guests, assorted kings, pages, and court musicians and dancers. All of these performers appear in 16th century authentic costuming. The evening is a collaborative effort of the residents, community, and employee partners.

It is two evenings featuring Christmas and authentic Renaissance music. The Otterbein Recorder Choir, Otterbein's Renaissance Chorale and a harpist all perform special music. A special dancer is also included.

It is two evenings when revelers in the Great Hall feast on a Renaissance Meal of roast pork, red potatoes, winter vegetables and salad. The meal culminates with the serving of flaming pudding midst copious toasts from the wassail bowl.

**Renaissance Feaste seating is limited and all seats are reserved.
Tickets are \$18 per person and include the complete dinner and entertainment**

Call early for choice seating. Reservations may be made by calling the Otterbein Lebanon's Renaissance "Hot Line" at 513-696-8575 after December 7, 2015.
Last day for Orders is December 30, 2015.