

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



January  
2018



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Dear Church Family,

Are you one of many people looking forward to a new year? Before we jump the gun to 2018 we should ask the question what will I do different in 2018 that I did not do in 2017? There can be many answers to that question like:

- I'll lose weight,
- I'm going to exercise more,
- Maybe even get in the habit of attending church more regular than I have (if I am able).

These are all worthy ideas and goals but what will I do different this time around, that becomes the question?

2017 was a good year for our church. We saw attendance increase although we lost some people for various reasons. More people were involved in ministry. Our missions efforts were again over the top with your support of Linda's Nicaragua trip, Operation Magi was again a wonderful success and your help with the Salvation Army and the toy drive was amazing. The Men's Group rang the red bell for the Salvation Army, the UMW put on another beautiful Christmas Gathering. We are blessed to have so many wonderful people involved in ministry.

We completed our first lay pastor class with five people ready to serve and assist anyone in need. My thanks to Emily for doing such a wonderful job keeping on top of things as well as keeping me organized. We are blessed by the assistance provided by so many people at Ross Community Church. The Praise Band continues to wow us all, you are all by far the best!

2018 is going to bring new vision to the church. We have been blessed to have Bruce and Donna Armstrong join with us in leading our Outreach and Hospitality ministry. I'm always excited when people come to me with ideas and a willingness to serve. They have presented some great ideas and we will be meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> @7:00 PM at the church with our Vision Team but we do not just want to limit to only a few people so consider yourself invited.

I am looking forward to another wonderful year serving at Ross Community and trust we will see fantastic new beginnings come our way because of your dedication and hard work. Church building is hard work, but I know we are up to the task.

Pastor Larry

# Information Page

Ross Community Church

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE +

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday's during summer)

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### Thursday Service

Praise Music

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Message

7:00 p.m.

## 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.

## CONTACTS

### Pastor:

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### Church Office:

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### Lay Leader:

Jim Rechel 513-521-5223

### Church Council:

Phil Brown 513-868-2338

### Pastor Parish Chair:

Brenda Brown 513-868-2338

### Trustees:

Wayne Estep 513-896-5851

### Sunday School Superintendent:

Sandy Hogeback 812-593-2984

### Nursery Attendant: (Ages birth through four years)

Robin Montgomery 513-892-2295

### Prayer Chain:

Vicky Foster 513-738-3748

### Newsletter:

Phil Brown 513-868-2338

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

## Prayer Chain

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



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

## 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](mailto: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

If you would like to place flowers on the altar,  
in memory or in honor of someone, please  
contact Debbie Kunick at 513-490-0382.



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.**

Please send your e-mail address  
to [emily.fs.adams@gmail.com](mailto:emily.fs.adams@gmail.com) if  
you would prefer to receive your  
issue of The Ross Community  
United Methodist Church  
Newsletter by e-mail.



# Goodbye 2017--Hello 2018



Dear West Ohio Conference Church:

For nearly a year now, week by week, one of our United Methodist Annual Conferences has focused its prayer energy on **Praying Our Way Forward**. Each Annual Conference was assigned a week to focus in this way. The week for West Ohio to lead the way in prayer, especially in light of the work of the Commission On A Way Forward and the called session of the General Conference, is **January 7-13, 2018**.

So on Sunday January 7, we will dig in as a conference and breathe together for a week of praying that God will shine a light on the way forward for The United Methodist Church to embrace unity and the enormous mission that God has asked us to share in.

We all have different rhythms and practices in prayer. However I am asking that to the extent possible we devote 12:00 Noon – 12:15 PM for **Praying Our Way Forward**. Please know that you are invited to pray whenever you can and as much as you can each day the week of **January 7-13, 2018**. Please follow this link for [a prayer for the week and a prayer for each day that offers a specific focus](#). Please share these prayers with your congregations and prayer partners. You will also be able to post your own prayers on the Prayer Wall on the conference website.

Thank you in advance for joining this holy conspiracy. As always I am,

Your servant in Christ Jesus,

**+Bishop Gregory V. Palmer**

West Ohio Conference, The United Methodist Church  
32 Wesley Blvd., Worthington, Ohio 43085



*Toys donated to the Salvation Army from the members of the Ross Community UMC family.*



1	Connor Ray	23	Crystal Fauver
7	Megan Cales	26	Jan Gump
8	Doug Beckman	26	Judy Kottman
8	Leroy Hogeback	30	Aileen Wynn
12	Reva Denney	31	Brenda Brown
14	Todd Truman	31	Taryn Lewis
16	Ruby Landis		

# Worship Leaders

## January

07	Roger Creasy
14	Jim Rechel
21	Nancy Beckman
28	Debbie Gilman

## February

04	Sally Rechel
11	Debbie Kunick
18	Tom Bevington
25	Tim Zecher

## March

4	Brenda Brown
11	Chip Schoepf
18	Greg Conrad
25	Roger Creasy

## April

1	Tim Zecher
8	Nancy Beckman
15	Debbie Gilman
22	Sally Rechel
29	Debbie Kunick

## May

6	Tom Bevington
13	Jim Rechel
20	Brenda Brown
27	Chip Schoepf



### Notes From The Office

We received a lovely thank-you from the Salvation Army for the very generous donations of toys. Please be sure to see it posted on the door into the sanctuary.

As we approach January, the season for potential snow has arrived. When cancellations are needed, we post on Channel 12 News as early as possible.

### Notes From Pastor Larry

I am excited about where God can take us in 2018. We have set aside the evening of **January 9 at 7:00 pm** to look to the future and discuss how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Bruce and Donna Armstrong will be leading our **Hospitality and Outreach Ministry** for 2018. They have some great ideas ready for discussion, but I know all of you can help with many additional thoughts about this ministry. Everyone is invited! The only requirements are: (1) Have an idea, (2) Love your church, and (3) Be willing to help.

God has richly blessed us in 2017 and my expectation and prayer for 2018 is for even greater blessings for each and every one of you. Happy New Year!