

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



March
2016

He is Risen...



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Dear Church Family,

Greetings in Jesus name. I was reflecting on Sunday, today as I thought about our service on February 28th. We have been so blessed by God as He leads us to a new place in Christ. I believe He is blessing us for our faith, our relationships with others and our commitment to His church. God is good. We must remain faithful as we all continue to seek our place in the kingdom.

Easter is celebrated in March this year and brings us closer to the day of Jesus' crucifixion and His ultimate resurrection, which is the focal point of Christianity. There are many religions out there that believe in some type or kind of divine being but only Christianity has a risen savior who leads and directs our lives. We have been looking at the sayings of Jesus in red in the New Testament and looking at the application for our lives. We will continue our series through the end of March.

Corrie Ten Boom said, "Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is powerful on his knees." Corrie Ten Boom is saying we need to do this on a regular basis not when you feel like it but continually. This is what "Revealed in Red" is all about. It is seeking Jesus through prayer and study of His Word. I was talking to a couple of people recently who said they read the devotionals we have available every day. This is a very simple way to get into the Word to see what God is saying to us. If you do not have one, be sure to get a copy from our literature rack.

When you follow the words and wisdom of Corrie Ten Boom you will see the application of Philippians 3:14 being applied to your life on a daily basis. Look at what that verse says, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." "I press" means I must do something, exercise some effort, follow a plan to grow and remain in faith. The goal is achieving heaven but on our way we need to live a victorious life centered in Jesus. We do that through renewing our minds on a daily basis. This leads to a disciplined life that results in spiritual growth and a victorious life where things happen in our lives before we ever ask.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

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.

CONTACTS

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Jim Rechel 513-521-5223

Lay Leader:

Wes Flannery 513-896-6124

Church Council

Phil Brown 513-868-2338

Trustees

Jim Lynch 513-737-9998

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Sandy Hogeback 812-593-2984

Music Director:

Pianist:

Karen Auffinger 513-738-5225

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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/>

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

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

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 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.



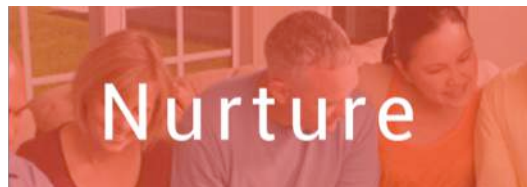


Love. Grow. Serve.

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



Submitted by Judy Creasy



Submitted by Judy Kottman



Pictorial Directory

The final corrections are made and the proof has been returned to Universal to complete the process. We're expecting the directories to be ready for distribution before Easter. Thanks to everyone who participated making this project a success.

Jan Gump, Pastor Larry & Judy Kottman

The next women's meeting will be a dinner on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at the Chinese Lantern, 965 Main Street, Hamilton at 6:30PM. We plan on having Sarah join us to plan the meal that she will be cooking at the Mother & Special Others dinner. We are hoping the workingwomen will join us that night.

The Dorothy Gard Ross Community UMW scholarship applications have been mailed to our students. There will also be a blue folder in the hall with additional 2016 Scholarship applications. Pick one up if you have a student that would like to apply. The deadline to have them returned to the church is April 3rd. The scholarships will be given out at the beginning of June, on Graduation Sunday.

Our Mother's and Special Others dinner will be held on May 10, 2016. The dinner will be called: "Fashions through the Years" with a goofy fashion show and we plan on displaying old wedding and prom dresses. Look around your house for clothes we can display and model.

The next women's meeting will be on April 12th at the church at 10:00AM.

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, March 14 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

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; Jake Phelps and family; Jo and Randy Anderson & great grandson Tyson and family; Don and Annette Hegner; Earl Whirls; Prentice Family; Tim Zecher; Tari Halcomb; Melissa Schoepf; AJ Pittman and family; Denzil & Helen Burch; and Dick and Jan Stewart and family.



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



	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Greeters / Ushers</u>
Mar		
6	Roger Creasy	Debbie Gilman & Del Foster
13	Nancy Beckman	Wayne & Linda Estep
20	Leroy Singleton	Butch & Trey Foster
27	Debbie Gilman	Roger & Judy Creasy
Apr		
3	Tom Bevington	Bill & Brenda Oliver
10	Tim Zecher	Jim & Sally Rechel
17	Greg Conrad	Phil & Brenda Brown
24	Jim Rechel	Bud & Judy Kottman
May		
1	Wes Flannery	Debbie Gilman & Del Foster

Corrie ten Boom / Quotes

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.

Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart.

Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden.

It is not my ability, but my response to God's ability, that counts.

Memories are the key not to the past, but to the future.

When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.

Worry is a cycle of inefficient thoughts whirling around a center of fear.

