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**ROSS COMMUNITY**  
C H U R C H  
Reaching Out-Touching Lives

United Methodist

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**Our Mission**

**“Centered in Christ”**  
**“Strength for Today”**  
**“Hope for Tomorrow”**

Jesus often spoke of a kingdom. We read of the “Kingdom of God” and the “Kingdom of Heaven.” As His message unfolds, we discover that the kingdom involves a community. The gospels show Jesus as constantly surrounded by a group of people. This is not a happenstance. The story of creation has God saying, “It is not good for man to be alone,” so God gave him a helper. (*Genesis 2:18*) When Jesus began His ministry, very quickly He gathered together twelve men to work with Him. These disciples represented both the beginning and the goal of Jesus' mission.

As we walk as Easter people, when we seek to become better people and more faithful followers of Jesus, it is good to remember what calls us to action. Made in God's image, we are people, who long to build a creative life for ourselves and for our world. Like the disciples, we have everyday tasks to do. Our fishing or other work contributes to our common life economically. Yet, we long to be creative in other ways, the life of the Spirit and the warmth of human community. It is not enough to keep body and soul together, our souls long for more.

The disciples certainly had heard of Jesus before he spoke the words “Come follow me!” They must of felt the urgency to make their lives richer and more meaningful. Was Jesus subtly saying, “Come help me create the kind of life that God wants and the prophets called for?” Jesus was ready to show them what such a kingdom (or society) would be like. He was ready to live it out himself and teach them how to do so.

The disciples, and we, are called to see Jesus' vision for us. We are called to be learners. We are called to be healers. We are called to be co-creators of a new spirit of oneness. Let us always be a part of His community. We walk and follow; even though we sometimes may be unsure. He will leads us. Jesus calls us to be partners in creating a new kind of life.

As we have celebrated another Easter - a new beginning, I ask you to pray for the community of Ross Community United Methodist Church. Jesus has a plan for us to prosper in fellowship. As individuals and as a community, we must discern the vision for our future. Let us listen for his voice as we gather together in what He created for us - the church.

Blessings-  
Rev John



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (*King James 3:16-17*)

# ROSS COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Information Page

### CONTACTS

**Pastor:** Rev. John A. Guliano 1-419-651-9171  
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**Lay Leader:** Jim Rechel

**Assistant Lay Leader:** Leroy Singleton

**Music Director:** Sally Rechel

**Pianist:** Lori Campbell / Craig Eppich

**Cornett:** Karen Auffinger

**Drums:** Chip Schoepf

**Nursery Attendant:** Robin Montgomery

(Ages birth through four years)

**Prayer Chain:** Vicky Foster 513-738-3748

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Submitted by Sandy Hogeback

### COME ONE...COME ALL.....

Come join us for Sunday School Class at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings. We have teachers that are waiting for you to be a part of the class. The teachers are excited about sharing the stories from the bible with all of you. Let's bring someone to Sunday School and to Church.

### “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*



### SUNDAY MORNING

#### SCHEDULE

#### **Sunday School**

9:15 – 10:00

for all ages

#### **Fellowship**

10:00 – 10:30

#### **Church Service**

10:30

*Children's Sunday School  
during Church Service*

*Is available*

#### Monthly Meetings

##### **U.M. Women**

Second Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

##### **Trustees, Nurture & Missions Committees**

First Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm

##### **Administrative Council**

Second Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm

##### **U.M. Men**

Last Saturday of the month @ 8:00 am

### COMMUNION

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



Please send your e-mail address to [rcumcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rcumcnewsletter@gmail.com) if you would prefer to receive your issue of The Ross Community United Methodist Church Newsletter by e-mail. Please put RCUMC Newsletter in the subject line. **Your e-mail address will be used only for mailing the newsletter to you.** *There are two benefits to receiving your newsletter by e-mail: 1> It will be in color and 2> It will save printing and mailing costs to the church.*



# United Methodist Women

Submitted by: Judy Creasy



We are selling the Mother's and Special Others dinner tickets. The dinner will be on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. We are going to have the "Foxy Steppers" to entertain us with 50 & 60 Oldies music. Our dinner theme will be "Happy Days" with dinner: Big Boy Platter & Sundaes. Dinner tickets will cost \$10.00, children \$5.00. The three women who are the best dressed in 50's attire will win Frisch's gift cards.



