

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



January
2019



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Dear Church Family,

Matthew 16:18 ESV "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." **Philippians 1:6 ESV** "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

As we look forward to 2019 these two verses speak volumes of where we need to go both personally and corporately as a church. Cindy and I begin 2019 serving as your pastor and we still believe there are great things ahead for Ross Community Church.

However, it seems like there is always a "however" or a "therefore" preceding any statement such as this. We can only grow corporately if we grow personally in Christ. As He leads each of us, we go and do what He asks of us. Only as God leads us can we move forward doing His will and His work.

Let's commit to making these two verses our passion for 2019. Jesus told Peter He would build His church, and nothing could overcome His plan for His church. I believe He has a plan for our church as He did when He spoke to Peter. If He gave this word to Peter, He is giving it to us today. But the question becomes "What will I do with the opportunity He has given me?"

When we answer the next question, we will know the answer to the first question. The second question is this "What will I do to follow what He leads me to do?" This is a question we must all answer for ourselves. As I believe He has a plan for His church I believe He has a plan for each of us.

His plan will be one that we see individually and corporately. He is the head of the church we are His workers in the field. He guides us, and we follow His guidance. His directions will be clear, we must be open to hear His word. That is where our personal responsibility for hearing and following begins.

His church needs to grow, and we are the ones to offer His plan to those we meet. I shared on December 23rd my plan to follow up with the families we helped at Christmas. Let me challenge each of us to find families or individuals that you will commit to pray for and encourage them to join you in worship. His message of salvation has been heard by each of us let's pass it along in 2019.

Pastor Larry

Information Page

Ross Community Church

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE +

Sunday School

9:15 – 10:00

(For All Ages)

+

Fellowship

10:00 – 10:30

+

Church Service

10:30

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

+

Thursday Service

Praise Music

&

Message

7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

+

United Methodist

Women

Second Tuesday of the month

@ 10:00 a.m.

+

Trustees – Nurture & Missions

First Tuesday of the month

@ 6:30 p.m.

+

Church Council

Second Monday of odd months

@ 7:00 p.m.

+

United Methodist Men

Last Saturday of the month

@ 9:00 a.m.

CONTACTS

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Sandy Hogeback 812-593-2984

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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.



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. 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 513-490-0381 or
djklykbutterfly@gmail.com.



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Copied from: *"This Week at Ross"*

Dear RCUMC Members and Friends,

January Message Series: The series for January will be based on the theme "I Can Only Imagine," referencing the chart-topping Christian Contemporary song by the same name. We are also planning a showing of the *I Can Only Imagine* movie (see below). The message schedule is:

January 6: "Imagine a Loving Father" -- Matthew 3:11-17, Galatians 3:26-29

January 13: "Imagine Forgiveness" -- Luke 15:11-24

January 19: "Imagine Redemption" -- Ephesians 5:1-2, 2 Corinthians 4:14-18

January 27: "Imagine Going Home" -- Mark 5:21-34, Revelation 21:3-4



Movie Night: Saturday, January 19

-Meal at 4:00 p.m. - Movie follows meal-

We will have a dinner and showing of the film "*I Can Only Imagine*". My thanks to Judy Kottman for handling the planning for the evening! This will be an excellent opportunity to invite someone who might not be entirely comfortable attending church for the first time. We also plan to invite the Operation Magi families to join us.

(For further information please contact Judy.)

Upcoming:

Saturday, January 12 – Emmaus Gathering hosted by RCUMC

Saturday, January 19 – Meal at 4:00 p.m. -movie follows-

I hope each and every one has a blessed and Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you on January 6.

Pastor Larry

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Thanks again to all who donated **poinsettias!**

The **UMW** will gather for dinner at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 8 at the LaRosas in Stone Creek Town Center, 3657 Stone Creek Blvd. (off Colerain Avenue just south of the I-275 interchange. If you're interested in carpooling, please let Judy Creasy know.



Celebrating the birth of our Savior





Below are the attendance totals for the year 2018.

915 1st quarter attendance
1009 2nd quarter attendance
965 3rd quarter attendance
963 4th quarter attendance _
3852 divided by 52 = 74 weekly average

Thanks for the information Linda Estep.

During 2019 let us strive to improve our weekly attendance average to 84+ weekly.



01 Connor Ray
07 Megan Cales
08 Doug Beckman
08 Leroy Hogeback
12 Reva Denney
14 Todd Truman
16 Ruby Landis

23 Crystal Fauver
26 Jan Gump
26 Judy Kottman
30 Aileen Wynn
31 Brenda Brown
31 Taryn Lewis

Please NOTE:

If the church secretary does not have your birthday or anniversary date we cannot post it in the monthly newsletters. If you wish to have your birthday or anniversary posted please let Emily know the date by email (emily.fs.adams@gmail.com) or phone (513-868-2923).

10 Top New Year's Resolutions for Success and Happiness in 2019

Researchers say that about 60 percent of us make New Year's resolutions, but only about 8 percent are successful in achieving them.

Another year has come to an end, and another has just begun. So, now that the New Year is here, what resolutions are you going to make? Making New Year's resolutions is a time honored tradition all around the world. We all hope for a better future--especially when the year we're leaving behind has been a tough one.

According to research on the topic, about 60 percent of us admit that we make New Year's resolutions, but only about 8 percent are successful in achieving them. Regardless of whether or not we achieved our previous resolutions, most of us go right ahead and make a new set of resolutions -- hoping for the best.

Here are a few more interesting facts about New Year's resolutions:

- Saving money is one of the top 5 New Year's resolutions and also in the top 5 for most commonly failed.
- Over half of respondents said they fail their resolution before January 31st.
- Women make health-focused resolutions while men pledge to find a new job and lay off the alcohol.

So, what are we all wishing for in 2019? Here are the top-10 New Year's resolutions according to a survey of 2,000 people:

1. Diet or eat healthier (71%)
2. Exercise more (65%)
3. Lose weight (54%)
4. Save more and spend less (32%)
5. Learn a new skill or hobby (26%)
6. Quit smoking (21%)
7. Read more (17%)
8. Find another job (16%)
9. Drink less alcohol (15%)
10. Spend more time with family and friends (13%)

Are any of these resolutions on your own personal list? Who knows -- this just might be the year that you achieve every goal you set for yourself. Here's to a New Year filled with much success and happiness.

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