

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



June
2016



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Ross Community Church UMC
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Dear Church Family and Friends,

Summer begins a busy time for many of us starting with the Memorial Day holiday and continuing on into the fall season.

With people busy, too often Sunday becomes an afterthought and church attendance declines during the summer months. Vacations with your families are important, time spent with relatives is also so very important. But the one thing we need to be mindful of during the busy times is that we do not forget our relationship with God. Daily communion with God is important to get us through the busy days and busy times. Relationships are important and the one with Jesus must take priority.

The summer is also a busy time at Ross Community Church. On Friday, June 3 - Friends in Faith will enjoy Sausage and S'Mores at Ray and Sharon's home.

Then on Sunday, June 12 we celebrate the graduation of all our graduates. These graduates include those from trade schools, high school, and college. UMW also provides scholarships to our recipients. The church has been blessed with a gift from the estate of Dorothy Gard that will continue to make these gifts available.

UMW is made up of United Methodist Women and they will have their Quarterly meeting on June 14th at 6:30 PM at the Chinese Lantern, 965 Main Street, Hamilton, OH 45013.

Friends in Faith will meet again on Saturday, July 9 with a trip to Heritage Hill Campgrounds, 5943 Indiana 101, Liberty, IN 47353. Sandy and Jan are hosting this event. They also have another event planned on Sunday, August 7, 4:00 PM with a movie at the Church. We will have additional information later. This event is being hosted by Nancy.

Then we have a Nicaraguan Fundraiser / Talent Show set for Saturday August 27th. This is a fun time and I encourage everyone to plan to attend and share your talent. By the way, speaking of talent, you have got to see our ever-growing Praise Band; they lift the rafters to heaven on a regular basis.

On September 25th we are having a church picnic at NALC Park (National Assn. of Letter Carriers) located at Hamilton Richmond Road - Rt. 177 starting at 3:00 PM. More to follow. This what I mean by being busy ---- don't forget God!

Pastor Larry

Information Page

Ross Community Church

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.

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Sandy Hogeback 812-593-2984

Pianist:

Karen Auffinger 513-738-5225

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

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

@ 8:00 a.m.

"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

COMMUNION



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

ALTAR FLOWERS



We pray that you enjoy the beautiful flower bouquets on the

Church Altar on Sunday mornings.

If you wish to have special flowers to commemorate or in memory of a special occasion or person please contact Debbie Gilman @ 513-923-9457 at least two weeks prior to the date you wish the special flowers to be displayed.



Please send your e-mail address to rcumcnewsletter@gmail.com if you would prefer to receive your issue of The Ross Community United Methodist Church Newsletter by e-mail.

Thank You, Editor

Ross Community Church
 United Methodist
 Women
 Faith, Hope & Love
 In Action



Submitted by Judy Creasy

The next women's meeting will be on Tuesday June 14th at the Chinese Lantern at 6:30PM. We are hoping that all the workingwomen join us.

Our Mother's and Special Others dinner was very successful. Thanks to everyone that made it such an enjoyable evening. I want to thank Sharon Niehoff for the decorations & the great fashion show, Linda Estep for making & selling the tickets and all the women that were in the fashion show.

We will be giving our seven Dorothy Gard UMW Scholarships on Sunday, June 12th on Graduation Sunday. They will be given to Carolyn Conrad, Sarah Hogeback, Clint Oliver, Heather Rheinfrank, Emma Schoepf, Maggie Schoepf and Sarah Winsted.

The following women's meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13th, at 10:00PM in the church. We hope everyone has a great summer.



"You were preaching a 45-minute sermon in a 25-minute zone, Pastor. I'm going to have to see your license and ordination."

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Continuing prayers for the vision of Ross Community United Methodist Church; Our Church Family; Our military personnel; Pastor Larry and Cindy; Pastor Grant and Ann; Bev Papet; Gary & Larry Brown (brothers of Phil); Vicki Hilton; Steve Jacobs; the family of Jake Phelps; Jo and Randy Anderson & great grandson Tyson and family; Don and Annette Hegner; Earl Whirls; Prentice Family; Melissa Schoepf; AJ Pittman and family; Denzil & Helen Burch; Dick and Jan Stewart and family; and Special prayers for Pastor Larry as he recovers from his surgery.



If you know of additions or deletions, please see or call Vicky Foster @ 738-3748. Provide your e-mail

June Birthdays

6-1 June Niederman
 6-5 Todd Taylor
 6-8 Bill Wright
 6-9 Barb Winsted
 6-10 Paul Gilman
 6-16 Earl Winsted
 6-18 Dave Wilson

6-20 Earl Whirls
 6-21 Eli Rheinfrank
 6-22 Melody Conrad
 6-25 Caleb Broughton
 6-27 Wes Flannery
 6-28 Chris Foxx
 6-30 Ruth Estep

June Anniversary's

2 Phil & Brenda Brown
 2 Bill & Linda Wright
 9 Butch & Vicky Foster
 10 Leroy & Millie Singleton
 13 Denzil & Helen Burch
 15 Wayne & Linda Estep
 20 Gregg & Lynnette Conrad
 22 Dodd & Katrina Rheinfrank

Looking Ahead



Church Picnic

Everybody Loves A Church Picnic

ROSS COMMUNITY CHURCH - UMC

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.

(Mark your calendars now.)

Location

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of LETTER CARRIERS Branch 426 CARL DOZIER MEMORIAL PARK

Located approximately 6 miles north of Hamilton on Hamilton Richmond Road (State Route 177).