The UMW women have decided to award four scholarships to college students: Samantha Beckman, Alden Burch, Carolyn Conrad and Clint Oliver. They will be presented on Sunday, June 1, 2014.

Remember to bring your old eyeglasses to church for a donation to a third world country missions group.



This coming summer, the women will be having Latin Dance workout classes at the church. The classes will be held on Wednesday evenings; June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. The five workout sessions will be from 6:30PM until 7:15PM, with Jody Mangino teaching the classes. Remember to sign up this month.

Our May 5<sup>th</sup> UMW women's meeting will be a morning meeting at the church. Please mark your calendars.



I would like everyone to know of a program that provides, dental services for children with developmental disabilities.

Tom Bevington is the "Dr. Of Smiles" area representative for The Grotto's of North America and as the representative he hopes to increase the number of children that are helped with dental care through the Grotto.

The program provides all types of care from routine check-ups to repair of cleft palate with no cost to the family. If anyone would like more information, or know of someone who would be able to use the dental services please call Tom Bevington at 513-673-1064.

Submitted by Wanda Bevington



## May Birthdays

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|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Kyle Rheinfrank | 15 Lois Lynch       | 26 James Brown    |
| 4 Glenn Renner    | 18 Helen Gambrell   | 26 Karol Schaefer |
| 7 Betty Merz      | 19 Brenda Huber     | 27 Spencer Dreske |
| 9 Carolyn Foster  | 20 Del Foster       | 27 Micky Eppich   |
| 11 Linda Wright   | 21 Grant Montgomery | 27 Vicky Foster   |
| 14 Nicole Eppich  | 24 Lois Gleason     | 29 Zak Edington   |





It is hard to believe that Easter has come and gone and the Choir season is nearly over. We were blessed with a wonderful season in so many ways. First and foremost, all of the members who are dedicated to singing each year, Bill and Linda Wright, Bud and Judy Kottman, Sandy Hogeback, Vicky Foster, Lynn Schernbeck, and Greg Conrad. Secondly, Lori, Karen, and Chip who provide us with



such beautiful accompaniment, pre-service, service, and postlude music.



We had returning members in Wes and Debbie Flannery, adding to the Bass and Alto sections. Wes has also been involved in the Men's Ensemble and Pre-Service music. Debbie Kunick returned, taking her place as a Soprano, and after her cancer treatment, was so determined in her desire to sing once again. Bill Oliver returned to the Tenors, and was joined by Karen Auffinger and Pastor John. Karen Brauch took her place in the Alto section and also brought her talent for sewing to hem some of the choir robes. We were also blessed to have Dave Brownfield as a member and we will miss him terribly. We will always remember his stories, his wonderful dedication to the choir, his strength, and love of music. We were so happy to share in his memorial service and honor him by displaying his robe and stool, and to sing one of his favorite hymns.



I would be remiss if I did not thank *you*, the congregation for your support by way of encouragement and appreciation for our music, and by supporting our fundraising event, the annual Nut Sale.

As always, we will enjoy our summer break and look forward to gathering again in the fall!



*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16*

Sally

## Ushers & Greeters

### May

- 4 Butch & Trey Foster
- 11 Jerry & Betty Merz
- 18 Jim Rechel & Phil Brown
- 25 Bill & Brenda Oliver

### June

- 1 Roger & Judy Creasy
- 8 Phil & Brenda Brown
- 15 Debbie Gilman & Lois Lynch
- 22 Wayne & Linda Estep
- 29 Butch & Trey Foster

If you wish to be included on the Ushers & Greeters list please contact Lay Leader Jim Rechel or Asst. Lay Leader Leroy Singleton.

