

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



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2018



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# Be a "follower" of Christ!

Dear Church Family,

## BELIEVER OR DISCIPLE?

I pose this question for us to give some deep thought about our relationship with our God.

At His ascension Jesus said to His disciples "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19 NLT). He said make disciples (be more than a believer) so what is a disciple if we are to make one.

Many have attempted to identify and determine who a disciple is, but a simple explanation is "one who is a follower of Jesus." But before we think 'I meet' that qualification we need to consider what it means to follow Jesus.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *"Life Together A discussion of Christian fellowship"* said "What God did to us, we then owed to others. The more we received, the more we were able to give; and the more meager our brotherly love, the less we are living by God's mercy and love. Thus, God taught us to meet one another, as God met us in Christ." (LF p. 25). A disciple is one who gives everything that God gave him to others. This says to me that a true follower will give all, even his life, for his brother. A disciple is one who gives all according to Bonhoeffer. "A disciple is a learner or follower - usually someone committed to a significant master." "A disciple, then, is a reborn follower of Jesus." I love how this is said by using the word "follower" rather than believer. Believers go to heaven, but a true follower is transformed, and they make disciples.

We must ask the question of ourselves "Am I a believer or a disciple?" It makes all the difference in the world when we understand our obligation is to give to our fellow man what God gave us.

Over the next few weeks, and maybe months, we are going to be talking a great deal about discipleship and what it means to be a disciple. Discipleship has a price but a price worth paying.

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

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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.

+

### United Methodist Men

Last Saturday of the month

@ 9:00 a.m.

## CONTACTS

### Pastor:

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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/>

## 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

## 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.

## Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Debbie Kunick at 513-490-0382.



Please send your e-mail address to [emily.fs.adams@gmail.com](mailto:emily.fs.adams@gmail.com) if you would prefer to receive your issue of The Ross Community United Methodist Church Newsletter by e-mail.

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.**

Ross Community  
U.M.C.  
Women  
Faith, Hope & Love



Submitted by Judy Creasy

The next U.M. Women's meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

All 2018 - 2019 college students please remember to start working on your scholarship applications. If you need an application it is in a yellow folder outside the sanctuary. The deadline is April 1, 2018 for the applications to be turned into the U.M. Women.

If anyone wants to give a prayer shawl to a sick person, please see Carol Farmer.

The following women's meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the church.



### DEDICATION OF ALTAR FLOWERS

**Sunday Altar Flowers**

Sign Up

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Signature

We all enjoy the beautiful flower arrangements that Debbie Kunick puts on the altar each Sunday. The Worship Committee would like to give each of you the opportunity to make a dedication of the flowers on the altar "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one, family member, Pastor Larry, Praise Band, friend or just because for one or more Sundays during the year. Jan Gump will be at a table right outside the kitchen through Sunday, March 10 with a sign up sheet for Sundays through January, 2019. The small cost will be \$20 per dedication payable by cash or check made out to Ross CUMC. While not covering the full amount, your contributions through dedications will help defray the cost of the altar flowers. You can even select the type of flowers you want and you can take the altar flowers after the service to give to someone or enjoy at home, however, if you take the vase, we ask that you return it the following week so Debbie can use it again. Be sure to sign up early to get the Sundays you want.

*Submitted by Jan Gump*

## Worship Leaders

### March

- 4 Brenda Brown
- 11 Chip Schoepf
- 18 Greg Conrad
- 25 Roger Creasy

### April

- 1 Tim Zecher
- 8 Jim Rechel
- 15 Nancy Beckman
- 22 Debbie Gilman
- Sally Rechel

### May

- 6 Debbie Kunick
- 13 Tom Bevington
- 20 Kara Broughton
- 27 Brenda Brown

### June

- 3 Chip Schoepf
- 10 Greg Conrad
- 17 Roger Creasy
- 24 Tim Zecher

### Hall & Door Monitor Sunday Morning Service

March	
4	Judy Creasy
11	Sharon Mortimer
18	Wayne Estep
25	Jim Rechel

April	
1	Phil Brown
8	Roger Creasy
15	Butch Foster
22	Doug Beckman
29	Judy Creasy



