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### Our Mission

**“Centered in Christ”**  
**“Strength for Today”**  
**“Hope for Tomorrow”**

Dear Friends:

News, News and more news! It is with much joy that I begin my second year under appointment as the pastor at Ross Community UMC. Lisa and I have so appreciated your kindness, generosity and support. I am excited about the future of our church and the possibilities that God has for us.

July, for all of us at Ross Community brings with it many new endeavors. First of all, we have an awesome opportunity to minister to our community; especially children as we host what I hope will be an annual Vacation Bible School. Your support is so vital to making this a success. Please consider helping out and or inviting children to this outreach event.

Also, beginning July 6, 2014 we will have a program for children during the worship service. Kids' birth to age four will have nursery care and those ages 5-12 will have Children's Church after the Children's message. I am asking that one person take a turn of teaching this group every twelve weeks. This way the children are ministered to and everyone is able to enjoy worship without being committed every week. Please consider sharing your gifts as an adult Christian with the children at our church.

On Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. we will have the regular administrative board meeting and a special brief meeting which we call a "charge conference" to make some changes to our 2014 church budget regarding pastoral compensation. These changes have been approved by the finance committee, the Staff Parish Relations Committee and the Administrative Board. According to our church discipline this must be shared with the congregation and then officially adopted. I will preside over this "charge conference" and it will be very brief. Should you have any questions about these changes please consult Bill Oliver, Finance chairperson, Jerry Merz, SPRC Chair or Phil Brown, Administrative Board Chair.

As your pastor, I find it vital to represent our church in the Butler County Community. I am happy to announce that I have been nominated to be the Vice-Chairperson of the Butler County Mental Health Recovery Board. This will help enhance my presence in the community and allow me to serve such a great need.

Cornerstone Counseling, my private practice, will return to the Ross UMC campus two days a week. Many in the community have asked about these services as well as the support groups I run. These will allow many to experience our church and its facilities and hopefully welcome new visitors in our midst. This decision has been approved by our church council and I am deeply appreciative of this opportunity. I will be at my Hamilton office the remainder of the week.

Finally, I wanted all of you to know that Lisa and I have decided to "down-size." Due to our busy schedules we have sold our home and have purchased a condominium. We will be moving in mid-July. As of July 14<sup>th</sup> our new address will be: 8331 Verbena Lane, Liberty Township, Ohio 45044. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for this change in our life.

July is going to be a busy month. Please join me in thanksgiving for the opportunities that are ahead of us. I pray that God will bless our merits and allow our church to be fruitful and multiply. Many blessings—Rev. John

# ROSS COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Information Page

### CONTACTS

**Pastor:** Rev. John A. Guliano 1-419-651-9171  
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**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

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*Submitted by Sandy Hogeback*

**COME ONE...COME ALL.....**

Come join us for Sunday School Class at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings. We have teachers that are waiting for you to be a part of the class. The teachers are excited about sharing the stories from the bible with all of you. Let's bring someone to Sunday School and to Church.

### **"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.

Everyone you meet is  
fighting a battle you  
know nothing about.

Be kind.

Always.



### **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*

### **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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Thank You, Editor

### **COMMUNION**

If you are **home bound** and would like to **receive communion** please contact the church office at (513) 868-2923. Rev John Guliano or Lay Leader Jim Rechel will return your call.

*Submitted by Jim Rechel*

## Honor, God, and Country!

I met a former neighbor a few weeks ago at a Memorial Day event sponsored by the Gold Star Mothers. I had no idea he was going to be there, and both of us were speechless when I came upon him. He was dressed in his battle fatigues, standing next to two of his Marine buddies.

All I could think about was when he was just a little kid running around the back yard terrorizing his sister, but yesterday he was standing tall, but he wasn't running anymore.

His likeness (the Marine in the middle of the painting shown below) was depicted on a greater than life size mural commemorating the lives of 15 Marines who lost their lives when their armored personnel carrier hit an IED in the battle for Haditha, Iraq in 2005. His name

was Lance Corporal Christopher Dyer. I stood and stared in humble adoration of a 19 year old Marine who lost his life serving our country. I had only heard about the murals, and had no advance indication they would be at this Memorial Day event.



It brought the true meaning of Memorial Day rushing home. I can only imagine the pain and the pride of all of those throughout our country who have sacrificed so much.

As we now approach the 4th of July, it is again important to remember all those who sacrificed for the Independence of our country, with the Freedom to worship God this 4th of July, and everyday we have on this earth!

His mother was so overwhelmed by the loss of her son that she gave up her decorating business, and entered the ministry to honor her son's life.... A son dies for his country, and his mother goes to work for another Son. It is only fitting that Honor, God and Country came together through tragedy.

I hope you all had a blessed Memorial Day and may the spirit of all of those who have died for us be with you each and every day.

May God Bless each of You,

Jim Rechel





## United Methodist Women

*Submitted by: Judy Creasy*

The women are having Latin Dance workout classes at the church. The two remaining classes will be held on Wednesday evenings: July 2<sup>nd</sup> & July 9<sup>th</sup>. The workout sessions will be from 6:30PM until 7:15PM, with Jody Mangino teaching the classes. Do come and sign up the nights of the last two classes.