## Worship

### May

- 4 Debbie Gilman
- 11 Nancy Beckman
- 18 Phil Brown
- 25 Greg Conrad

### June

- 1 Wes Flannery
- 8 Roger Creasy
- 15 Jim Rechel
- 22 Leroy Singleton
- 29 Debbie Gilman

## Leaders

### CONTINUING PRAYERS



Continuing prayers for the vision of Ross Community United Methodist Church, our President, our Nation and our military personnel, Pastor John and Lisa, Pastor Kyle and Karen, Pastor Grant and Ann, Bev Papet, Gary Brown (ongoing heart problems), Vicki Hilton, Dorothy Gard, Steve and Linda Jacobs, Jake Phelps and family, Jo and Randy Anderson's great grandson Tyson and family, Jo and Randy Anderson, Bill and Linda Wright's sister-in-law, Don and Annette Hegner (ongoing health issues), Lois Gleason, Earl Whirls and family and LP, PD, PH, JS and MD Family.

**If you know of additions or deletions, please see or call Vicky Foster – 738-3748.** Please give your e-mail address to Vicky for the Prayer Chain.

# NURTURE

# MISSIONS



Submitted by Judy Kottman

## Annual Yard Sale – Saturday, May 17 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine



It's time gain for the Annual Yard/Craft Sale. Spaces are available for \$10.00 and you pay when you arrive for set up that morning. We will gladly accept donations of gently used household, lawn and garden, tools, all items with the exception of clothing. We request that you do not bring clothing this year. The UMW will be serving hot pretzels and malted milk shakes and a simple lunch of hot dogs, bag snack and beverage will also be offered. We will need volunteers the week before the sale to move items from The Sharing Closet, place items on tables for pricing and assist as cashiers, helpers and servers the day of the Yard Sale. A sign-up sheet will be available for you to volunteer.

## Graduation Sunday

We will honor all graduates on Sunday, June 1 at the 10:30 worship service. The UMW will be presenting Scholarships to the recipients. The graduates who we are aware of are: High School Graduates: Samantha Beckman, Carolyn Conrad, Kylie Foxx, and Clint Oliver. College Graduates: Zach Foxx and Alex Oliver. If you know of anyone else please make us aware of him or her.



## SONTREASURE ISLAND VBS - July 15, 16, 17 - 6:00 TO 8:00 pm & Sunday July 20

*(FAMILIES INVITED FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, LUNCH AND GAMES on Sunday)*



Planning is well under way following our first VBS meeting. A list of those who volunteered to be leaders in each category is as follows:

- Bible Stories:** Debbie Kunick and Sharon Mortimer.
- Games:** Vicky Foster and Linda Kunick
- Crafts:** Sandy Hogeback and Brenda Brown
- Snacks:** Brenda Oliver
- Music:** Lori Campbell and Sally Rechel

There is a need for additional helpers for each category; plus working in registration, security, first aid and as floaters. Judy Creasy has volunteered to work registration which will require another 3 or 4 additional workers and Jan Gump has volunteered to be a floater and take care of incidental needs. We would love to see our youth and those with younger families get involved. We will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding each area and you may sign-up or call the leader for the area of interest or phone Nancy Beckman or Judy Kottman. We will gladly accept those who may volunteer for a night or some early preparation. We pray that you may set time aside to volunteer for VBS; every little bit helps.



## Missions

We continue to serve those in need throughout the year. Please place your donations in the baskets in entry.

## Coffee Hour

We sometimes forget to show appreciation to those who make coffee hour possible on a weekly basis. Many thanks for those in the kitchen and those who provide baked goods for our enjoyment.





“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

— Mother Teresa



May 3  
John & Danielle Fisher  
May 7  
David & Lynette Rheinfrank  
May 21  
Del & Carolyn Foster



Dear Church Family,

Thank you all so much for your many prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, prayer shawl, and concern during my recent surgeries. Knowing that each of you was lifting me up in your prayers helped keep my spirits up and my faith alive during the past couple of months. God always sees that cards and calls arrive at just the right time.

Thanks to Pastor John for his visits and for bringing communion. Having his leadership for our congregation is a true blessing.

All of you are very special to Bill and I and we are very grateful to be part of the Ross UMC congregation. Thank you again.

With much love, Linda

I pray that He will bless you  
for each thoughtful thing you do  
And send reminders every day  
of His great love for you.

Thanks So Much!

Copy of card received from Linda Wright