# March Birthdays



02 Denzil Burch  
 09 Morgan Eppich  
 13 Barb Rechel  
 13 Dodd Rheinfrank  
 15 Judy Creasy  
 15 Karyn Taylor

20 Linda Estep  
 20 Kylie Foxx  
 20 Trysta Taylor  
 22 Debbie Gilman  
 26 Greg Conrad

# March Anniversary's

11  
 Chris & Jill Foxx

18  
 Kyle & Karen McNeely



Southern Gateway Chorus  
 Saturday, April 28, 2018  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Fairfield High School



Tickets: \$25.00 per person  
 Must be paid for when reservations are made.  
 Checks payable to Brenda Brown.  
 Visit Southern Gateway Chorus on Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/southern.gateway.chorus](http://www.facebook.com/southern.gateway.chorus)  
 or <https://southerngateway.org/>



Brandon Armstrong soothing the savage beast, in all of us, with his sweet sounds of music.

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*"Music is the use of pleasing notes and harmonies, and is that simple and effectual method often made use of to give expression to the deepest and noblest sentiments of the heart and soul. Its language is universal. The bird sings its notes of joy and praise. The wind sighs through the forests and mountains. The water moans its eternal requiem upon the sea, while man, by the power of music, may touch the most tender chords of human existence."*



Hey Everyone,

We wanted to give you an update on what's been happening in our lives here in Guatemala. It has been a whirlwind for sure as we had about 2 weeks after we arrived to get the Adventures Base ready to open and receive our first Gap Year Squad of 43 on January 12. Finishing everything including hiring cooks and last minute details pushed us a bit- but we were able to open the doors to our Gap Squad on time. The reaction of the first team to arrive is priceless - check this out if you have time.

<https://www.facebook.com/beckyandbobby.corder/videos/10215518473098726/>

Since opening the base we continue to make upgrades and improvements as we move along and we hired two local cooks who are so sweet. We have a majority of the food delivered by local folks but have to make runs to the market on occasion. Along with the actual base operations, our team came up with a long term discipleship plan for Squad K for the 2 months they are here including 2 days of deep dive Bible Studies, a weekly worship and word night, and 1 morning of teaching on what they desire to grow into. And as we presented this to the squad they were overwhelming excited and incredibly hungry to both grow and be discipled...So Good.

Even this morning we spent about 35 minutes of just worshipping God together and I was reminded how awesome God's love is for us and how much he desires to just pour into us. And that in turn allows us to pour into those God brings into our paths.

In the midst of all that was going on here in Guatemala, we also headed out to South Africa to meet our World Race team we coach for a weeklong debrief, and even though we left here not wanting to leave our base ministry just yet - We had an incredible debrief with X Squad who are heading into their 7th month of ministry in Lesotho. Not only are they an inspiring group of young adults - they continue to step into surrendering their lives and desires to God, and God moved in all of us over the week we were together.

So yes we have had a whirlwind of a month and we have so appreciated your prayers and partnerships with us, both feeling and walking out the grace of God in this huge transition for us. I promise that we will be better at keeping in contact and keeping you up to date on what's happening in the mission here in Guatemala. But know that God has been so good and his faithfulness to us has been truly overwhelming.

We would love you to join us in prayer for a few specific things over the next month:

Car – We still are in need of a car ASAP as it's a 25 minute drive out to the Base from where we live. We are praying for an SUV, in our price range.

Spanish - We start Spanish school next week and hope God gives us an extra amount of grace in learning the language quickly.

Upcoming Ministry    -5 College CRU groups coming during the month of March for week long ministry  
                                  -Gap Squad M - Coming the end of March through May.  
                                  -Our Pastors Conference with some 60 Guatemalan Pastors the first week of April.

Thank you for your prayers and support this past month. We are overwhelmed by your support and love for us. We will continue to keep you updated via emails, FaceBook posts, Instagram and our blog

<http://kevinapplegate.myadventures.org/>

Tanya & Kevin Applegate  
Base Elders – Adventures Guatemala

# FIRST ANNUAL CAR AND BIKE SHOW



**SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018**

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**Live Music at 2:00 PM**

**“Best of Show” Bike and “Best of Show” Car  
Presented at 4:00 PM**

**Food and Refreshments Available  
(Rain Date: Sunday, June 10)**

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