

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



June  
2018



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Church Family,

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season, some have went on a camping trip, some have enjoyed a family cook out, some have done nothing.

Hopefully, we all have paused to say a verbal thank you to those who served and serve to keep us safe.

Here are nine interesting facts about Memorial Day you may not know:

1. The observance, which began in the years following the Civil War, was originally known as Decoration Day.
2. It was Union General John A. Logan who called for an official nationwide day of remembrance on May 30, 1868, a date chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of a particular battle.
3. In 1950, Congress passed a resolution requesting that the President issue a proclamation calling on Americans to observe Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace.
4. President Bill Clinton signed the National Moment of Remembrance Act in 2000, which asks Americans to pause and observe a National Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 p.m. local time
5. Cities across the country host Memorial Day parades, but some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York, and, of course, Washington D.C.
6. The President requests that all governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico direct the flag to be flown at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels.
7. Several states still celebrate a Confederate Memorial Day.
8. Pre-President James Garfield gave a very lengthy speech at the first Memorial Day ceremony.
9. Waterloo, New York is actually the birth place of Memorial Day.

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

&

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.

+

### 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

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### 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 513-490-0381 or  
[djklykbutterfly@gmail.com](mailto:djklykbutterfly@gmail.com).



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.**

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you would prefer to receive your  
issue of The Ross Community  
United Methodist Church  
Newsletter by e-mail.

# VOLUNTEER



*Submitted by Judy Creasy*

We will be presenting five \$500.00 scholarships on Sunday, June 10, 2018 to the following College students: Brandon Armstrong, Melody Conrad, Alex Daiker, Sara McCullough and Emma Schoepf. We will also honor the graduates of high school and college.

The Mother & Special Others dinner was a great time, with over 50 women attending. The Woman's Gospel Quartet was wonderful, singing many old time songs. Thanks to Greg Conrad for helping with the sound system and singing with them.

There was also a silent auction where we auctioned off over 25 donated items. We made over \$800.00, which helped fund the Dorothy Gard Scholarship fund.

The next UMW women's dinner will be on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:30PM at The Golden Dragon, 86 N Brookwood Ave in West Hamilton. We will be in a private room, so we can all hear each other talking. The buffet will cost \$10.69 plus tax per person.

We are hoping all the women of the church will attend our fun evening at the Golden Dragon.



(Adventures Guatemala Team)

## Applegate Update from Guatemala

Hey everyone,

We first want to apologize for not connecting with you over the past 2 months, even though things have been very busy we never want to take for granted your unbelievable partnership with us here in Guatemala. So we promise to be more diligent in our communication. Hopefully you've sort of kept up with our few Facebook and blog posts, but if not just know that God has been incredibly faithful in our ministry and lives. (If you haven't read our blog from March, I encourage you to do so - <http://kevinapplegate.myadventures.org/post/world-changers>)

Since our last email we have hosted 4 Campus Crusade for Christ short term water filter groups, in total about 160 college kids from 6 universities. They were able to connect with several of our partners and install water filters and share Jesus with literally hundreds of families in many of the small mountain communities near our Base. I don't know the actual numbers of those who met Christ for the first time, but in talking with a local pastor many are now coming to his church.

We also began hosting our 2nd Gap Year World Race squad, Gap Squad M, and they have been here at the base for 6 weeks with 4 weeks still to go. They are on their last leg of the race - so a very mature group but we have had some really special things happen while they've been here. Just a few days ago a "Racer" - Katie - was in a coffee shop right after ministry and a child kept coming up to her. She wanted to pick up the child and went to ask permission from her mom. She discovered that the grandmother of the child, also in the coffee shop, was almost completely deaf. Spurred on by the Spirit she asked if she could pray for her hearing and did so (in English) and then motioned if she could hear better. The woman said Yes!. Katie called over another teammate and they prayed for her again. This time she took off her old hearing aid and proclaimed with astonishment that she could actually hear. Her daughter began asking her questions and she was hearing and answering them to the amazement of their whole family...So cool - and this has become a somewhat common occurrence as our team and these Racers continually pray healing over people they meet! God is good!

