

Mid
January
2015



**ROSS COMMUNITY
C H U R C H**
Reaching Out-Touching Lives
United Methodist Church

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Pastor**

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Our Mission

**"Centered in Christ"
"Strength for Today"
"Hope for Tomorrow"**

Dear Church Family and Friends,

I'm sitting in my office today with the blinds open and enjoying the unknown commodity of sunshine around here.

Christmas for 2014 has passed and what a wonderful season it always is for us. Cindy and I enjoyed having some friends over whose families are in Texas, had a great time with the boys and with Carson's girlfriend and Ryan's dog "Chunk". It's always a great time when you can see family and friends and we hope your Christmas was a wonderful one. We had a fantastic Christmas Eve service and you can hear it by using the following link that Greg has provided: http://rosscommunitymethodistchurch.org/wordpress/?page_id=15&sermon_id=514 I think you will enjoy listening if you were unable to attend.

However, now we are into 2015 and we have laid out our plans for the start of the year which we shared in the message on the December 28th. We will have more to share as we go on throughout the year. Our goal is to grow and we believe that we can encourage people to attend church through the fellowship and activities that we have planned. You heard me say on the 28th "An amazing harvest is waiting on us if we are willing to be God's workers." I am confident that we have the workers I am speaking about. Over the next several months we will continue to be meeting and developing ideas that will move us into the future. I have some ideas and the Vision Team has ideas and we are going to continue to work together to move forward.

Here is what you can do for us, pray. Yes, that is what we need to keep on track, maintain our awareness of the mission of Ross Community Church, which is "Reaching our Community for Jesus". It is a corporate body of Christ goal. If you cannot get out to work your part is praying for those that are out that way we all work together. Paul said it well in Colossians 3:14-17 "And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it. 15-17 Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing; sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way." (MSG)

Pastor Larry

ROSS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Information Page

CONTACTS

Pastor: Rev. Larry Gallaher 513-443-4866
Lay Leader: Jim Rechel
Assistant Lay Leader: Leroy Singleton
Music Director: Sally Rechel
Pianist: Lori Campbell / Craig Eppich
Cornett: Karen Auffinger
Drums: Chip Schoepf
Nursery Attendant: Robin Montgomery
(Ages birth through four years)
Prayer Chain: Vicky Foster 513-738-3748
Newsletter: Phil Brown 513-868-2338
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ALTAR FLOWERS:



If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Lynn Schernbeck (738-4959) for the date of your choice and it will be announced in the church bulletin.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School

9:15 - 10:00
for all ages

Fellowship

10:00 - 10:30

Church Service

10:30

*Children's Sunday School
during Church Service*

COMMUNION



If you are **home bound** and would like to **receive communion** please contact the church office at (513) 868-2923. Rev Larry Gallaher or Lay Leader Jim Rechel 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

Monthly Meetings

U.M. Women

Second Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

Trustees, Nurture & Missions Committees

First Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm

Administrative Council

Second Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm

U.M. Men

Last Saturday of the month @ 8:00 am

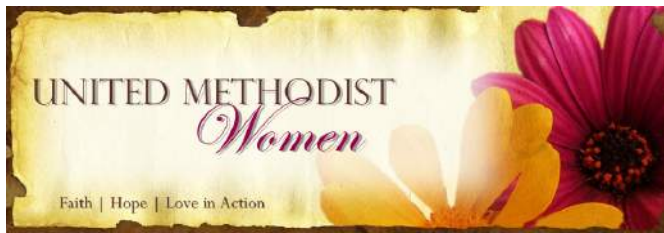


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*Please put RCUMC Newsletter in the
subject line.*

Thank You, Editor





Submitted by Judy Creasy

The UMW monthly meeting will be on **January 13, 2015 at 10:00AM** at the church.

Thanks to everyone who bought Thirty-One bags last month. The proceeds from the sales will go toward the UMW college students scholarships fund.

Please remember to continue bringing your old eyeglasses to church.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 10:00AM in the church. We will be having another evening dinner on March 10; the location still needs to be determined.

Sunday Message Series

Beginning January 2015

Re- Think Church

- Jan. 4 - "Is Your Church a Verb or a Noun?"
- Jan. 11 - "Community of Christians Am I Relevant?"
- Jan. 18 - "The Church With Open Doors"
- Jan. 25 - "Simple Church"

I Love My Church

- Feb. 1 - "I Love My Church!"
- Feb. 8 - "Love in Community"

Will be continued in February newsletter.

It takes a church family to run a church!