The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation.

Discernment is God's call to intercession, never to faultfinding.

MARCH Birthdays



2	Denzil Burch
9	Morgan Eppich
13	Barb Rechel
15	Judy Creasy
20	Linda Estep
20	Kylie Foxx
21	Dale Kelly
22	Marcus Casbeer
22	Debbie Gilman
26	Greg Conrad



Ross Community UM Church

Is excited to be hosting an evening of Painting with Friends!

When: Tuesday, March 22

Where: Big Bulls Restaurant
2461 Millville Ross Road (Rt. 27)
Hamilton, OH 45013

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
(Come Earlier if you'd like to eat dinner.)

Cost: \$25.00
(Pay at the time of painting, cash only please.)



Please join us for a very enjoyable evening of painting. Lauren McFarland, the instructor from Canvas Comes to You, will be guiding us the whole way so no worries if you don't think you are artistic. EVERYONE can do this!

Feel free to invite anyone you want, the more the merrier.

Sign up at church with Linda Estep.

Any questions, please contact Lynnette Rheinfrank at



One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen.

Romans 8:28

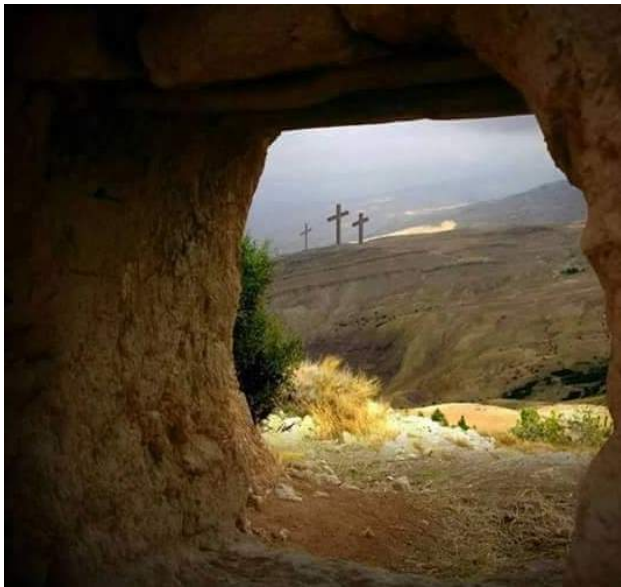
²⁸ We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose. *Common English Bible CEB*

New Members



Ross Community Church **WELCOMED** three new members on Sunday, February 28th. Pictured L/R Pastor Larry, Carolyn Allen, Tari Halcomb and Karen Riehle. Tari, Karen and Breelan Bryant (not pictured) also received the Sacrament of Baptism on this morning. Breelan is the son of Tiffany Cales.





EASTER SUNDAY

March 27, 2016

Schedule

Sunday School

8:14 a.m.

Church Service

9:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2016

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March 19th McGonigle Millville UMC

Fried Chicken Dinner & Silent Auction – 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

2370 Lanes Road, Hamilton, OH 45013

\$8.50 adult, \$4.00 children 4 yrs. To 10 yrs.

March 20th Deadline for Gift Cards or Monetary Contribution

If you can assist with our support for “Miles For Matthew” please have your gift cards or monetary donation into the church by the 20th. This way we can purchase gift cards for you. This fundraiser supports Juvenal Diabetes.

March 25th Community Good Friday Service

Venice Presbyterian Church 7:00 p.m.

This is community service and each pastor will be assisting with the service.

March 26th Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Jake Phelps

Ross High School 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

\$7.00 ages twelve and up, \$3.00 for eleven and under, children under three free.

If you can attend let me know – they are pre-selling tickets.

If you donate: paper products, syrup or pancake mix is needed.

Donate money or volunteer to set up, serve or cook let Pastor Larry know as soon as you can and he will respond for the church.

May 2016

May 10th Mothers, Daughters and Special Others Banquet

Please invite all moms, daughters or other special women in your life. **It should be a lot of fun!**

Theme this year – “Fashion through the Years”

We will have a Slide Show playing on our 3 TV screens during the evening with your fashionable family photos taken throughout the years.

- We are looking for Christmas, Easter, Weddings, Proms, Faddish Attire, etc. of parents, children, siblings or anyone else in your family.
- If you have a favorite photos to share, please let Linda Estep know. You can send digital photos to her e-mail address – linkenestep@aol.com - or give the actual photos to Linda to scan on her computer.
- We would like to get started on this project right away.

More information regarding the banquet to follow.

Don't be afraid,
I know you are looking for Jesus
Who was crucified.
He is not here!
For He has been resurrected, just as He said.
Matthew 28

He is Risen!