We've also hosted a Pastor Conference for 3 days in April with about 20 local pastors and leaders and our whole team involved. This Congresso kicks off our Church Activation Program where we inspire, train, disciple and send Guatemalans to the mission field. In this 3rd year, there are plans for 4 international mission trips led by Guatemalans to Belize, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama. Also our team is helping start the same activation for churches in Costa Rica and that will start in June. God is so amazing!

Finally we are preparing for the Short Term Mission teams that will be coming this summer. Every week between June 2 - July 30 has at least one group here and we are so very excited to host both Cornerstone Church and Park Church this summer. In fact, Cornerstone will be here in less than 4 weeks from today. Looking forward to reconnecting with many folks we know - it will be awesome.

On a personal note we did book flights to the US for August 2-22 and hope to reconnect with as many of you as possible. We will be spending time in Chicago, Dayton, Cincy, Louisville & Lexington and are incredibly excited to see you all. We would love and covet your prayers as we continue seeking what God wants to do with us here in Guatemala. As a team we have been visioning big God dreams over the past 3 weeks and will continue to begin to flesh those out in the next month. So here are a few things on our hearts we would love some prayers for:

- Continued Learning of Spanish (We recently graduated from Book A and are halfway through Book B.)
- Gap M's final days - hope to inspire them even further as they go home to the states.
- New Adventures Guatemala Team members - We are looking to fill several spots we are visioning for our team and hope to fill by the end of 2018
- Short Term Mission Teams coming this Summer - (Especially Cornerstone - 10 people & Park Church - 19 people)



(Katie praying for a girl in the park in Parramos)



(Cru from Univ of Florida getting ready to take water filters to local towns around the base)



(Pastors' Congresso - getting ready to go to the nations for Jesus)

**Ross Community United Methodist Church**  
**Ad Council Minute Meetings**  
**May 14, 2018**

*In Attendance:* Brenda Brown; Phil Brown; Judy Creasy; Wayne Estep; Vicky Foster; Larry Gallaher; Debbie Gilman; Jan Gump; Sharon Mortimer; Bruce Armstrong; Donna Armstrong; Helen Armstrong; Olivia Armstrong.

**Miscellaneous**

- Devotional - Pastor Larry - Scripture: I Peter 4:10 - special gift received from God - to serve others. Amazing things happen when people pray together.
- Devotional for next meeting (July 9, 2018) - Jim Rechel
- Minutes from March 12, 2018 meeting stand approved as read. Wayne Estep moves that the minutes be accepted. Brenda Brown seconds the motion. **Motion carried.**

**Opening Prayer** (Pastor Larry)

**Opening Remarks** (Pastor Larry)

- No opening remarks

**Ad Council Chair** (Phil Brown)

- Nothing

**UM Men** (Wayne Estep)

- May 26 is next men's meeting, 9:00.

**UM Women** (Judy Creasy)

- June 10 is Graduate and Scholarship Sunday
  - Ordered devotional books for graduates (5 college and 1 high school).
  - Will present scholarships
- June 12 - women's meeting will be at Golden Dragon at 6:30 p.m.
- Mother and Special Other's Dinner was very successful
  - Made approximately \$800 at silent auction - money will go towards scholarship fund.

**SPRC** (Brenda Brown)

- Nursery Attendant -
  - Want to look into getting someone who is not a member of the church (possibly a high schooler)
  - No matter who is decided on - they will need to go through a background check.
  - If anyone has thoughts, please let a member of SPRC know.
  - Also noted that we have someone in the lobby all the time now.
  - Need a latching gate across the door.

**Trustees** (Wayne Estep)

- Nothing to report

**Finance Committee** (Debbie Gilman, Judy Creasy)

- Finances are doing well.
- Agreed to change evangelism category to outreach -
- Conference apportionment went down (\$2400 less). District went up \$18.