The UMW women have awarded four scholarships to: Samantha Beckman, Alden Burch, Carolyn Conrad and Clint Oliver. They were presented on Sunday, June 1, 2014.

Remember to bring your old eyeglasses to church for a donation to a third world country missions group.

On Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup>, the UMW women will be getting together for dinner at 6:30PM at Symmes Tavern in Fairfield. Please mark your calendars and join us.

Jacob was a cheater, Peter had a temper, David had an affair, Noah got drunk, Jonah ran from God, Paul was a murderer, Gideon was insecure, Miriam was a gossiper, Martha was a worrier, Thomas was a doubter, Sarah was impatient, Elijah was depressed, Moses stuttered, Zaccheus was short, Abraham was old, and Lazarus was dead... .

**God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the CALLED!**

### CONTINUING PRAYERS

Continuing prayers for the vision of Ross Community United Methodist Church, 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 and Linda Jacobs, Jake Phelps 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; and Kelly Bonham.



**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.

*Sometimes* the best thing you can do is not think, not wonder, not imagine, not obsess.  
*Just breathe, and have faith that everything will work out for the best.*

### July

- 6 Nancy Beckman
- 13 Phil Brown
- 20 Greg Conrad
- 27 Wes Flannery

# Worship



# Leaders

### August

- 3 Roger Creasy
- 10 Jim Rechel
- 17 Leroy Singleton
- 24 Debbie Gilman
- 31 Nancy Beckman

# NURTURE & MISSIONS

Submitted by Judy Kottman



## VBS at VENICE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEIRD ANIMALS -- July 7 thru 11 - 9:00 to 11:45 a.m.

For many years we've volunteered at Venice Presbyterian Church assisting with their Vacation Bible School. This year they are presenting "Weird Animals VBS" and we've been extended an invitation to help and/or observe their activities prior to our VBS the following week. If interested, please arrive by 8:30 a.m. and they will assign an area where you may assist. They also have volunteered to assist us during our VBS where necessary.



**SONTREASURE ISLAND VBS -- JULY 15, 16, 17 -- 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M. and  
SUNDAY, JULY 20 - 10:30 A.M.**

**FAMILIES INVITED FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, LUNCH AND GAMES**

Time is drawing near and there's still time to sign up for an area that may interest you. Leaders are listed if you wish to contact them personally.

**Bible Stories:** Debbie Kunick and Sharon Mortimer.

**Games:** Vicky Foster and Linda Kunick

**Crafts:** Sandy Hogeback and Brenda Brown

**Snacks:** Brenda Oliver

**Music:** Lori Campbell and Sally Rechel

**Registration:** Judy Creasy

**Floater/Incidental duties:** Jan Gump

If you signed up to volunteer; we **Thank You** for your support.

If you've been waiting to make certain of your personal schedule and you find you have time it's not too late. We are available to answer any questions you may have, you may call the leader for your area of interest or phone Nancy Beckman or Judy Kottman. We will gladly accept those who may volunteer for a night or some early preparation. We pray that you may set time aside to volunteer for VBS; every little bit helps.

If you have friends, neighbors or family members interested in having their children attend VBS, please pick up a flyer/registration form at Sunday Worship and pass it on to them.

**Please remember all VBS volunteer hours qualify for Student Community Service hours for high school students.**

I took 26 pairs of eyeglasses to Dr. Nye-that makes a total of 55 pairs so far this year. The receptionist told me that the glasses are picked up by St. Raphael's.

When the staff goes to Columbus for seminars, they take glasses to the eye clinic at Ohio State. Thanks to everyone who has donated, as I'm sure that they are put to good use.

Also, to anyone who can knit or crochet, we can use more prayer shawls.

God bless everyone,

Carol



# July

2 Sherri Dykes  
 2 Leroy Singleton  
 5 Leslie Fisher  
 7 D.J. Creighton  
 7 Nicole Edington  
 9 Luke Botting  
 10 Bud Kottman  
 10 Rose Ann Ratliff  
 13 Preston Bressler



14 Maggie Schoepf  
 16 Jim Lynch  
 17 Sara Winsted  
 19 Phil Brown  
 20 Jeremy Winsted  
 24 Matt Bonham  
 25 Jill Foxx  
 27 Mae Prentice  
 29 Brenda Oliver  
 31 Don Hegner



# July



16 Paul & Debbie Gilman  
 19 Don & Barb Rechel

## Ushers & Greeters

### July

6 Jerry & Betty Merz  
 13 Jim & Sally Rechel  
 20 Bill & Brenda Oliver  
 27 Roger & Judy Creasy

### August

3 Phil & Brenda Brown  
 10 Debbie Gilman & Lois Lynch  
 17 Wayne & Linda Estep  
 24 Butch & Trey Foster  
 31 Jerry & Betty Merz

If you wish to be included on the Ushers & Greeters list please contact Lay Leader Jim Rechel or Asst. Lay Leader Leroy Singleton.

# Happy Anniversary



**It is not to late to register for SONTREASURE ISLAND VBS**

**"SonTreasure Island VBS" Registration**

Parent/Guardian: First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant: First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Entering in Fall: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Medical: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Pick Up Person (1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Pick Up Person (1) Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Pick Up Person (2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Pick Up Person (2) Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Siblings attending:

Name

Birthday

Name

Birthday