If able // Volunteer!

in the spotlight
IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Linda Kunick

Linda greets us with a smile and hello as she passes out bulletins upon our entry to the sanctuary.

Linda goes above and beyond. Not only does she share with us, she takes a yearly trip to Nicaragua. While there, Linda visits with moms and their newborn babies, taking with her needed items for the babies.

A shout out for Linda. Thank You for gracing us with your contagious smile and good deeds.

Vicky Foster

Vicky gives her time and talent each week, preparing our bulletins and sending out prayer requests.

Vicky also lends her voice to our choir and is a very regular church attendee.

Thank You Vicky for taking the time to forward on our prayer request so promptly and for spending time to prepare our weekly bulletins after putting a full day at work.

Vicky, you are appreciated more than you know!

Harold 'Bud' Kottman

Bud, as the chairperson of our church trustees, you are one of the most important assets our church has. Through your diligence and get-it-done attitude the physical structure and grounds of our church are well maintained.

You are also an asset to our church choir with your singing abilities.

Thank You Bud for seeing that the parking lot is cleaned off after snow events, that the lights are on, the heat and/or air conditioning is working when needed and **for all the little things you do to maintain our church.**



Where: U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati, OH
When: Friday, February 20, 2015
Starts: 7:00PM
Doors Open: 5:00PM

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 10 BANDS FOR \$10
 U.S. Bank Arena - Cincinnati, OH
 Friday, February 20, 2015
 7:00 PM
 Info: jamtour.com or 513-421-4111

Contemporary Music Festival
If interested in attending the Winter Jam at U.S. Bank Arena on February 20th please **contact Pastor Larry**. We could gather at the church and travel together to this event.



Operation Magi

Sixteen families for a total 77 persons were able to have gifts under the Christmas tree this past CHRISTmas thru Operation Magi. All recipients lived in the general area of Ross Community Church with the exception of one family who lives in Michigan. (For the info on the Michigan family please talk with Nancy Beckman.)

The Church Council wishes to thank the many Christmas Elves who helped in this endeavor but most especially we wish to thank **Head Christmas Elf Nancy Beckman** who worked diligently pulling this volunteer effort together.

Thank you Nancy, you are truly one of a kind and we are blessed to have you in our church family.

**Ross Community Church
 2015
 Standing Committees**

Church Administrative Council Leaders

Reverend Larry Gallaher
 Lay Leader Jim Rechel
 Chairperson: Phil Brown

Finance / Stewardship

Chairperson: Bill Oliver
Members: Financial Secretary, Judy Creasy; **Treasurer,** Debbie Gilman; **SPRC** Brenda Brown; **Trustees,** Bud Kottman; **Lay Leader,** Jim Rechel, **Ad Council Member at Large,** Brenda Oliver; **Pastor,** Rev. Larry Gallaher.

Nominations

Chairperson: Rev. Larry Gallaher
Members: Term Ends 12/31/15: Bob Burnette; Vicky Foster; Del Foster
Term Ends 12/31/16: Wayne Estep; Leroy Singleton; Phil Brown
Term Ends 12/31/17: Helen Burch; Roger Creasy; Sandy Hogeback

Staff Parish Relations

Chairperson: Brenda Brown
Members: Term Ends 12/31/15: Bob Burnette; Sandy Hogeback; Jim Lynch
Term Ends 12/31/16: Judy Creasy; Linda Jacobs; _____
Term Ends 12/31/17: Del Foster; Wayne Estep; Carol Farmer

Nurture / Missions

Chairperson: Judy Kottman
Members: Millie Singleton; Carol Farmer; Nancy Beckman; Vicky Foster; Lois Lynch; Jan Gump; Karen Brauch

Worship

Chairperson: Debbie Gilman
Members: Sally Rechel; Lori Campbell; Greg Conrad; Debbie Kunick; Lay Leader Jim Rechel; Pastor Larry Gallaher

Safe Sanctuary

Members: Pastor Larry Gallaher; Lay Leader Jim Rechel; Church Council Chairperson Phil Brown

Capital Building Fund

Chairperson: Wayne Estep
Members: To be announced

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Continuing prayers for the vision of Ross Community United Methodist Church, Our Church Family; Pastor Larry and Cindy; Pastor John and Lisa; Pastor Kyle and Karen; Pastor Grant and Ann; Bev Papet, our President, our nation and our military personnel, Gary Brown due to ongoing heart problems, Vicki Hilton, Dorothy Gard, Steve Jacobs, Linda Jacobs, Jake Helps and family, Jo and Randy Anderson's great grandson Tyson and family, Bill & Linda Wright's sister-in-law; Annette Hegner (ongoing health issues); the Whirls Family; the Brownfield Family; the Merz Family; the Prentice Family.