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- Changed up the way the payroll and benefits is displayed - show the withholding - compensation, wages, for all the categories, Pastor, Emily, Nancy, Nursery. FICA and state tax - withhold money for employee's portion of FICA and for their federal income tax (if elected). Make quarterly payments to federal and state governments - Jan, April, July, October for payments we send.
- WC is semi-annual bill - will get paid in June.
- Nurture - January - Expense for Massey funeral and made \$100 after prom donation to Ross High School
- Administrative - web and internet - pay for entire year in January
- Did window repair - snow removal - lawn cutting.
- Propane - close on using up amount contracted - worked out good. Pre-paid - lasted all winter long. Saved \$400 by doing pre-pay.
- Monthly - we are pretty close to where we were last year. Our monthly need amount will go down slightly
- Choir robe fund -
  - Debbie Gilman makes a motion that we transfer the choir robe fund to compassion fund. Wayne Estep seconds the motion. **Motion carried.**
- Normal savings - nothing changed
- Memorial fund has gone up a little - donations from Massey funeral
- Youth funds still the same
- Missions and compassions funds - started at the beginning with a negative amount- we were using funds for Robin. We collected \$1,457 for Robin and sent her a check for \$1,500 the first of May.
- Missions fund set up to sponsor outreach beyond church - out to the mission field.
  - Linda Kunick has her own fund raising.
  - We have people who donate specifically to the mission/compassion fund.

Judy will send mid-year statements the end of June.

**New Business** -

- During Annual Conference, they are taking up an offering for Revitalizing Churches - "Light the Way". Wayne Estep makes a motion we donate \$50 to the "Light the Way" fund. Judy Creasy seconds the motion. **Motion carried.**
- Planting a tree - 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of United Methodist Church - district will contribute \$50 toward the tree. Larry will look for the e-mail and send it out to see if we have an interest in planting a tree.
- There is a conflict with Touch a Truck on August 11. Have a wedding here at 6:00. Wedding has been on the calendar for several months.
  - Also, need to determine date for Nicaragua event for Linda - Larry will check with Debbie.
  - Agreed to change Touch a Truck event date to August 4.

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**Hospitality / Outreach -**

- Car show will be on June 9. Organization piece is coming along. Fliers are being distributed. Will start at 1:00 and awards will be presented at 4:00.
  - This is an outreach opportunity - we're hoping to have a large crowd. As part of outreach, we need volunteers well-versed at walking up to total strangers and striking up a conversation - welcoming them to our church.
  - Bruce put an ad in the Car and Shine calendar - hope a lot of those individuals participate.
  - Suggestion that church members wear their green shirts.
  - We will pass out church brochures.
  - The Armstrong's personal experience when they came to our church is that they were overwhelmed with hospitality and want this to come through on June 9.
  - Praise Band is working on songs for the car show. Picked Christian songs, 60s songs, and country songs. Brandon is working on the song schedule.
  - Need a couple people to help with registration. Bruce has forms already printed. We keep one for our records with their information - will follow-up with thank you e-mail. Need to treat them like the guests they are. Great fun opportunity. Canopy for the registration?
  - Parking - put the show cars out front the grass - blacktop gets hot.
  - The grass needs to be cut (shouldn't be an issue - grass is cut on Thursday - or if rain - Friday.
  - Olivia will be handling catering - items will be cheap \$1 each. Will mention in church on Sunday that we are looking for soft drink / water donations. The money raised will go towards Outreach.
  - Two awards - best car and best motorcycle
  - Bruce will get sign-up lists by Sunday

Will meet again on June 4 at 7 pm to finalize everything.

Special thanks to Linda Estep for always compiling the attendance and visitors list - such a blessing!

