

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



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Do We Live in Contentment?

"Who am I in Christ" is the theme for the messages this summer. We first understand we are created in the spiritual image of Christ with His personality and moral likeness. We are created in His spiritual image, not a physical image but spiritual.

However, because of the fallen nature we received from the sin of Adam we are all sinners. We can be redeemed sinners but that is our label. As we live out our lives we must decide am I going to be a follower of Jesus or am I going to allow some idol to lead me? Paul wrote to the Philippians in chapter 4 saying "Not that I speak from [any personal] need, for I have learned to be content [and self-sufficient through Christ, satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or uneasy] regardless of my circumstances." Are we content in Him?

Here are some things that will help us move forward:

- **I will spend more time on God's Word.** If I am happy in Him then I will find more time to spend with Him. We know that in the beginning was the Word and the Word was God. We will spend more time with Him when we can see the benefit. This the real way we get to know someone. As we read His word we will allow it to mold us into His being. When we plant, water, fertilize and cultivate we will reap a great harvest, the same is true with this application. Remember, apart from Him we cannot do anything.
- **I will love my church in a way I did not know I could.** Being a Christian should make us want to be in church and around other Christians. We must also spend time with those needing to commit to making Jesus of their life. We will have a joy of being around in fellowship and worship with those in our church. There is no greater peace and joy than being with our families both biologically and our Christian family.
- One of the messages in this series will discuss adversity and what happens when things go wrong. As a Christian we know we will face some adversity, how will I handle it? Because we are weak and lack the ability to understand there will be bad things happen to good people, bad things happen to bad people. There are things that happen that we don't understand but He controls it all. There are times in our lives we do not understand what is going on. Not everything that happens to us is good, but God said good would come out of everything. We must stay in faith.

I am who I am because I am His.

Pastor Larry

**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)*

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Thursday Service

Praise Music

&

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.

Information Page

Ross Community Church

CONTACTS

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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.**



Office: Emily Adams, Administrative Assistant: Office hours 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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Ross Community
U.M.C.
Women
Faith, Hope & Love
In Action



Submitted by Judy Creasy

**Congratulations to the
2018**

UMW Scholarship Recipients

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**Brandon Armstrong; Melody Conrad;
Alex Daiker; Sara McCullough; and
Emma Schoepf**

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We are proud of your accomplishments and so glad to be able to help you reach your educational goals.

Congratulations to Our Graduates

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Carolyn Conrad

Miami University

Alex Daiker

Lakota West High School

Kylie Foxx

Miami University

Clint Oliver

Ohio State University

Heather Rheinfrank

Miami University

Magdalena (Maggie) Schoepf

University of Cincinnati



Hall & Door Monitor

July

- 1** Sharon Mortimer
- 8** Wayne Estep
- 15** Jim Rechel
- 22** Phil Brown
- 29** Roger Creasy

August

- 5** Butch Foster
- 12** Doug Beckman
- 19** Judy Creasy
- 26** Sharon Mortimer

Worship Leaders

July

- 1** Debbie Kunick
- 8** Tom Bevington
- 15** Kara Broughton
- 22** Chip Schoepf
- 29** Brenda Brown

August

- 5** Greg Conrad
- 12** Roger Creasy
- 19** Tim Zecher
- 26** Debbie Kunick



- 02** Mae Prentice
- 04** U.S.A.
- 05** Leslie Fisher
- 10** Bud Kottman
- 14** Maggie Schoepf

- 16** Jim Lynch
- 19** Phil Brown
- 20** David Rheinfrank
- 25** Jill Foxx
- 29** Brenda Oliver



- 16**
Paul & Debbie Gilman
- 19**
Don & Barb Rechel



GET INVOLVED

Be a volunteer and reap the rewards

Church Administrative Council Meeting

Our **next** Church Ad Council **meeting** will be the evening of **Monday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m.** All members of our congregation are welcome to sit in on this meeting of **your** church council.

If you wish to address the church council I will need advance notice of the topic you wish to discuss so that it can be added to the meeting agenda.

Phil Brown, Church Ad Council Chairperson

Editor's Note: *Though you are receiving the July issue of the RCUMC newsletter a little after the "Fourth of July" I felt the below article would still be interesting to share.*



Foreground: Part of the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.
Background: Washington Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Independence Day in the United States

Independence Day is annually celebrated on July 4 and is often known as "the Fourth of July". It is the anniversary of the publication of the declaration of independence from Great Britain in 1776. Patriotic displays and family events are organized throughout the United States.

Celebrate Independence Day

Independence Day is a day of family celebrations with picnics and barbecues, showing a great deal of emphasis on the American tradition of political freedom. Activities associated with the day include watermelon or hotdog eating competitions and sporting events, such as baseball games, three-legged races, swimming activities and tug-of-war games.

Many people display the American flag outside their homes or buildings. Many communities arrange fireworks that are often accompanied by patriotic music. The most impressive fireworks are shown on television. Some employees use one or more of their vacation days to create a long weekend so that they can escape the heat at their favorite beach or vacation spot.

Independence Day is a patriotic holiday for celebrating the positive aspects of the United States. Many politicians appear at public events to show their support for the history, heritage and people of their country. Above all, people in the United States express and give thanks for the freedom and liberties fought by the first generation of many of today's Americans. The Statue of Liberty is a national monument that is associated with Independence Day.

Public Life

Independence Day is a federal holiday. If July 4 is a Saturday, it is observed on Friday, July 3. If July 4 is a Sunday, it is observed on Monday, July 5. Government offices and schools are closed. Some businesses may be closed as well. In some years, many employees use a proportion of their vacation days to create a long weekend. This can cause congestion in some places, particularly towards popular holiday destinations.

There are many public events, parades, shows and fireworks displays. This may cause local disruption to traffic. Public transit systems do not usually operate on their regular timetables.

About Independence Day

In 1775, people in New England began fighting the British for their independence. On July 2, 1776, the Congress secretly voted for independence from Great Britain. Two days later, on July 4, 1776, the final wording of the Declaration of Independence was approved, and the document was published. The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence was on July 8, 1776. Delegates began to sign the Declaration of Independence on August 2, 1776. In 1870, Independence Day was made an unpaid holiday for federal employees. In 1941, it became a paid holiday for them.

The first description of how Independence Day would be celebrated was in a letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. He described "pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations" throughout the United States. However, the term "Independence Day" was not used until 1791.

Interestingly, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, both signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the United States, died on July 4, 1826 - exactly 50 years after the adoption of the declaration. It is also important to note that Native Americans lived in the country and each tribe had its own nation and government prior to the European settlers.