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

January

Worship

1 Andy Botting
 1 Connor Ray
 6 James Ratliff
 8 Leroy Hogeback
 8 Doug Beckman
 12 Reva Denny
 12 Lisa Edington
 14 Bev Papet



14 Glenn Bonham
 16 Ruby Landis
 26 Jan Gump
 26 Judy Kottman
 26 Mike Ratliff
 29 Scott Bressler
 30 Aileen Wynn
 31 Brenda Brown

SUNDAY SCHOOL & Jr. Church



Submitted by Sandy Hogeback

We now have 3 Sunday School Classes before Church starts. We have an Adult Class, 1st Grade to 3rd Grade Class and 4th Grade & older Class. We also have a nursery that is open for anyone from birth to age four.

We started a Jr. Church program that meets after the Children's Moments in the Sunday School classroom. We meet first in the Cross Room so we can do a "Joys and Concerns" and have prayer. After the prayer we go to the classroom for a story and craft.

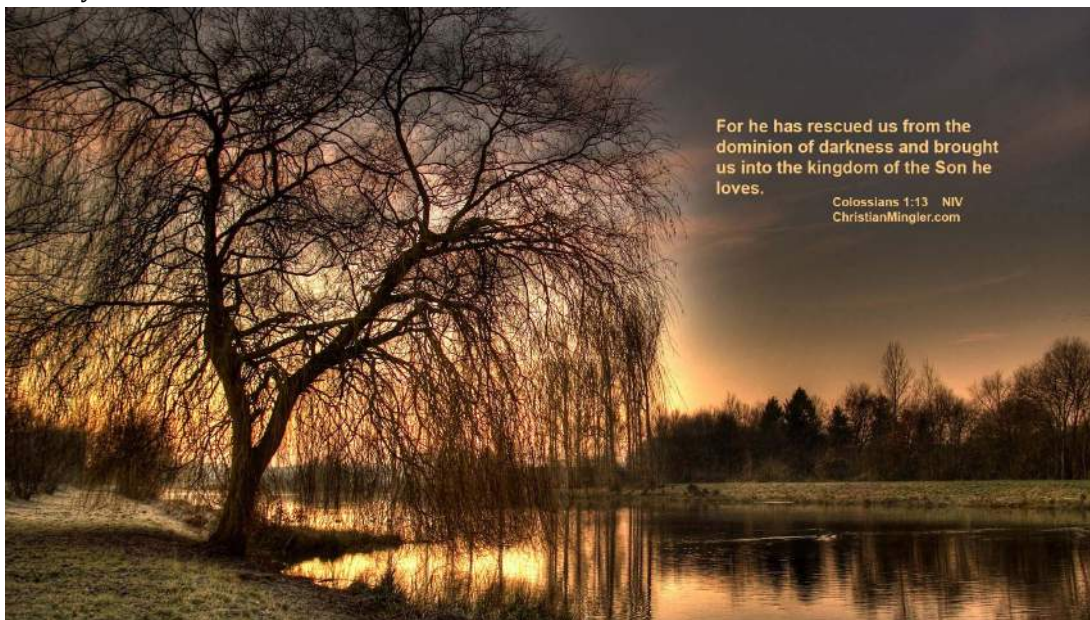
We need people to volunteer to do Jr. Church. Sarah Hogeback will be there to help you with Jr. Church. We will be ordering material to be used for Jr. Church or if you have something you want to use. There will be a sign up sheet in the hallway.

January	
4	Nancy Beckman
11	Tom Bevington
18	Tim Zecher
25	Greg Conrad
February	
1	Wes Flannery
8	Roger Creasy
15	Jim Rechel
22	Leroy Singleton
March	
28	Debbie Gilman



Leaders Ushers & Greeters

January	February
4 Jim & Sally Rechel	1 Butch & Trey Foster
11 Phil & Brenda Brown	8 Roger & Judy Creasy
18 Debbie Gilman & Lois Lynch	15 Bill & Brenda Oliver
25 Wayne & Linda Estep	22 Jim & Sally Rechel



For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

Colossians 1:13 NIV
 ChristianMingler.com

Noah's Ark



animals
Ararat
ark
covenant
dove

flood
Genesis
gopher
Ham
Japheth

Noah
rain
rainbow
raven
Shem