Picnic will be at 3:00 p.m. after Sunday church service, which will allow everyone time to go home, change and pick up covered dishes and/or desserts. **More information will follow later in the summer months.**

Thirty-foot by 60-foot shelter

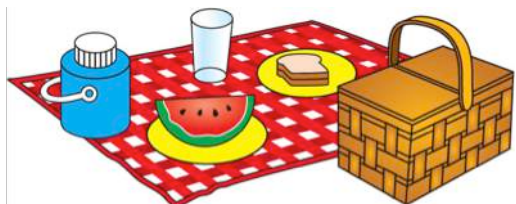
Water & electric

Playground equipment for the young at heart

Sand volleyball court

Baseball / Softball back stop

Fishing pond on hill above park



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 2016

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Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars

RCUMC will have a busy but lots-of-fun Summer.

Join US!

Friday, June 3

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(Friends in Faith)

Sausage and S'Mores at the Niehoffs' Home.

All are welcome. For more information ask Sharon Niehoff. Sign-Up Sheet is in the hallway.

Sunday, June 12

Graduation/Scholarship Sunday

Celebration of all graduates – trade school, high school, college, etc. UMW scholarships will be presented to recipients..

Tuesday, June 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

UMW Quarterly Meeting

All women of the church are welcome. Chinese Lantern, 965 Main Street, Hamilton, OH 45013. Please let Judy Creasy or Brenda Oliver know if you plan to attend.

Saturday, July 9

FIF

(Friends in Faith)

Heritage Hill Campgrounds, 5943 Indiana 101, Liberty, IN 47353. All are welcome, more details to follow. Hosted by Sandy Hogeback and Jan Gump.

Sunday, August 7 @ 4:00 p.m.

FIF

(Friends in Faith)

Movie at the Church – more details to follow. Hosted by Nancy Beckman.

Saturday, August 27

Nicaraguan Fundraiser / Talent Show

We have a lot of talent in our church so it should be a great show. More Details to follow.



The History of Flag Day

The first celebration of the U.S. Flag's birthday was held in 1877 on the 100th anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777. However, it is believed that the first annual recognition of the flag's birthday dates back to 1885 when school teacher, BJ Cigrand, first organized a group of Wisconsin school children to observe June 14 - the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes as the Flag's Birthday. Cigrand, now known as the 'Father of Flag Day,' continued to publically advocate the observance of June 14 as the flag's 'birthday', or 'Flag Day' for years.

Just a few years later the efforts of another school teacher, George Balch, led to the formal observance of 'Flag Day' on June 14 by the New York State Board of Education. Over the following years as many as 36 state and local governments began adopted the annual observance. For over 30 years Flag Day remained a state and local celebration.

In 1916, the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 became a nationally observed event by a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson. However, it was not designated as National Flag Day until August 3rd, 1949, when an Act of Congress designated June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

Today, Flag Day is celebrated with parades, essay contests, ceremonies, and picnics sponsored by veterans' groups, schools, and groups like the National Flag Day foundation whose goal is to preserve the traditions, history, pride, and respect that are due the nation's symbol, Old Glory.

More Info:

The Stars and Stripes originated as a result of a resolution adopted by the Marine Committee of the Second Continental Congress at Philadelphia on June 14, 1777. The resolution read: *"Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation."* The resolution gave no instruction as to how many points the stars should have, nor how the stars should be arranged on the blue union. Consequently, some flags had stars scattered on the blue field without any specific design, some arranged the stars in rows, and some in a circle. The first Navy Stars and Stripes had the stars arranged in staggered formation in alternate rows of threes and twos on a blue field. Other Stars and Stripes flags had stars arranged in alternate rows of four, five and four. Some stars had six points while others had eight.

Strong evidence indicates that Francis Hopkinson of New Jersey, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was responsible for the stars in the U.S. flag. At the time that the flag resolution was adopted, Hopkinson was the Chairman of the Continental Navy Board's Middle Department. Hopkinson also helped design other devices for the Government including the Great Seal of the United States. For his services, Hopkinson submitted a letter to the Continental Admiralty Board asking "whether a Quarter Cask of the public Wine will not be a proper & reasonable Reward for these Labours of Fancy and a suitable Encouragement to future Exertions of a like Nature." His request was turned down since the Congress regarded him as a public servant.

Copied from www.military.com

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 11 at 7:00 p.m.** All members of our congregation are welcome to sit in on this meeting of your church council.

We have several positions, which need to be filled to relieve others who are already carrying a heavy load for your church.

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 agenda for the meeting.

Phil Brown, Church Ad Council Chairperson



Volunteer Needed

After publishing the June 2016 RCUMC newsletter it is my intention to step down as the editor. I have been preparing the newsletter for several years and I just need a break from it. I am praying that someone will come forward and take over the newsletter publishing. I will help in any way that I can to get the next editor started.

Peace, Phil

One balmy day in the South Pacific, a navy ship espied smoke coming from one of three huts on an uncharted island.

Upon arriving at the shore they were met by a shipwreck survivor. He said, "I'm so glad you're here! I've been alone on this island for more than five years!"

The captain replied, "If you're all alone on the island why do I see three huts?"

The survivor said, "Oh. We'll, I live in one, and go to church in another."

"What about the third hut?" asked the captain?

"That's where I used to go to church."

Worship Leader

Greeters / Ushers

June

5	Tom Bevington	Bill & Brenda Oliver
12	Tim Zecher	Jim & Sally Rechel
19	Greg Conrad	Bud & Judy Kottman
26	Jim Rechel	Phil & Brenda Brown

July

3	Roger Creasy	Tom & Wanda Bevington
10	Nancy Beckman	Tari Halcomb & Karen Riehle
17	Leroy Singleton	Wayne & Linda Estep
24	Debbie Gilman	Butch & Trey Foster
31	Tom Bevington	Roger & Judy Creasy

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded.

His cousin was amazed that he knew the answer so quickly. "How did you know that?"

"Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the preacher said: 'Four better, four