Brenda Brown made a motion to close the Ad Council Meeting - Wayne Estep seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

**Closing Prayer** (Pastor Larry)

**Next Meeting - July 9, 2018, 7 pm**

*(An original hard copy of the minutes are posted in the Secretary's Office on the bulletin board.)*



# June Birthdays

- 01 June Niederman
- 05 Todd Taylor
- 08 Bill Wright
- 10 Paul Gilman
- 18 Dave Wilson

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



- 02 Phil & Brenda Brown
- 02 Bill & Linda Wright
- 09 Butch & Vicky Foster
- 10 Leroy & Millie Singleton
- 13 Denzil & Helen Burch
- 15 Wayne & Linda Estep

Worship Leaders	
<b>June</b>	
<b>3</b>	Brenda Brown
<b>10</b>	Greg Conrad
<b>17</b>	Roger Creasy
<b>24</b>	Tim Zecher
<b>July</b>	
<b>1</b>	Debbie Kunick
<b>8</b>	Tom Bevington
<b>15</b>	Kara Broughton
<b>22</b>	Chip Schoepf
<b>29</b>	Brenda Brown

Hall & Door Monitor	
<b>June</b>	
<b>3</b>	Roger Creasy
<b>10</b>	Butch Foster
<b>17</b>	Doug Beckman
<b>24</b>	Judy Creasy
<b>July</b>	
<b>1</b>	Sharon Mortimer
<b>8</b>	Wayne Estep
<b>15</b>	Jim Rechel
<b>22</b>	Phil Brown
<b>29</b>	Roger Creasy

## What do the colors of the Flag mean?

Sentimental writers and orators sometimes ascribe meanings to the colors in the flag. The practice is erroneous, as are statements on this subject attributed to George Washington and other founders of the country.

From the book "Our Flag" published in 1989 by the House of Representatives...

"On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution authorizing a committee to devise a seal for the United States of America. This mission, designed to reflect the Founding Fathers' beliefs, values, and sovereignty of the new Nation, did not become a reality until June 20, 1782. In heraldic devices, such as seals, each element has a specific meaning. Even colors have specific meanings. The colors red, white, and blue **did not** have meanings for **The Stars and Stripes** when it was adopted in 1777. However, the colors in the Great Seal **did** have specific meanings. Charles Thompson, Secretary of the Continental Congress, reporting to Congress on the Seal, stated:

"The colors of the pales (the vertical stripes) are those used in the flag of the United States of America; White signifies purity and innocence, Red, hardiness & valour, and Blue, the color of the Chief (the broad band above the stripes) signifies vigilance, perseverance & justice."

Also this from a book about the flag published in 1977 by the House of Representatives...

"The star is a symbol of the heavens and the divine goal to which man has aspired from time immemorial; the stripe is symbolic of the rays of light emanating from the sun."

The quote below concerning **gold fringe on the Flag** is from the book "So Proudly We Hail, The History of the United States Flag" Smithsonian Institute Press 1981, by William R. Furlong and Byron McCandless. "The placing of a fringe on Our Flag is optional with the person of organization, and no Act of Congress or Executive Order either prohibits the practice, according to the Institute of Heraldry. Fringe is used on indoor flags only, as fringe on flags on outdoor flags would deteriorate rapidly. The fringe on a Flag is considered and 'honorable enrichment only', and its official use by the US Army dates from 1895.. A 1925 Attorney General's Opinion states: 'the fringe does not appear to be regarded as an integral part of the Flag, and its presence cannot be said to constitute an unauthorized addition to the design prescribed by statute. An external fringe is to be distinguished from letters, words, or emblematic designs printed or superimposed upon the body of the flag itself. Under law, such additions might be open to objection as unauthorized; but the same is not necessarily true of the fringe.'"

The gold trim is generally used on ceremonial indoor flags that are used for special services and is believed to have been first used in a military setting. It has no specific significance that I have ever run across, and its (gold trim) use is in compliance with applicable flag codes and laws.

This page is maintained by Duane Streufert, [Contact Us](#).  
Questions or comments welcome!

# Flag Day

# June 14



April 26, 2018

Dear RCUMC friends,

Thank you so much for the generous gifts for Administrator's Day! I feel greatly blessed by the kindness and consideration of everyone I work with. As I've told you before, I'm grateful to have found the perfect fit! God's blessings to you all!

Fondly,  
Emily